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DRIPPING SPRINGS SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 20-22, 2017

The Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival will be returning again on October 20-22 of 2017 with another incredible roster of local, national and international songwriting talent. This 4th annual event will present more than 30 song-packed shows a day featuring a wide variety of finely-crafted songs and the people and stories behind them. Over 35 talented songwriters from as far away as Australia and Ireland will play “in-the-round”, Nashville-style, on six intimate stages located at *The Barber Shop*, *Mercer Street Dance Hall*, *Acopon Brewing*, *Mazama Coffee Co.*, *The Sidecar Tasting Room* and *Hudson’s on Mercer* - all of which are within safe, easy walking distance of each other in the quaint Historic District of downtown Dripping Springs. Performances run continuously on Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday the festivities include a spirited Gospel Showcase at *Hudson’s on Mercer* followed by the ever-popular Festival Wrap-Party at the *Barber Shop*. Admission to all the regular daytime showcases are free to the public.

This year the festival’s organizers are extremely proud to announce that 2-time Grammy-winner and ACM’s 2017 Songwriter of the Year, Lori McKenna, will be headlining the event. In 2016 McKenna was nominated for the Grammy Award for “Song of the Year” and won “Best Country Song” for co-writing the smash hit, *Girl Crush*, which was performed and made famous by Little Big Town. Lori won “Best Country Song” again in 2017 at the 59th Annual Grammy Awards with her tune, *Humble and Kind*, which was beautifully covered by Tim McGraw. In 2016, she became one of only five solo women to win the CMA award for “Song of the Year”, and became the first female songwriter to win it two years in a row. Music history was made in 2017 when Lori McKenna became the first woman in the 52-year history of the ACM Awards to win “Songwriter of the Year”. She penned the 2x Platinum Billboard No. 1 hit “I Want Crazy” by Hunter Hayes and other radio favorites such as Little Big Town’s “Your Side of the Bed” and “Sober,” and Reba McEntire, Alison Krauss, David Nail, Keith Urban, and others have also recorded her songs. Opening the headliner show for Lori McKenna will be 3-time CMA Award nominee and member of the Pistol Annies, Angaleena Presley. Angaleena is currently touring to support her brand new album, *Wrangled*, which debuted at No. 15 on Billboard’s Heatseekers Album chart. Lori McKenna’s and Angaleena Presley’s intimate solo performances at the *Mercer Street Dance Hall* at this year’s Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival should not be missed. Tickets for this much-anticipated headline showcase are available now, and are priced at \$40 for Reserved Seating and \$25 for General Admission.

To purchase tickets for the Lori McKenna showcase, and to get more information about the 4th Annual Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival please visit www.drippingspringssongwritersfestival.com.

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