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KEITH URBAN ADDED TO THE STELLAR LINEUP FOR THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION'S 10TH ANNUAL NASHVILLE HONORS GALA

Event set for March 26 at the Omni Nashville Hotel with proceeds benefiting cancer research



Keith Urban added to the T.J. Martell Foundation's 10th Annual Nashville Honors Gala. Photo: Russ Harrington

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (March 6, 2018) - The T.J. Martell Foundation has confirmed that multi-platinum singer-songwriter Keith Urban will perform at the 10th Annual Nashville Honors Gala on March 26, 2018, at the Omni Hotel. Hosted by "Nashville" star Charles Esten and featuring special appearances by Natalie Grant, Lauren Alaina and Jeff Foxworthy, the event honors outstanding community leaders and benefits cancer research.

This year's honorees are:

Janet Ayers - Lifetime Humanitarian Award

David Poile - Spirit of Nashville Award

Frank Bumstead - Frances Preston Outstanding Music Industry Achievement Award

Mike Smardak - Tony Martell Outstanding Entertainment Achievement Award

Dr. James Netterville - Medical Research Advancement Award

The Nashville Honors Gala is one of the T.J. Martell Foundation's premier events. The Gala features special musical performances and heartwarming presentations that celebrate the evening's honorees. The 10th Annual T.J. Martell Nashville Honors Gala is chaired by Danielle Bouharoun and David Kells, along with Honorary Co-Chairs Sondra and Doug Cruickshanks. Sponsors of this year's event include Lipman Brothers, CAA, Chris Young, CMA, Opry Entertainment, Morris Light & Sound and more. Past honorees have included Vince Gill, Rascal Flatts, Dr. Hal Moses, The Honorable Al Gore, Orrin Ingram, Susan Simons, Joe Galante, T-Bone Burnett, Dale Morris, Butch Spyridon, the late Frances Williams Preston, Judy and Steve Turner among many others. The Nashville Honors Gala has netted more than \$3 million since its inception in 2009.

There will be a silent auction featuring music and sports memorabilia, autographed guitars, artwork, luxury vacations, designer jewelry and more. Tickets and sponsorships are available by contacting (615) 256-2002 or emailing tmoffat@tjmartell.org. Visit www.tjmartell.org for more information.

About the T.J. Martell Foundation:

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry's leading foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding treatments and cures for cancer. The Foundation was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$280 million for research at eight flagship hospitals in the United States. For more information, please visit www.tjmartell.org.

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