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Maize Days musical acts set to light up the Main Stage

MURPHY (August 4, 2016) Organizers of the annual Murphy Maize Days fall festival have announced the performing acts that will entertain attendees on the Main Stage.

Murphy Maize Days is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at Murphy Central Park, 550 North Murphy Road. The event starts at 10 a.m. and concludes with a dazzling fireworks display at 8:15 p.m. There is no charge to attend the entire day's events. Free parking and shuttles are provided from Tom Kimbrough Stadium throughout the day.

This year, the Main Stage will be the Central Park amphitheater. Built specifically to host concerts, the amphitheater stage faces a cantilevered seating area with grassy seats upheld by short stone walls that serve as stairs. Resembling an inverted diamond, the amphitheater seating area expands outward in an expanding cone shape, giving large crowds an unobstructed view of the stage and a high-quality sound experience.

"The amphitheater has been a big hit with residents and visitors," says Special Events Coordinator Kayla McFarland. "The seating is perfectly suited for concerts of all sizes, from intimate acoustic performances to rousing extravaganzas. Using it during Maize Days as our Main Stage will be very special."

Three warm-up acts, the opener and the headliner will all make use of the amphitheater's excellent acoustics.

Starting the day will be Brent Frailicks, playing from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The country crooner has been singing and playing for over a quarter century. Adept at playing fiddle and guitar, he has generated lots of interest both for his original compositions as well as for expertly covering popular country songs by big-name artists.

From noon to 1:30 p.m., the amphitheater will rock with the music of Sylvanshine. Consisting of a guitar, bass, and percussion, the band stays true to its commitment to rock. Rock fans will appreciate and enjoy the high level of musical artistry that band members have honed over years of experience.

At 2 p.m., the Good Question Band will open their 90-minute set. For those who profess a preference for musical variety, this band will more than satisfy. Big music, high energy, showmanship, and a wall of sound will call to mind acts like Earth, Wind and Fire and Chicago. Brass, rhythm, vocals and non-stop stamina define this group.

Opening for the headliner will be Jaclyn Monroe from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Silky, sweet, seductive melodies in blues and rock will bring the day's entertainment to a new level. Instead of overpowering with strength, Monroe draws on an inner power that makes audiences stop, look and listen. Described as an amazing talent, she will set the perfect tone for the evening.

Closing the show is headliner Charlie Robison who goes on stage at 6:30 p.m. and entertains until 8 p.m. There's not a better way to close out the entertainment than with a native Texan, singing traditional country songs. Robison was born in the Texas Hill Country and sings the kind of songs that almost every Texan grew up listening to.

"This year's entertainment promises to provide a really good mix of music that will please just about everyone," said McFarland. "It's the kind of day-long concert series that people will be talking about for a long time."

Information on Murphy Maize Days is available at www.murphymaizedays.com.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.