



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**KENNY CHESNEY, TOMMY SHAW & “NASHVILLE”’s CLARE BOWEN  
ADDED TO THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION’S  
9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NASHVILLE HONORS GALA  
*Event at Omni Nashville Hotel on Monday, February 27  
with proceeds benefiting leukemia, cancer and AIDS research***

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (February 8, 2017)** – The T.J. Martell Foundation is proud to announce that **Kenny Chesney, Tommy Shaw** of Styx and “Nashville” actress **Clare Bowen** will join the star-studded lineup for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Nashville Honors Gala. **Charles Esten** will return as host. The event will also feature appearances by **George Strait, Brad Paisley, Charlie Daniels, Kelsea Ballerini** and **Frankie Ballard**. The annual gala will take place at the Omni Nashville Hotel.

In addition to musical performances, there will be exciting auction packages from Holland America Cruise Line, Lily Pulitzer, Top Golf, Kendra Scott, David Yurman, Col. Littleton leather goods just to name a few. Other auction items include concert packages, music memorabilia and golf and luxury travel packages. Limited seats remain and may be purchased [here](#).

**This year's honorees are as follows:**

**Janet Miller** - Spirit of Nashville Award

**Dr. Joseph Smith** - Medical Research Advancement Award

**Scott Hamilton** – Lifetime Humanitarian Award

**Rod Essig** - Frances Preston Outstanding Music Industry Achievement Award

**Louis Messina** - Tony Martell Lifetime Entertainment Achievement Award

The Nashville Honors Gala is one of the T.J. Martell Foundation's cornerstones, paying homage to the contributions of outstanding community leaders. Each honoree is celebrated with a musical performance and a heartfelt presentation. This event has raised more than \$4 million for leukemia, cancer and AIDS research since its inception in 2009. The 9th Annual T.J. Martell Foundation's "Nashville Honors Gala" is co-chaired by Ali Harnell and Danielle Bouharoun.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#). Watch a highlight video from the 2014 Nashville Honors Gala by clicking [here](#). Tables and journal ads congratulating the honorees are available by contacting (615) 256-2002 or emailing [tmoffat@tjmartell.org](mailto:tmoffat@tjmartell.org). Visit [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org) for more information.

**About the T.J. Martell Foundation:**

The T.J. Martell Foundation is a national organization founded by the music industry, whose mission is to fund innovative leukemia, cancer and AIDS research at flagship hospitals in the United States including the Frances Williams Preston Laboratories at the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. To learn more about the T.J. Martell Foundation please visit [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org).

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