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## **Citadel Country Spirit USA Music Festival Entertainers Announced**

Little Big Town, Billy Currington Headline Brothers Osborne, Lee Brice and Lauren Alaina Join Lineup







GLENMOORE, Pa. – Country music superstars Little Big Town and Billy Currington will headline <u>Citadel</u> <u>Country Spirit USA</u>, a spectacular three-day country music festival coming to Chester County's Brandywine Valley Aug. 23-25.

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Today's announcement also includes Brothers Osborne, Lee Brice and Lauren Alaina joining the starstudded entertainment lineup.

The second annual festival, being held at Ludwig's Corner Horse Show

Grounds, 5 Nantmeal Road, will feature 20 artists on two stages – 14 of the biggest names in country music on the GMC Sierra Stage and six up-and-comers on the Citadel Rising Star Stage between main acts.

More performers, including the third headliner, will be announced soon. Early Bird Three-Day Passes, priced from \$219 not including fees, are on sale now.

Citadel Country Spirit USA is extremely proud to welcome <u>Little Big Town</u>. At the pinnacle of popularity and prominence, this vocal quartet is acclaimed for its mesmerizing harmonies, blockbuster hits and phenomenal live performances.

The supergroup has earned more than 40 award show nominations and won 20 in the past five years, including Grammy, American Music Awards, People's Choice, Country Music Association and Academy

of Country Music top honors, plus an Emmy. Little Big Town is nominated for the ACM Vocal Group of the Year Award being presented on April 7.

With one of the smoothest and most distinct voices in any genre of music, <u>Billy Currington</u> is equally adept at a poignant ballad as he is belting out an amped up summertime anthem. He is a dichotomy of sorts -- a chart-topping, best-selling country crooner with a nontraditional country surfer kind of vibe.

Since his debut album in 2003, Currington has scored 11 No. 1 singles. Last September, he released a new single, "Bring It On Over," an upbeat, radio-friendly love song. "Music is a snapshot of people's lives and most of all, I want to leave people in happy place," Currington said.

Like *Summer Forever*, his sixth and latest album, Currington takes his live performance audiences on a riveting musical journey sure to captivate Citadel Country Spirit USA fans.

<u>Brothers Osborne</u>, singer/songwriter siblings John and JT Osborne, have successfully transformed from country newcomers into genuine stars. They're a twang-and-crunch duo blending country and rock into a fresh, new sound. With a multitude of country music awards to their credit, Brothers Osborne is nominated for four ACM Awards being presented on April 7.

<u>Lee Brice</u>, known for his raucous live shows, has achieved Gold and Platinum on every album and single released, with "A Woman Like You" reaching Double Platinum status. With more than two billion spins, he has distinction among the Top 25 most streamed artists of all time on Pandora.

<u>Lauren Alaina</u> captured America's hearts when she competed on Season 10 of "American Idol" and is quickly catapulting to the upper echelon of country music. The 2018 reigning ACM New Female Vocalist of the Year followed up her No.1 debut album with the release of critically acclaimed *Road Less Traveled*.

While music is Citadel Country Spirit USA's main attraction, concert-goers will be treated to a great American festival experience, a country music celebration with like-minded country music enthusiasts, an array of activities, a wide selection of food vendors and restaurants -- and libations to please every palate, from Sierra Nevada for beer drinkers to wine at the Barefoot Wine Garden and spirits by Crown Royal.

Citadel, one of the largest credit unions serving the Greater Philadelphia area, is the event's title sponsor for the second consecutive year. Citadel will also lead the Rising Star contest, kicking off in April.

Hosted by the Chester County Conference & Visitors Bureau (CVB), 22,000 fans from 28 states and two Canadian provinces attended the festival held in August 2018.

In addition to Citadel, the Chester County CVB and WXTU, sponsors include the Tri-State GMC Dealers, Belfor Property Restoration, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., Crown Royal, Barefoot Wine, Stoltzfus RV's and Marine, Main Line Animal Rescue/Pennsylvania SPCA, Sunbelt Rentals, Etix and Ludwig's Corner Horse Show.

Purchase tickets and preferred parking online at <u>CountrySpiritUSA.com</u>. To charge by phone, call 1-800-514-3849.

A portion of all ticket sales will be donated to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), a Children's Miracle Network Hospital. A total of \$100,000 was raised for the nonprofit organization in 2018; \$50,000 from tickets sold and a \$50,000 match from Citadel.

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Pictured Top Left: Headliner Little Big Town - Jimi Westbrook, Karen Fairchild, Kimberly Schlapman and Phillip Sweet. Pictured Top Right: Headliner Billy Currington.
Pictured Bottom Row, Left to Right: Brothers Osborne, Lee Brice, Lauren Alaina.

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