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### **Sundance Resort Announces its Lineup of Bluebird Café Concert Performers for 2012**

Sundance Resort Celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the Bluebird Café Concert Series with a Stellar Line up of Artists of Numerous Number One Hits and Grammy Award Winners, Including the Writer of Grammy Award Winner "Need You Now"

(Sundance, UT) March 2012 --- Sundance Resort and Nashville's famed Bluebird Café are celebrating the 10th year of bringing renowned singer songwriters to Sundance Resort. Since its inception at Sundance in 2001, the Bluebird Café concert series has increasingly grown in popularity making regular concert goers of a wide range of fans. This year's series promises to continue to entertain with Sundance favorite Al Anderson and a roster of new performers and hit makers.

The concert series, which features some of Nashville's most renowned singers, songwriters and musicians, embodies the Sundance tradition of storytelling and independent voice. The Bluebird Café in Nashville has launched the careers of virtually every country superstar over the last 20 years from Garth Brooks to Taylor Swift. Sundance has partnered with the Bluebird to bring a taste of musical storytelling to Utah.

2012 Bluebird Café Concert Series artists include the following:

July 6 - Al Anderson, Shawn Camp, Pat McLaughlin

July 13 - Natalie Hemby, Luke Laird, Josh Kear

July 20 - Lionel Cartwright, Mark Selby, Tia Sillers

"We are excited to celebrate the 10th anniversary of The Bluebird Café concert series at Sundance. Each year we've watched as the popularity of the Bluebird has grown bringing in new fans each year. It's been great to partner with Nashville's Bluebird Café to bring such authentic voices to Sundance. It's this spirit that exemplifies all that Sundance values - independent voice, storytelling and creativity.

The Outdoor stage is the perfect venue to bring a little bit of Nashville to Utah and to showcase these great talents," commented Chad Linebaugh, Sundance General Manager.

The Friday outdoor amphitheatre performances on the Sundance Resort Eccles Stage will begin at 8:00 p.m. \$25 general admission tickets can be purchased by visiting [sundanceresort.com](http://sundanceresort.com) and selecting Events or by calling 866-734-4428.

For additional information on these and all Sundance Resort events please visit

[www.sundanceresort.com](http://www.sundanceresort.com).

Bluebird Café Artist Bios

July 6 Al Anderson, Shawn Camp, Pat McLaughlin

Big "Al" Anderson is a songwriting legend who has written for everyone from the Allman Brothers to Patty Loveless. His awards include BMI's One Million broadcast performances for "Unbelievable," 1999 BMI country Award for Popularity as Measured by Broadcast Performances for "Unbelievable"; 1997 BMI Country Award, Popularity as Measured by Broadcast Performances for "All You Ever Do is Bring Me Down," and the 1996 ASCAP Country Award for Most Performed Songs for "Without Your Love."

Shawn Camp has written music for everyone from Ricky Skaggs and Garth Brooks to Brooks and Dunn. He says, "I dragged around a guitar from the time I could walk." But, it was the fiddle that led him to a career in country music. Shawn was spotted at an Iowa Festival by the Grand Ole Opry's Osborne Brothers and moved to Nashville in 1987 to play fiddle with the legendary act. A major career as a songwriter followed, which led him to write such number one hits as Garth Brooks' "Two Pina Colada's," "River of Love" for George Strait and "How Long Gone" for Brooks and Dunn.

Pat McLaughlin was born in Waterloo, Iowa, but moved to San Francisco in the early 1970s, where he first began to write songs and play music at bars on open mic nights. From there he went to Boston, but not long after continued on to Nashville. In the late 1980s he found his first success with a song called, "Lynda," recorded by Steve Wariner. The song brought McLaughlin his first BMI Country Award in 1988. In 1992 he received his second BMI Award for "Tell Me About It", which was recorded by Tanya Tucker and Delbert McClinton. He has written compositions that have been recorded by artists that include Bonnie Raitt, Alan Jackson, Trisha Yearwood, Shawn Camp and Don Williams, among others.

July 13 Natalie Hemby, Luke Laird, Josh Kear

Natalie Hemby achieved her first number one hit with "White Liar," co-written with and recorded by Miranda Lambert. Born and raised in Nashville, Natalie grew up around music and storytelling. She learned early how to tell an entertaining story, and she was able to apply that storytelling ability as she played at clubs around Nashville. It served her well, as Natalie has become one of the top songwriters on Music Row with hits in addition to "White Liar," that include Lambert's "Only Prettier," "Play On" by Carrie Underwood and "Timing is Everything," from the "Country Strong" soundtrack.

Luke Laird moved to Tennessee from Pennsylvania in 1997 to attend Middle Tennessee State University. After college he became an assistant tour manager for Brooks and Dunn while seeking a publishing contract. He eventually signed with Sony BMG. Since that time he has written hits for Carrie Underwood that include her singles, "So Small," "Last Name," "Temporary Home," and "Undo It," all of which reached number one on the country charts. He also co wrote number one hits that included "Hillbilly Bone" by Blake Shelton and Trace Adkins, "Take a Back Road" by Rodney Atkins and "A Little Bit Stronger" by Sara Evans.

Josh Kear has written some of the biggest country hits of the last few years, including Carrie Underwood's number one hit, "Before He Cheats," which won Kear a Grammy Award for Best Country Song in 2007 and Lady Antebellum's "Need You Now," which won Country Music Award's Best Country Song in 2012, the Grammy Award for Song of the Year and Best Country Song for the 53rd Grammy Awards in 2011.

July 20 Lionel Cartwright, Mark Selby, Tia Sillers

Lionel Cartwright charted twelve singles on the Billboard Hot Country Singles and Tracks charts in the early 1990s, including a number one single in 1991 called "Leap of Faith." Cartwright's debut album in 1989 produced such top singles as "You're Gonna Make Her Mine," which charted at number 45 on the country charts, followed by three straight Top 20 hits, including "Like Father, Like Son," "Give Me His Last Chance," and "In My Eyes." His next album, *I Watched in On the Radio* produced the hit single of the same name, which he co wrote with Don Schlitz. Next came "My Heart is Set on You" and "Say It's Not You."

Mark Selby landed a publishing contract soon after moving to Nashville in the 1990's, writing songs for such artists as Wynona Judd, Trisha Yearwood, Lee Roy Parnell and the Dixie Chicks, who scored a Grammy winning number one hit with "There's Your Trouble," written by Selby and his wife Tia Sillers. American Songwriter wrote that Selby's "in the same league as Bruce Springsteen, with meaty words, a compelling voice and tracks that have more groove than a vintage vinyl record." Mark has toured regularly over the past decade with such artists as Jeff Beck, Collective Soul and Lynrd Skynrd, among many others.

Tia Sellers' hit single "I Hope you Dance" won every conceivable award including the Grammy, CMA, ACM, NSAI, ASCAP and BMI song of the year. The song even enjoyed success in Europe and South America with the artist Ronan Keating. Gladys Knight also recorded it for the movie, "The Family That Preys." She's also written singles that include Alan Jackson's "That'll Be Alright," The Dixie Chicks' "There's Your Trouble," and Kenny Wayne Shepherd's "Blue on Black," all of which went to number one. Other artists who have recorded her songs include Martina McBride, Trace Adkins, Wynona, Patty Loveless, Vince Gill and Diamond Rio, among others.

#### ABOUT SUNDANCE RESORT

Nestled at the base of 12,000-foot Mt. Timpanogos, the Sundance Resort is a 5,000-acre destination resort, committed to maintaining the balance of art, nature and recreation. Sundance offers diverse mountain recreation experiences and encourages the cultivation of art and self-expression, as well as the preservation of the land. Created by Robert Redford, Sundance is a haven for discovery and inspiration, featuring 100 well-appointed cottages and homes consistent with the Sundance brand. The Sundance family of companies includes the Sundance Resort, Sundance Institute, Sundance Channel, Sundance Cinemas and Sundance Catalog. Sundance Resort was ranked #18 in Travel & Leisure's list of top 50 U.S. Resorts on the 2011 World's Best list. For more information on Sundance, call 801-225-4107 or visit our website, [www.sundanceresort.com](http://www.sundanceresort.com).

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