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## **“Chris Young Presents the 3rd Annual Th3 Legends Cast for A Cure Big Bass Tournament” Draws Over 100 Anglers to Raise Money for Cancer Research**

### **Over \$80,000 raised to benefit the T.J. Martell Foundation**

Nashville, TN — June 4, 2019 — Multi-Platinum entertainer **Chris Young** was joined by celebrities **Drew Baldrige, Craig Wayne Boyd, T. Graham Brown, Jeff Cook, Wilson Frazier, Cody Hodgson, Jesse Labelle, James Neal, Eddie Reasoner, Tyler Reeve** and **The Swon Brothers** along with legendary anglers and NBC Sports Outdoors’ **Th3 Legends, Bill Dance, Jimmy Houston** and **Roland Martin** over the weekend as he presented [The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Th3 Legends Cast For a Cure Big Bass Tournament](#) outside Nashville, TN on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The family-friendly event netted over \$80,000 benefiting the **T.J. Martell Foundation**, the music industry’s leading foundation to fund innovative cancer research.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better day on the lake,” shared Chris. “The weather was perfect, I got to spend the day fishing with friends and we raised a lot of money for the T.J. Martell Foundation in their fight against cancer, a battle my own Dad has fought and won.”

The friendly competition heated up between Chris Young and Tyler Reeve as they competed to land the “biggest catch,” with the “loser” adding donating \$1,000 to the T.J. Martell Foundation. While Tyler lost the bet, the real winner was the T.J. Martell Foundation with both artists contributing to the cause. Over 100 anglers participated in the tournament with Christie D’Amour taking home the top prize with a 4.39 lb. bass. Ian Huey (4.02 lb.) and Jordan Rowe (3.94 lb.) took second and third prizes in the tournament.

[The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Th3 Legends Cast For a Cure Big Bass Tournament](#) took place at [Sanders Ferry Park](#) on Old Hickory Lake in Hendersonville, TN. For guests wishing to attend without joining the tournament, the **Party in The Park** event was free and open to the public and hosting live music from **Philip White** and the **Wilson Brothers Band** plus a silent auction, family-friendly activities, photo opportunities and more.

Since the annual event’s inception, over \$145,000 has been raised and fishing enthusiasts both professional and hobbyists have come from around the country to participate.

Th3 Legends Cast for a Cure Big Bass Tournament was created by legendary music manager and T.J. Martell Foundation board member, Doc McGhee. Doc, a close friend of Tony Martell (founder of the T.J. Martell Foundation), has been an active supporter of the foundation for over 35 years. His contributions over the years resulted in the foundation honoring him with the annual Spirit of Excellence Award in 2014.

“The T.J. Martell Foundation is very near and dear to my heart,” says Doc McGhee. “Throughout the years they have made gigantic strides in the fight against Cancer. Bringing together musical artists and other celebrities who give unselfishly of their time and resources helps give the foundation an additional platform to spread the word of what our core mission is. We are grateful to everyone that takes part in fundraising events like Th3 Legends Cast for a Cure Big Bass Tournament.”

The T.J. Martell Foundation’s southern region hosts a number of events annually including the Nashville Honors Gala, Music City Tennis Invitational and Wirtgen Classic Golf Tournament, to name a few. To date the Foundation has provided over \$280 million dollars for research at flagship hospitals throughout the United States.

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**Chris Young, The2 Legends & tournament winner, Christie D’Amour (photo credit Richard Suter Photographer):**

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**ABOUT CHRIS YOUNG:** By his 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday, RCA Records Nashville artist Chris Young has accumulated an impressive list of accomplishments, including membership in the iconic Grand Ole Opry, eleven career No. 1 singles, seventeen R.I.A.A. Gold/Platinum/Multi-Platinum certified projects, 2 Grammy nominations, 3 Country Music Association nominations and 4 Academy of Country Music nominations. As a prolific creator, Chris has given fans 7 studio albums in 12 years including *Losing Sleep*, his third project in less than two years. The title track is certified Platinum while “Hangin’ On” is his ninth No. 1 as a songwriter. *Losing Sleep* (2017) and *I’m Comin’ Over* (2015) debuted at No. 1 on Billboard’s Top Country Albums Chart with “I’m Comin’ Over” becoming Young’s first 2x Platinum single.

Named “one of his era’s finest traditionalists” by the *Associated Press*, Chris has quickly become an international ambassador for country music, performing to capacity crowds around the world including the sold-out C2C Festival in the UK. With a hit-packed set that highlights his eleven chart-toppers — including back-to-back No. 1s “Losing Sleep,” “Sober Saturday Night,” “Think Of You,” and “I’m Comin’ Over” — the Grammy and ACM nominated vocalist headlined the *Chris Young Losing Sleep 2018 World Tour* including his first hometown headlining stop at Nashville’s Bridgestone Arena playing to a capacity crowd of nearly 14,000 fans, friends and family.

2019 brings new music — “Raised On Country” — and a new headlining tour – *Raised On Country Tour 2019* — visiting more than 25 cities through September including Charlotte, Boston, Philadelphia, Dallas, Las Vegas, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Phoenix, San Diego and more

For a full list of tour dates and more information, visit [chrisyoungcountry.com](http://chrisyoungcountry.com).

#### **ABOUT TH3 LEGENDS:**

**Bill Dance** and his crew have been producing outdoor fishing shows for 46 years now and like Bill says, “*when you educate and entertain at the same time, he feels like you have the best of both worlds!*” The 39 half-hour programs “Bill Dance Outdoors” are broadcast on NBC Sports Outdoors and the Outdoor Channel and run year-round. Each educational episode features Dance catching a variety of fish and explaining to his viewers how he does it along with easy to understand graphics. Not only does he talk to the viewers, you’ll even catch him talking to himself at times. All his catches are released!

**Jimmy Houston**, Americas Favorite Fisherman has been on national television with “Jimmy Houston Outdoors” on NBC Sports Outdoors, America One; Faith TV; America Media Group; Lone Star Network and National Religious Broadcasters. and Jimmy Houston's Adventures on America One; Faith TV; AMG Network; Lone Star Network and National Religious Broadcasters. His show (JHO) consistently ranked as the #1 outdoors show on ESPN for 20 years and now on NBC Sports Outdoors and the other networks. Also 5 best-selling books are available nationally.

**Roland Martin's** extensive Professional Tournament Angler career includes 20 first-place finishes, 19 second-place finishes, 24 appearances in the BASS Master Classic, and 9-time B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year title. He was inducted into the IGFA, National Fishing, and the Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. For the past three decades, Roland has given viewers the scoop on how to outsmart a variety of game fish on “Fishing with Roland Martin,” a half hour series on NBC Sports Outdoors. The show features fishing tips and the newest items on the market.

**ABOUT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION:** The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry’s leading foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding treatments and cures for cancer. The Foundation was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$280 million for research at flagship hospitals in the United States. For more information on the T.J. Martell Foundation visit [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org). For more information follow us on [www.facebook.com/tjmartellfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/tjmartellfoundation), [www.twitter.com/tjmartell](https://www.twitter.com/tjmartell), [www.pinterest.com/tjmartellfndn](https://www.pinterest.com/tjmartellfndn) and [www.instagram.com/tjmartellfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/tjmartellfoundation).

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