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Patron Party for the 21st Annual River Swing held at The Bedford Nashville

Nashville, TN – On August 22nd, Harpeth Conservancy hosted its annual Patron Party at The Bedford Nashville, a venue renowned for its historic charm, rustic brick walls, and dazzling chandelier. The event was attended by over 100 of Harpeth Conservancy's most dedicated supporters including Harpeth Protection Society Members, River Swing Sponsors, River Swing Committee Members, River Swing table hosts, and other honored guests. Patron Party, sponsored by Harpeth Architects and Whitestone Enterprises, not only celebrated the supporters who make Harpeth Conservancy's mission possible but also set the stage and served as a vital kickoff celebration for the upcoming award-winning fundraiser, River Swing, taking place on September 21st at River Circle Farm in Franklin.

The Bedford Nashville, adorned in an elegant country style by Hearts of the Harpeth's Jennifer Carrell and Traci Butts, featured exquisite fresh greens and delicate flowers that complemented the venue's rustic charm. Guests mingled and enjoyed the ambiance while sampling curated small bites by Martin's BBQ, including pulled pork sliders, crispy pork belly skewers, pear and brie crostini, chocolate chip cookies, and banana pudding—all a delight to the palate. The signature cocktail of the evening, **The Mabon**, offered guests a preview of River Swing. **The Mabon** is named after the mid-harvest festival to honor the changing of the seasons, celebrate the second harvest, and appreciate abundance. This specialty cocktail features a base of apple, cinnamon, and ginger with guest's choice mix of either Old Hickory Whiskey, Kvell Vodka, or Cielo Tequila, courtesy of Lipman Brothers. Needless to say, the signature cocktail was a highlight of the night, alongside an array of beverages provided by our generous sponsors Melograno Cocktails, Jack Daniel's, and Brown-Forman. Killjoy, a zero-proof shop in Nashville, provided guests with the opportunity to experience non-alcoholic liquor, wine, and beer. Maypop Sparkling Water was also available for those preferring a crisp and refreshing non-alcoholic sparkling water option.

Entertainment for the night was provided by Nashville singer-songwriter Collins Horton, whose blend of original songs and covers set a relaxed yet sophisticated tone. While mingling, guests also enjoyed a unique photo booth experience, sponsored by Jack Daniel's. Everyone was able to capture memories with playful props featuring fun phrases such as, "I'm here for the rivers!"

Patron Party also offered guests a sneak peek at the upcoming River Swing silent auction by showcasing a smaller selection of items. Attendees placed early bids on these exclusive packages, which included a Jack Daniel's Distillery tour with lunch at Mary Bobo's, a coveted liquor bundle courtesy of Lipman Brothers, YETI, a silver and pearl necklace from Barn Girl Jewelry who will be on-site at River Swing with fun equestrian accessories, and more! Plus, guests were treated to a special preview of the featured artwork "*Fierce*" by Lisa Moore, which will be available at the full silent auction during River Swing.

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Midway through the evening, Harpeth Conservancy's President and Founder, Dorie Bolze shared about the celebration of the organization's 25th anniversary and how everyone's steadfast support of Harpeth Conservancy makes it possible to continue its year-round efforts to ensure clean water and healthy rivers for all Tennesseans. Harpeth Conservancy C.E.O. Grace Stranch delivered a message on the importance of clean water and gave updates on Harpeth Conservancy's success this year. Harpeth Conservancy Board Chair Courtney Laginess delivered the traditional "cheers" along with the Harpeth Conservancy signature toast: "We are the river. United we are the solution."

Photos from the event will be made available to the press.

To continue to support the rivers of Tennessee and for more info on the 21st Annual River Swing on September 21st visit www.riverswing.org.

For more information on upcoming events and how you can support the Harpeth Conservancy, please visit <https://harpethconservancy.org>

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ABOUT HARPETH CONSERVANCY

Founded in 1999, Harpeth Conservancy is a science-based non-profit conservation organization. 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's success is driven by working with landowners, businesses, community, local, state, and federal decision-makers, and members to foster solutions that reduce pollution and maintain healthy areas.

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