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## **Teddy Gentry and Other Songwriters Perform Oct. 6 to Benefit Alabama 4-H**

Teddy Gentry, the legendary bass musician/songwriter of the group Alabama, will be in concert with songwriters Friday, Oct. 6, to kick off Montgomery's Riverfront Arts & Food Festival.

Tickets for Teddy Gentry & Friends Songwriters' Concert are \$10 (plus a convenience fee at some locations). All proceeds will benefit Alabama 4-H, the state's largest youth development organization with nearly 100,000 participants statewide. The concert, set for Riverfront Amphitheatre, will begin at 7 p.m. and is lawn seating, so bring chairs and blankets (no coolers allowed). Gates open at 6 p.m.

In addition to Gentry, songwriters' include Alabama songwriters/performers Michael Anthony Curtis, Doug Stokes and Trinecia Butler.

Gentry, a former Alabama 4-H'er, came up with the idea for the concert to support the youth program in Alabama. The concert is in conjunction with the city of Montgomery's Riverfront Arts Food Festival, set for Saturday, Oct. 7, in Montgomery's Riverfront District from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Riverfront Arts & Food Festival is a celebration of the foods and crafts that make Alabama unique as well as the chefs and artisans who create them. The event is coordinated by the City of Montgomery Riverfront Facilities and was born out of the desire to showcase the best that Alabama has to offer in arts, food and entertainment.

Like the festival, the concert will showcase Alabama's best in music with the four songwriters.

Teddy Gentry - Gentry's successes include an incredible 42 number one hits, 23 American Music Awards, multiple Grammy awards, CMA Entertainer of the Year, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, including the 2005 induction into the CMA Hall of Fame. In addition to his family farm in Dekalb County, Gentry is founder and president of Creative Café, LLC. His objective is to provide the public with the opportunity to hear some of the best music in the world -- created by the best writers in the business.

Other songwriters to perform are as follows:

#### Michael Anthony Curtis

Curtis was raised in Lewisburg, Tenn., but has lived most of his adult life in Alabama. He began writing songs at the early age of 12, and, by the time he turned 19, he was signed to ASCAP by Garth Brooks' manager Bob Doyle.

Curtis has written and co-written such great songs as "Drive Another Nail" by Randy Travis; "Father Knows Best" by Ricky Skaggs; "Get Up In Jesus Name" by Lee Ann Womack; and "Carpenters Son" by Sawyer Brown. He also wrote seven of the 10 songs recorded by Marty Raybon (former lead singer of Shenandoah), and began producing, which resulted in several No. 1 hits, that garnered Dove and GMA nods.

Following the Sept. 11 tragedy, Curtis and Travis co-wrote, "America Will Always Stand," which raised more than \$250,000 for the American Red Cross. He currently writes with major country artists such as Trace Adkins, Josh Turner, Randy Travis and Blake Shelton. He spends time in the recording studio, producing and co-producing, but makes time to be a recording artist, performing in the duet group, The Michaels, and as a solo artist.

#### Doug Stokes

A Florence native, Stokes grew up singing in church and began writing songs at an early age. "I remember playing my plastic string guitar and trying to make up songs that would make my sisters laugh," he recalls. Today, Stokes is a published songwriter with Warner/Chappell, and performs with several music groups, including Henri's Notions, Lenny LeBlanc, and The Shoals.

#### Trinecia Dawn Butler

Butler has been singing most of her life, singing in Florence-area contests at the age of 12. At 14, she joined a quartet where she began learning harmony and the experience of playing on stage. She has performed as the opening act for many great country artists, including George Strait, Tammy Wynette, Earl Thomas Conley and The Bellamy Brothers. In 1999, she began singing background with the group, Alabama.

She also writes and sings demos and radio jingles. With Gentry as her producer, she is currently making her first album. Butler, her husband and two children live near Florence.

Tickets are on sale through eTix.com, and in Montgomery at Cohen's and Jimmy's Car Stereo (tickets at these three locations include a convenience fee). Tickets are also on sale for \$10 at Riverwalk Stadium at the Riverfront Facilities Office, and in Auburn by calling (334)844-2298.

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