



**THE SING OUT LOUD FESTIVAL, THE LARGEST FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL EVER HELD IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, RETURNS THIS SEPTEMBER AND REVEALS INITIAL ARTIST LINEUP INCLUDING PERFORMANCES BY STEVE EARLE, LAKE STREET DIVE, WOLF PARADE, DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND, LOS LOBOS AND HUNDREDS MORE PRESENTED BY COMMUNITY FIRST CREDIT UNION**

**St. Augustine, Fla. (June 19, 2017)** – The Sing Out Loud Music Festival, the largest free music festival ever held in St. Johns County, returns for three weekends this September. Hundreds of performances will take place at multiple music venues around St. Augustine, Florida in an epic celebration of local, regional and national singers, songwriters and musicians. The Sing Out Loud Festival is presented by Community First Credit Union and produced by the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division (which owns and operates the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall), the St. Johns Tourist Development Council and the St. Johns Cultural Council.

In a convergence of musical genres as wide ranging as Texas Outlaw Country, New Orleans Brass and Funk, Alternative Indie Rock, Americana, Bluegrass, Neo-Soul, Folk, Punk and more, this year's Sing Out Loud Music Festival features an eclectic mix of local, national and regional singers, songwriters and musicians. The initial artist lineup includes performances by **Steve Earle, Lake Street Dive, Wolf Parade, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Los Lobos, Lucero, Deer Tick, The Infamous Stringdusters, Justin Townes Earle, Langhorne Slim, John Moreland, Amanda Shires, Lydia Loveless, Matthew Logan Vasquez, Dave Simonett, Joe Pug, Blackfoot Gypsies, Mariee Sioux, Wax Wings, Shelley Short, This Frontier Needs Heroes, Darren Hanlon** and more to be announced. The festival will be held September 8, 9 and 10, September 15, 16 and 17 and September 22, 23 and 24 and performances will be at various locations around St. Augustine including the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, the Colonial Oak Music Park, Lincolnville, Planet Sarbez, Nobby's, Tempo Bistro, Mardi Gras, Hoptinger, Prohibition Kitchen, Limelight Theatre, Bokeh Studio and more. Again this year, Narrow Magazine will host specially-curated artist showcases throughout the festival as well. A new addition to this year's festival will be artist-focused educational workshops. The workshops are aimed at sharing industry knowledge regarding booking, promoting, touring and more. The full schedule of performances, artist workshops and more will be unveiled within the next several weeks. All performances and workshops are free and open to the public.

"It is very exciting to have assembled a high profile and eclectic lineup this year that will really speak to each and every music fan we hope to bring out during the festival," said Ryan Murphy, director of the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division and coordinator of the Sing Out Loud Festival. "Interweaving these fantastic headliners among the fabric of our local performers creates a truly diverse and exciting festival. We have been lucky to have such well respected national touring artists as well as fantastic local musicians be so enthusiastic about taking part in the Sing Out Loud Festival. This year, we also really look forward to incorporating some panel discussions that will focus on several topics such as the state of the music industry, professional development, management and touring."

The Sing Out Loud Festival is a multi-year festival proudly presented by Community First Credit Union. Last year's inaugural festival welcomed an estimated 15,000 music fans, featured 315 performing artists at 10 venues around St. Augustine. The multi-year commitment made by Community First Credit Union to the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division helps support events that would not be as large without private support. Community First Credit Union has been a longtime sponsor and partner with the St. Augustine Amphitheatre supporting the annual Night Owl Cinema events as well as many years of December to Remember festivals and concerts.

"Community First is proud to continue our commitment to those who love being entertained," said John Hirabayashi, CEO and president of Community First Credit Union. "We're proud that the first year of Sing Out Loud was so

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successful and we're happy to help present it for a second year. Sing Out Loud is a wonderful, free event that brings enjoyment and entertainment to attendees while giving local and regional acts a chance to shine like never before."

**2017 Sing Out Loud Festival Initial Artist Lineup**  
**Hundreds More Artists and Performances to be announced!**  
**Festival Dates: September 8, 9, 10; September 15, 16, 17; September 22, 23, 24**

**Initial Headlining Lineup Schedule:**

**Saturday, September 9**

St. Augustine Amphitheatre

Performances By: Lake Street Dive, Lucero, Amanda Shires, Matthew Logan Vasquez, This Frontier Needs Heroes, Darren Hanlon, Shelley Short

**Sunday, September 10**

St. Augustine Amphitheatre

Performances By: Steve Earle, Los Lobos, John Moreland and more

**Friday, September 15**

Lincolnton

Performances By: Dirty Dozen Brass Band and more

**Saturday, September 16**

Lincolnton

Performances by: Justin Townes Earle, Lydia Loveless, Wax Wings and more plus a Kids Matinee!

**Sunday, September 17**

Colonial Oak Music Park

Performances by: The Infamous Stringdusters, Dave Simonett (of Trampled By Turtles), Joe Pug and more

**Friday, September 22**

Colonial Oak Music Park

Performances By: Langhorne Slim, Mariee Sioux and more

**Sunday, September 24**

St. Augustine Amphitheatre

Performances By: Wolf Parade, Deer Tick, Blackfoot Gypsies and more

Stay up to date with schedule and lineup additions or changes by liking SingOutLoudSJC on facebook, visiting the official festival website at [www.singoutloudfestival.com](http://www.singoutloudfestival.com) and downloading the Sing Out Loud Festival app to be released in August!

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