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Country trio Midland to perform at Island Hopper Songwriter Fest

*Nashville preview showcased best of festival set for
Sept. 21-30 on The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel*

NASHVILLE, TN – JULY 25, 2018 – Music City’s BMI studios took on a tropical island vibe Tuesday, hosting a preview event to promote the [Island Hopper Songwriter Fest](#) set for Sept. 21-30 on [The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel](#).

The preview to the fifth annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest included live performances from singer-songwriters Wynn Varble and Phil O’Donnell. About a dozen Island Hopper singer-songwriter alums were also on hand to talk to guests about what makes Island Hopper so special.

The Florida festival kicks off on Captiva Island, Sept. 21-23, then moves to historic downtown Fort Myers, Sept. 24-27, and wraps up on Fort Myers Beach, Sept. 28-30.

Midland at Fort Myers Beach: Midland will perform Sept. 30 at the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina on Fort Myers Beach. The Texas country trio is coming off a big win for New Vocal Duo or Group from the Academy of Country Music Awards in April, and the band’s No. 1 single “Drinkin’ Problem” also received a Grammy nomination.

Midland, known for its hip, country throwback sound blended with a road-tested rock ’n roll, includes lead vocalist Mark Wystrach, lead guitarist Jess Carson and bass player Cameron Duddy. Midland’s critically acclaimed debut album “On the Rocks” features songwriting credits from each member alongside hit makers Shane McAnally and Josh Osborne.

Midland is currently on the road with Little Big Town and Kacey Musgraves for The Breakers Tour and will join Thomas Rhett’s Life Changes Tour this fall.

Island Hopper app, tickets: Set for an early August launch, the free app will be the go-to guide for the festival, containing ticket information, trip tips, performer bios, schedules and more. The app will be available for iOS and Android users.

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Lineup: Stay tuned for upcoming announcements on performers. The 2018 Island Hopper singer/songwriter lineup includes Earl Bud Lee (“Friends in Low Places” by Garth Brooks), Dylan Altman (“Barefoot Blue Jean Night” by Jake Owen), Lee Thomas Miller (“Whiskey and You” by Chris Stapleton), Wendell Mobley (“There Goes My Life” by Kenny Chesney) and many more.

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Island Hopper Songwriter Fest, Sept. 21-30, 2018, is presented by The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, iHeartMedia, Cat Country 107.1 and BMI, the largest music rights organization in the U.S., and Hertz.

For more information visit islandhopperfest.com or [click here](#) to access the media tool kit.

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