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The Roots N Blues N BBQ Festival Releases the First Round of Artists for 2017

COLUMBIA, Mo. - Thumper Entertainment announced the first round of artists to perform at the 2017 Roots N Blues N BBQ Festival. The festival will take place Friday, Sept. 29 to Sunday, Oct. 1 at Stephens Lake Park in Columbia, MO.

The Festival introduced some of their returning favorites including bona fide singer-songwriter John Prine, virtuoso guitarist, vocalist and songwriter Gary Clark Jr., modern soul music extraordinaire Booker T's Stax Revue, American roots musician and storyteller Pokey LaFarge, eclectic American band The Mavericks, traditional American country singer-songwriter Marty Stuart and bluegrass-based The SteelDrivers.

The festival will also showcase some exciting newcomers, such as roots-rock troubadour Ryan Adams, American gospel and soul singer-songwriter Leon Bridges, eloquent songwriter and expressive singer Emmylou Harris, alternative country performers Old 97's, influential and passionate American singer-songwriter Margo Price, the sweeping and cinematic soul sounds of Lee Fields & The Expressions, and Gulf Coast soul artists The Suffers, with more artists coming soon!

Advanced admission is available from Wednesday, April 12 to Friday, Sept. 15, 2017. Ticket pricing information is listed below. Tickets can be purchased online or at our local box office. Our box office is located at Vinyl Renaissance, 16 N 10th Street, Columbia MO.

Single Day Tickets:

- Friday - \$49.50*
- Saturday - \$65*
- Sunday - \$49.50*

Other ticket pricing options:

- Weekend - \$125*
- Whole Hog VIP - \$295*
- Platinum Pig - \$550*

*plus applicable fees

We're pleased to announce our new presenting sponsor, StorageMart. StorageMart was founded in Columbia, MO with a single store and has since grown to be the largest privately-owned self storage provider in the world. With nearly 200 locations in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, StorageMart is family-owned and dedicated to partnering with the communities we serve. StorageMart is proud to support great charities like The American Red Cross, the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics, Skate to Great & Cancer Research U.K. "We are so excited to join up with The Roots N Blues N BBQ Festival, one of the best blues festivals in North America, right here in our own back yard." - Cris Burnam, StorageMart President

We're also pleased to announce that our new payment system this year will be your RFID wristband. This exclusive feature allows you to just double-tap & pay! Vendors will no longer accept cash, credit or debit card. Instead, it's all connected to your wristband! Paying for drinks, food and merchandise at the festival is now easier, faster and...well, festive! To learn more about the new cashless system, please visit <http://rootsnbluesnbbq.com/cashless-payment-system/>

For additional information regarding tickets and artists, visit rootsnbluesnbbq.com.

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