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### ST. PAUL AND THE BROKEN BONES HEADLINED RIVER SWING TO RAISE MONEY FOR HARPETH CONSERVANCY

**FRANKLIN, TN, September 25, 2025** – River Circle Farm set the stage on Saturday, September 20, for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual River Swing, Harpeth Conservancy's signature fundraising event, presented by AllianceBernstein and FarmVet. The event's proceeds benefit Harpeth Conservancy's mission of preserving clean water and healthy river ecosystems across Tennessee.

"River Swing is a celebration where joy and purpose flow as one. Music and friendship bring us together, but it's our shared devotion to Tennessee's rivers that unites us most," said Grace Stranch, CEO of Harpeth Conservancy. "Our community, with every ticket, sponsorship, and donation, showed once again that protecting clean water is something we all stand behind."

Since its inception, River Swing has grown into one of the region's most anticipated celebrations of conservation, music, and community. Over the past 22 years, the event has fueled Harpeth Conservancy's science-based advocacy, restoration, and stewardship programs across Tennessee, raising more than \$2.55 million for the organization's work statewide.

Over the course of the evening, nearly 900 guests enjoyed dinner, drinks, auction bidding, and dancing. The event decor, created by Jennifer Carrell and Traci Butts of Hearts of the Harpeth, featured river-inspired centerpieces using native plants, flowers, and pollinators, keeping the natural beauty of Tennessee waterways at the heart of the evening.

Christian Currey hosted the event for the ninth year at his River Circle Farm in Franklin, TN. "I'm proud to open River Circle Farm once again for River Swing," said Currey. "This land and this river are part of who we are, and it means a lot to welcome friends, neighbors, and supporters here to celebrate and invest in protecting Tennessee's waterways."

Headliners St. Paul and the Broken Bones delivered a soul-shaking performance that brought guests to their feet. Known for their dynamic live shows and blend of soul, R&B, and rock, the Birmingham-based band made River Swing 2025 a night to remember.

The evening opened with a heartfelt set from Julian Carmichael during Cocktail Hour, followed by a high-energy Late-Night Party with DJ MGR Mike, who kept the dance floor packed well into the night.

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VIP guests were treated to an exclusive pre-show meet & greet with St. Paul and the Broken Bones, as well as a premium Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Select tasting, premium Olive Oil tasting from Olivia Olive Oil, and curated appetizers from Martin's BBQ served around the Corn Crib Bar. This year's signature cocktail, "The Harpeth Mule," highlighted fresh lemon, zesty ginger, and delicate orange blossom mingled with cinnamon, clove, star anise, and allspice, for that crisp cozy sip to keep the evening flowing.

Bars throughout the venue were stocked by Lipman Brothers, with additional hydration courtesy of Hall's Culligan of Nashville refill stations.

Guests enjoyed a generous buffet of Southern favorites prepared by Martin's BBQ Joint, alongside appetizers and desserts that kept everyone fueled for the night of festivities.

In line with Harpeth Conservancy's mission, River Swing continued its commitment to sustainability. EcoProducts provided compostable tableware, while WM recycling stations were managed by volunteers from Montgomery Bell Academy.

The silent auction was a centerpiece of the night's fundraising, bringing in over \$60,000 for the Conservancy. With a catalog of over 200 packages covering travel, art, dining, outdoor adventure, and rare spirits, guests found plenty of one-of-a-kind opportunities to bid on. The highest bids of the evening went to a Mötley Crüe guitar at \$2,200 and a private Corn Crib dinner at \$2,000. Other notable items included a Slick Lawson photographic print of Dolly Parton's wigs, a private wine tasting with Wine Forté's sommelier, and even a private 3.5-mile Flatrock Motorclub track package for a one-on-one day with Daytona 500 champion Trevor Bayne.

With presenting sponsorship from FarmVet and AllianceBernstein, and additional support from more than 60 corporate sponsors, 20 table hosts and hundreds of individual ticket holders, and the 300-plus companies and individuals who donated items to our silent auction, River Swing 2025 raised nearly **\$600,000**.

"These funds directly support our statewide efforts to protect clean water," said Dorie Bolze, Founder and President of Harpeth Conservancy. "Over the past 20 years, River Swing has grown into something extraordinary. It's more than just a fundraiser; it's a gathering of people who care deeply about protecting our rivers. Seeing longtime friends alongside new supporters gives me so much hope for the future of clean water and rivers in Tennessee."

**Photos from the event are available to the press.**

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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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