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TALL CITY BLUES FEST ANNOUNCES 2013 HEADLINERS

(Midland, Texas) - Tall City Blues Fest, presented by Riley Geological Consultants, announces Chris Duarte and Zac Harmon as this year's Festival headliners. The Festival will be held in downtown Midland's Centennial Plaza on July 26-27, 2013 and brings award-winning Blues performers to West Texas.

This year's headliners are no strangers to receiving accolades. Having followed two completely different paths to stardom, both Chris Duarte and Zac Harmon have powerful credentials.

Harmon, who hails from Jackson, MS and will headline the Festival Saturday night, was honored in 2004 at the International Blues Challenge with the title of 'Best Unsigned Blues Artist'. Being bestowed this honor set his career afire, garnering him invitations to play every major Blues festival in the US, Canada and Europe. Harmon has also received countless other awards, acknowledgements and nominations from XM Radio, the Blues Music Awards, Jus' the Blues Awards and Blues Revue magazine.

"With his big Blues sound from Mississippi, Harmon can go toe to toe with some of the best Blues men in the business. Please don't be shy, go ahead and mention Harmon's name in the same sentence with Bobby Blue Bland, Albert King and Bobby Rush—just to name a few." -Gloria Ellis, JazzReview.com

Chris Duarte, a native Texan now working out of Atlanta, GA, will headline the Festival Friday night. Duarte has 11 albums under his belt, and seven of those have charted on Billboard's 'Top Blues Album' chart with the highest peaking at number four. Duarte originally gained notoriety in the early '90s after garnering the attention of record label executives at SXSW, an annual film, interactive and music festival/conference held annually

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in Austin. Following the release of his debut album, he was named 'Best New Talent' by Guitar Player magazine and finished fourth in the 'Best Blues Guitarist' category behind Eric Clapton, Buddy Guy and B.B. King. Even Joe Bonamassa tweets Duarte as a 'modern legend'.

On Friday, July 26, gates will open at 5 PM, and the first performance will be at 5:30 PM. On Saturday, the gates will open at 1 p.m. with first performer taking the Riley Geological Main Stage at 2 PM, followed by alternating 15-minute Community Jam sessions on the Ford Community Jam Stage. The Community Jams will occur in between the two Main Stages alternating back and forth, making for a triple-stage format on Saturday. The second Main Stage is sponsored by Cimarex Energy.

To purchase tickets online, go to www.tallcitybluesfest.com. Friday Day Passes are \$15; Saturday Day Passes are \$25; Weekend Festival Passes are \$30.

ABOUT TALL CITY BLUES FEST

Tall City Blues Fest (TCBF), presented by Riley Geological Consultants, hosts its line-up across two Main Stages, and also offers an outdoor Community Jam, educational clinics, an art auction and memorabilia raffle, food vendors, and a midnight spectator jam. In addition to bringing award-winning performers to West Texas, Tall City Blues Fest introduces new opportunities into the community, offers a culturally diverse attraction in West Texas and contributes positively to the quality of life, as well as creates tourism.

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