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Country Summer Music Festival Announces 11 of 14 Entertainers

*Thomas Rhett headlines June 16, Darius Rucker on June 17,
Justin Moore and Randy Houser on June 18*



SANTA ROSA, Calif. – Country Summer, Northern California’s biggest country music festival and Sonoma County’s biggest party, has announced 11 of 14 entertainers performing June 16-18 at Sonoma County Event Center at the Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road.

Country Music Association award-winner [Thomas Rhett](#), headlines the Chevy Silverado Stage on June 16. Crowds will hear hits from his newly released *Tangled Up Deluxe* album, including his new single “Star of the Show.” His platinum-certified sophomore release has produced three chart-toppers, including “Die a Happy Man,” “Crash and Burn” and “T-Shirt.”



[Darius Rucker](#), with four solo albums as a country artist to his credit, headlines on June 17. On *Southern Style*, “I wanted to bring out the way I live, the way my friends

live and all the things that are important to us,” Rucker said. His three previous albums all topped the Billboard Country Album chart, spinning off six No. 1 singles.

[Justin Moore](#) and [Randy Houser](#) both have top billing on June 18. Moore, “a little bit rowdy, a little bit sentimental and a whole lotta roughneck,” is a platinum-selling entertainer with six No. 1 singles and three No. 1 albums. Houser, described by *Rolling Stone Country* as “one of country music’s biggest voices,” has had three consecutive hits – “How Country Feels,” “Runnin’ Outta Moonlight,” and “Goodnight Kiss,” his first No. 1 as a songwriter.

In addition to Rhett, the Friday, June 16, lineup includes [Maddie & Tae](#), [Michael Ray](#), [William Michael Morgan](#) and [Ned LeDoux](#).

In addition to Rucker, [A Thousand Horses](#), whose No. 1 debut single “Smoke” made history on the country charts, performs in the 4:30 p.m. time slot on Saturday, June 17. Three more Saturday entertainers will be announced soon..

In addition to Moore and Houser, [Cam](#), a hot new artist who received a 2016 Grammy nomination for “Best Country Solo Performance” and American Country Countdown Award nominations for “Female Vocalist of the Year” and “Breakthrough Female Vocalist of the Year” performs on Sunday, June 18. [Canaan Smith](#) opens the show.

In its fourth year, Country Summer has become a destination country music festival – a country music celebration with top artists, attractions, food and libations. In 2016, the event attracted more than 27,000 fans from 35 states and four foreign countries and was voted *Press Democrat’s* Best Music Festival of the year.

Country Summer is a collaboration between Impact Entertainment and Amaturio Sonoma Media Group – local owner of Froggy 92.9 and other leading radio stations serving Sonoma County. Alan Jacoby, executive producer, and Lawrence Amaturio, owner of Sonoma Media group, had a vision to create an annual country music spectacular that would be the foremost of its kind in Northern California. The vision is now a reality.

Gates open at noon, and music begins at 1:30 p.m. each day of the Country Summer music festival. Remainder of the lineup will be announced at a later date. In addition to the Chevy Silverado Stage, local groups will also keep concert-goers entertained with performances on the Santa Rosa Stage between main acts.

Tickets are on sale now. Early-bird general admission tickets are \$69 per day, and three-day early-bird general admission passes are \$189 through February 14, 2017. General admission prices increase on February 15, 2017.

Single-day reserved seat tickets start from \$109. The Pit, which was a huge success in its inaugural year, will offer a limited number of standing room only tickets up close to the stage. Single-day pit passes are \$119.

To purchase tickets, go www.countrysummer.com, visit the fairgrounds box office or call 800-514-3849 to order by phone.

Event sponsors include the Bay Area Chevy Dealers, Bud Light, Friedman’s Home Improvement, Les Schwab Tire Centers, Kendall-Jackson, Mary’s Pizza Shack, River Rock Casino, Interstate All Battery Center, Montgomery Village, Cattlemens, Harris Ranch, Creams, Visit Santa Rosa and Froggy 92.9.

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Photo – Top, Left to Right: Thomas Rhett, Darius Rucker. Bottom, Left to Right: Justin Moore, Randy Houser.