

## Adam Wakefield of NBC's "The Voice" to Perform Ahead of Jamey Johnson for WE LOVE OUR COUNTRY Day on the Last Fling Main Stage on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, 2016

**Naperville, IL (July 12, 2016)** -- The Naperville Jaycees proudly adds Adam Wakefield to the Men in Black Pest Control Services Main Stage for "We Love Our Country" Day, along with eleven-time Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Jamey Johnson and Chicago's very own country super group, Hillbilly Rockstarz, for the 2016 Last Fling on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, 2016.

In 2015, Adam Wakefield landed an audition for Season 10 on NBC's The Voice. After being chosen to be on Blake Shelton's team, Adam took his career on the show to the very end and finished second after sharing the stage with both Alison Krauss and Blake Shelton. "Lonesome, Broken and Blue" hit No. 1 on the iTunes Top 100 songs and boasted the season's top debut on Billboard's Hot 100 chart, entering at No. 73. The single, which Adam wrote, also arrived as his highest-charting (No. 14) of nine entries on Billboard's Hot Country Songs. Aside from The Voice, Adam has shared the stage as a musician with artists such as Lee Brice, Keith Anderson, Michelle Wright and more. During CMA Fest this year, he was invited to perform alongside the Oak Ridge Boys, Maren Morris, Steven Tyler and more as part of Marty Stuart's Annual Late Night Jam. He is an accomplished pianist, organist, guitarist, vocalist and writer. He has studied Jazz, Rock, Blues, Soul, R&B, Funk, Afro-Cuban and as of late, Bluegrass as well.

The Washington Post calls Jamey Johnson "one of the greatest country singers of our time." He is one of only a few people in the history of country music to win two Song of the Year Awards from both the CMA and ACMs. In addition, Jamey won two Song of the Year Trophies for "Give It Away" and "In Color," both from the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association. He has received tremendous praise from The New York Times, Rolling Stone, The Wall Street Journal and other publications, many of which have hailed his albums as masterpieces.

Jamey's 2008 album, *That Lonesome Song*, was certified platinum for 1 million in sales, and his 2016 ambitious double album, *The Guitar Song*, received a gold certification. In 2012, he released his fifth studio album, a tribute project to late songwriter Hank Cochran. The Grammy-nominated *Living for a Song: A Tribute to Hank Cochran* paired him with Willie Nelson, Alison Krauss, Emmylou Harris, Ray Price, Elvis Costello, George Strait, Vince Gill and Merle

Haggard. In 2013, the Nashville Scene's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Country Music Critics' Poll named it the year's best album. Two years earlier, the same poll named Johnson's *The Guitar Song* as the year's best album and Johnson himself as best male vocalist, best songwriter and artist of the year.

Hillbilly Rockstarz specialize in covering the latest hits in country music, along with many classic favorites, while always staying true to the original recording. The band covers songs by artists like Blake Shelton, Little Big Town, Carrie Underwood and Darius Rocker while also transcending time with classics by Johnny Cash, Willie, Waylon and Patsy Cline.

Jamey Johnson will perform at 6:00pm, Adam Wakefield will perform at 4:30pm and Hillbilly Rockstarz will perform at 2:30pm on the Men in Black Pest Control Services Main Stage, located at the base of Rotary Hill near Naperville's famed Riverwalk on Monday, Sept. 5, 2016. Main Stage tickets are on sale now through September 5, 2016, \$30 for General Admission and \$40 for Pit Passes. **Military Veterans are welcome FREE on Rotary Hill and within the Sponsor's Tent on Monday, with proper military identification.** Carillon Experience tickets, which can be purchased for \$125 per seat, allow for a memorable experience to include a catered multi-course meal, complimentary beverages, snacks, access to front of stage during the performance and a potential Meet & Greet with the bands (subject to availability). Tickets will be available for purchase online at <u>www.LastFling.org</u>.

## **Naperville Jaycees**

The Naperville Jaycees is a not-for-profit service organization with more than 100 young people dedicated to providing Naperville area residents with the opportunity to better themselves and to grow personally and professionally while giving through community service and fundraising efforts. Annual events include the Mardi Gras Fundraising Event, Food Giving, Easter Egg Hunt and countless other worthwhile projects that positively impact the community. The group also organizes and staffs the Last Fling in close cooperation with the City of Naperville, the Naperville Park District, numerous Naperville community organizations and hundreds of volunteers. Proceeds from the Last Fling are given to other nonprofit organizations in the community and throughout Du Page County. Over the past two decades, the Naperville Jaycees have raised and donated more than two million dollars to various organizations in the surrounding communities. Through recent partnership with the Naperville Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Network, dues for both organizations are now available at a Dual Membership Rate. Monthly Naperville Jaycee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Judd Kendall VFW located at 908 West Jackson Avenue in Naperville.

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