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Island Hopper Songwriter Fest wins SUNsational Awards; get app to enter contest

LEE COUNTY, Fla. (U.S.A.) – Island Hopper Songwriter Fest recently won three first-place SUNsational Awards at the recent Florida Festivals & Events Association (FFEA) convention in Orlando.

The awards recognize members' innovation, individuality and creative collaborations. Now in its eighth year, Island Hopper won first place for mobile app; virtual event (Songs from the Sand); and installations (bus wrap). The event also received third place for its volunteer program.

The 10-day Island Hopper music festival features performances by some of the country's greatest BMI singer-songwriters. The first weekend kicks off on Captiva Island, Sept. 16-18, then moves to downtown Fort Myers, Sept. 19-22, and ends with a weekend on Fort Myers Beach, Sept. 23-25.

Download Island Hopper app to enter contest

Be sure to download the <u>Island Hopper app</u> for iOS and Android to be entered for a chance to win a two-night stay at Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina on Fort Myers Beach during the final weekend of Island Hopper, tickets to the <u>Gary LeVox</u> poolside concert at Pink Shell on Sept. 25., and a \$200 gift card.

Most shows are free, with the exception of a few ticketed experiences, such as headliner shows. Fans will select their favorites from 82 singer-songwriters who will perform more than 100 shows.

Stay up to date on all the festival news, artists, schedules, venues and accommodations with the Island Hopper app or <u>islandhopperfest.com</u>

Island Hopper is produced by the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, iHeartMedia, and BMI, the largest music rights organization in the U.S. Visit <u>IslandHopperFest.com</u> Follow the festival hashtag #islandhopperfest as well as the event's <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u> feeds.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Fort Myers - Islands, Beaches and Neighborhoods include: Sanibel Island, Captiva Island, Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Estero, Cape Coral, Pine Island, Matlacha, Boca Grande & Outer Islands, North Fort Myers, Alva, Buckingham and Lehigh Acres. For more information, go to <u>visitfortmyers.com</u>

*Award logo and images of bus wrap included