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Country Stars Pat Green and Jason Cassidy to Headline Mardi Gras Galveston 2019

Entertainment Announced for Texas' Largest Mardi Gras Celebration

GALVESTON ISLAND, TEXAS (January 24, 2019) – Country music stars Pat Green and Jason Cassidy will give headline performances at Texas' largest Mardi Gras celebration, taking place Feb. 22 – March 5, 2019 in Galveston.

Green, who hails from San Antonio, has sold more than 2 million albums and earned three Grammy nominations. His hit single, *Three Days*, reached No. 3 on the country charts in 2003. Green will perform live at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 in downtown Galveston's Saengerfest Park on the Bud Light Stage during the kick-off weekend of *Mardi Gras! Galveston*.

Texas country music star Jason Cassidy will perform on Friday, March 1 on the Bud Light Stage to kick off the second weekend of *Mardi Gras! Galveston*. The New Caney, Texas native has produced three studio albums and the Texas Music Chart No. 2 single, *Honky Tonk Heaven*. Cassidy will take the spotlight at 10:30 p.m. on the Bud Light Stage, located at the corner of Strand and 23rd streets.

In addition, "Fiesta Gras" will return for its third year featuring Tejano music, including headline performances by Duelo at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 on the Bud Light Stage. The group has produced 15 studio albums recognized worldwide. The Fiesta Gras area will be in the downtown entertainment district at the corner of 23^{rd} and Strand streets.

For fans of electronic dance music, "Electric Mardi Gras" will return to downtown Galveston. This area will provide one big party with continuous concerts, beat-thumping DJs and laser light shows on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the celebration. The Electric Stage will be located at $21^{\rm st}$ and Strand streets.

More than 30 concerts will take place during Galveston's two-week-long Mardi Gras event. In addition to live entertainment, the festival will feature 22 parades, 20 balcony parties and several elegant balls.

Concert admissions are included in the general admission price to enter the *Mardi Gras! Galveston* downtown entertainment district. Admission to the Mardi Gras entertainment district is \$22 at the gate with discounted prices available in advance online.

To purchase tickets or for more information on *Mardi Gras! Galveston*, visit www.mardigrasgalveston.com.

About Mardi Gras! Galveston

Mardi Gras, the traditional festival of feasting and merrymaking that precedes the season of Lent, was first publicly observed on Galveston Island in 1867. Following a sabbatical imposed in 1941 by war and challenging times, Mardi Gras! Galveston was revived in 1985 by Galveston-born preservationist and developer George P. Mitchell. The largest celebration of its kind in Texas and the third largest in the nation, Mardi Gras! Galveston brings the island's streets to life with parade viewers shouting for beads, lively tunes played by the colorful marching bands, and the infectious merriment that dominates the island for two full weeks.

Media Resources

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