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**Harpeth Conservancy's 'Songwriters for Streams' event  
with acclaimed artists Tom Douglas, Barry Dean, and James Slater  
was a huge success.**

*A casual afternoon to celebrate clean water and healthy ecosystems for Tennessee rivers.*

FRANKLIN, TN – Harpeth Conservancy's second annual Songwriters for Streams presented by Grasslands Environmental was held on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (to honor Earth month) at Libby and Nick Sieveking's farm along the State Scenic Harpeth River in Franklin, TN. Through sponsorships, carload sales, and a live auction of hand-written lyrics autographed by Douglas, Dean, and Slater; the event raised almost \$60,000.

With a picturesque backdrop, approximately 600 attendees enjoyed a memorable afternoon of songs by Grammy-nominated songwriters and hitmakers Tom Douglas, Barry Dean, and James Slater. Guests went all out with blankets, charcuterie, cheeseboards, and cocktails for this B.Y.O. picnic-style gathering. The setting was magical under the spring growth of trees with firepits scattered around on the crisp afternoon. Attendees were offered naturally flavored sparkling water courtesy of Maypop Sparkling Water, while Culligan of Nashville provided eco-friendly coolers for convenient water bottle refills.

VIP guests were treated to a center stage view complete with a full table spread of charcuterie boxes and coolers full of assorted beverages courtesy of Lipman Brothers.

Kids enjoyed roasting marshmallows for s'mores and hot chocolate, an educational macroinvertebrates (creek critters) station, a songwriting and birding station by singer-songwriter and birder Bonner Black, face painting, and more.

An opening set by Derek Pell and John Pell provided a beautiful musical backdrop as guests got settled in. Hailing from the heart of Nashville, the duo charmed the crowd with familiar melodies setting the perfect mood for the evening ahead.

Tom Douglas, who lives along the Harpeth River, originally proposed Songwriters for Streams to raise funds supporting the Harpeth Conservancy's vision of clean water and healthy ecosystems for the rivers of Tennessee. Headlining the event last year along with guest Jeffrey Steele, Douglas returned to host the event along with fellow songwriters, Barry Dean and James Slater.

The host committee included Melissa & David Alford, Laura & David Anderson, Brenda Black, LeAnne & Chad Bortorff, Owen Canavan, Helen Drowota Close, Bonnie & Trevor Cross, Delia & David Darst, Garth Fails & Holly Ferguson, Elaine & Michael Finucane, Kelly & David Frazier, Anne Goetze, Allison & Drake Greiner, Lee Anne & Kevin Hagan, Heidi Hartman, Biz & JP Homik, Lauren & Jeremy Jeter, Nancy & Wes Kennedy, Edith & Miles Kirkland, Courtney Laginess, Monica Mackie, Sheila McNeeley, Layton Meng, April & Bao Ngo, Sue & Baxter Overton, Kates & Matt Potempa, Courtney and Brad Robers, Rachel Robinson, Julie Russell, Allison & Fraser Schaufele, Kim & Larry Sharp, Libby & Nick Sieveking (*Event Hosts*), Kristen Smith, Laurie Spradley, Mary & John Stone, Kate & Richard Stout, Paula & Boone Thomson, Kristin Viars, Alex Waddey, Ann & Jack Waddey, Tara Waters, Tamara & Barclay Wong, and Tommye Maddox Working.

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Founded in 1999 as the Harpeth River Watershed Association, Harpeth Conservancy's mission is to restore and protect clean water and healthy ecosystems for rivers in Tennessee by employing scientific expertise and collaborative relationships to develop, promote and support broad community stewardship and action. Harpeth Conservancy works with landowners, businesses, community, local, state, and federal decision makers and others to foster solutions that reduce pollution and maintain healthy areas. [www.harpethconservancy.org](http://www.harpethconservancy.org).

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