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Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau MEDIA ALERT

Devin Dawson performs in *Songs from the Sand* virtual concert series May 20

What: The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB), iHeartMedia and Cat Country 107.1 welcome **Devin Dawson** to the *Songs from the Sand* virtual concert series at DiamondHead Beach Resort.

With Fort Myers Beach as the backdrop, enjoy acoustic music and conversation as Dawson tells his stories behind the songs to host Miriam Dotson, VCB communications manager.

Who: **Devin Dawson**, BMI singer-songwriter behind the 2020 Grammy-nominated, 2020 ACM and 2019 CMA Single of the Year, “God’s Country,” that he co-wrote for superstar Blake Shelton. Since then, Dawson has topped the charts as a featured artist alongside Lauren Alaina on HARDY’s “One Beer,” earning an ACM nomination for “Best Music Event of the Year” in April 2021. Dawson’s latest release, “The Pink Slip EP” follows his critically acclaimed debut album, “Dark Horse.”

When: 8 p.m. (EDT) Thursday, May 20

Where: [Island Hopper Songwriter Fest Facebook page](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel YouTube](#) channel.

Why: *Songs from the Sand* is a great way to preview the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest, Sept. 17-26, on Captiva Island, historic downtown Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach. For now, on the third Thursday of every month, *Songs from the Sofa* or *Songs from the Sand* provides an exciting way to experience a quality performance in your own home.

Background: *Songs from the Sofa* debuted in May 2020 with music sensation Sam James. The monthly live performances have included Jay Allen, Maia Sharp, Dave Pahanish, Ben Allen, Clint Daniels, Parmalee, Danny Myrick, Bridget Tatum, Hannah Ellis and Julia Cole. All performances are archived on the [Island Hopper Songwriter Fest Instagram page](#).

Songs from the Sand debuted in February 2021 with local favorite and Island Hopper alum Sheena Brook at the Pink Shell Resort & Marina on Fort Myers Beach. *Songs from the Sand* gives music lovers a chance to see the beautiful beaches of Southwest Florida.

For more information: Please visit <https://islandhopperfest.com/>

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*Devin Dawson photo attached

