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Harpeth Conservancy's River Swing Returns September 19 With The Jack Wharff Band Headlining

Franklin, TN.— Harpeth Conservancy's River Swing, named *Nfocus'* BEST OUTDOOR PARTY and MOST FUN PARTY of 2025, returns to River Circle Farm in Franklin on Saturday, September 19, from 6–11 p.m. This year's event promises an unforgettable evening of music, food, and community, raising vital funds for clean water and healthy rivers across Tennessee.

Guests will enjoy a headlining performance by The Jack Wharff Band, alongside Nashville indie folk and Americana band Wily during the Cocktail Hour, and DJ J. Howard at the After Party. The evening also features a large online silent auction with unique offerings; a catered dinner by Kristen Winston; and the signature cocktail—the Pear Haymaker—a refreshing blend of pear, lemon, ginger syrup, and ginger ale, provided by Lipman Brothers, in addition to a variety of alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverage options.

Now in its 23rd year, River Swing has become more than a celebration. River Swing is a tradition that brings folks together to protect the rivers and waterways that sustain Tennessee.

Harpeth Conservancy President and Founder Dorie Bolze shared a message of the significance of the long-running event. *"River Swing has always been about coming together for our rivers. Over the past 23 years, this incredible event has raised nearly \$4.5 million to help ensure clean water and healthy rivers across Tennessee. That is an extraordinary legacy, but we're not finished yet. This year, let's celebrate how far we've come and make sure we cross the \$5 million mark together."*

The River Swing season has already kicked off in style with a Patron Party hosted by AllianceBernstein, offering sweeping views of the Nashville skyline in downtown Nashville along the Cumberland River. Guests mingled over passed appetizers, macarons, and the signature River Swing cocktail, while photos were captured against the stunning backdrop. *(Photos from the event will be made available to the press.)*

Karl Sprules, Chief Operating Officer of AllianceBernstein, welcomed more than 120 attendees alongside Harpeth Conservancy CEO Grace Stranch, President Dorie Bolze, and River Swing co-chairs Christian Currey, Betsy Taylor, and Elena Graves, sharing why protecting Tennessee's waterways is a mission deeply aligned with the company's values. Guests included Harpeth Conservancy Board and Advisory Council members, River Swing Committee members, and River Swing sponsors.

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"AllianceBernstein was honored to host the 2026 Harpeth Conservancy Patron Party at our Nashville headquarters. Harpeth Conservancy plays a vital role in protecting waterways that sustain communities across Tennessee, and its mission is one I personally believe in," shared Sprules. "When we designed AllianceBernstein's headquarters, we intentionally created spaces to bring people together and support the broader city and region. Welcoming organizations like Harpeth Conservancy into the office is an extension of that commitment and a privilege for our firm."

This year's River Swing is made possible through the generous support of its Presenting Sponsors AllianceBernstein and FarmVet, alongside a robust coalition of River Champions, Defenders, Heroes, Event Champions, Corporate Friends, and other Sponsors.

A full sponsor and auction donor list can be found at www.riverswing.org.

Tickets are available by table or individual reservation:

- **Individual Reservation:** \$450 (per person)
- **VIP Ticket:** \$1,000 (per person)
- **Table of 8:** \$3,600
- **Table of 10:** \$4,500
- **VIP Table of 10:** \$10,000

To support Harpeth Conservancy's work to protect the rivers of Tennessee and for more info or to purchase tables/tickets for the 23rd Annual River Swing, visit: www.riverswing.org.

Interviews and media passes may be arranged. For more information, additional images, to arrange interviews or media passes to River Swing, please contact:

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ABOUT HARPETH CONSERVANCY

Founded 1999, Harpeth Conservancy is a science-based non-profit conservation organization. Its 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. Supported by a broad network of volunteers, donors, and professional staff, Harpeth Conservancy has expertise in a range of disciplines including water quality science, environmental and conservation law and policy, sustainable land use planning, agricultural best management practices, volunteer and community engagement, and others.

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