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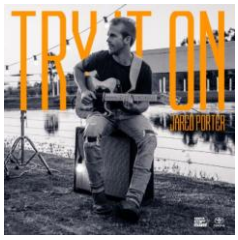
Final Four Fender Contender Country Music Challengers Announced

-- Fans' Favorite Will Open Country Summer Festival on June 5 --

SANTA ROSA, Calif. -- The Final Four Fender Contender Challengers have been announced, and the fans' favorite will open Country Summer, Northern California's biggest country music festival June 5-7 at Sonoma County Event Center.

Click here to: Vote For Your Favorite Fender Contender. The final round of public voting to select the winner continues through April 29. The grand prize winner will be announced May 1. The Final Four Fender Contender Challengers include:



Jared Porter – Porter was the Australian Star Maker award winner in 2014. He has performed at the CMA World GlobalLive Concert in Nashville, toured with Australia's biggest names in country and recorded his debut album, *"East to West."* Currently touring in Australia, he hopes to be back in the United States to make it big on the Country Summer stage.

McKenna Faith – Faith is a 20-year-old country rock/country pop singer/songwriter and Nashville recording artist from Northern California. She has toured the nation, shared the stage with country's biggest stars and was the #1 Selling Independent Female Country Artist on iTunes in 2013.

Queen Anne's Lace – Carly Graves and Kyle Lino, also from Northern California, grew up listening to 1990s country music. "Some of our songs are strongly influenced by pop, and one or two have a bluegrass feeling," Graves said. "We have tried a variety of styles, but you just can't beat feel good country music."

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Tyler Rich – Rich, currently touring across the nation, found his love for country music after seeing George Strait at the age of 8. After working on his craft and years of touring across the country with multiple bands, he decided to pursue a solo career. Since that day, he has performed alongside some of the industry's top artists, including Easton Corbin. His debut album will be released in 2015.

One of these great country music acts will perform on the Country Summer Montgomery Village Stage, the main stage. In addition to recognition as a Country Summer superstar, the grand prize winner will receive $5,000.

To date, Country Summer presented by Lithia RAM of Santa Rosa, has announced 13 of 14 entertainers. Country Summer 2015 headliners include Jake Owen on June 5, The Band Perry on June 6 and Brantley Gilbert on June 7.

In addition to the headliners, the June 5 lineup includes Gary Allan, Chris Young and Parmalee; June 6 includes Lee Brice, Jerrod Niemann, Frankie Ballard and The Swon Brothers; and June 7 includes Trace Adkins, Easton Corbin and Cassadee Pope.

Daily tickets start from $69 for general admission, $99 for reserved seats. A limited number of discount three-day packages are available. To purchase tickets, visit www.countrysummer.com or call 800.514.3849 to order by phone.

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