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Nash to Naples Announces 6th Annual Songwriter Fest at Cambier Park

Local families and music lovers invited to an unforgettable night of music and storytelling from Nashville's top songwriters, benefiting St. Matthew's House and Hacienda of Hope

Naples, FL – Nash to Naples is bringing its signature songwriter experience back to the heart of Naples with the sixth annual "Nash to Naples Songwriter Fest," taking place January 23, 2027, at Cambier Park.

For more than five years, Nash to Naples has inspired community, creativity, and generosity through its annual Songwriter Fest, bringing the best songwriters from Nashville to Naples for a truly unique arts experience. The January festival offers music lovers, families, and supporters an opportunity to hear the stories behind their favorite songs, performed by the hit songwriters who wrote them, while raising funds for two impactful organizations.

"We're thrilled to bring our sixth annual Songwriter Fest back to Cambier Park," said Carter Hamric, Co-Founder of Nash to Naples. "We've seen Nash to Naples organically become a true staple of the Naples community, and we're honored to help steward an

event that brings people together through music, storytelling, and purpose at the heart of our city. This year, we're proud to welcome a phenomenal Nashville songwriter lineup representing an incredible 17 No. 1 hits, while raising awareness and vital funds for St. Matthew House and Hacienda of Hope, whose Godly impact is changing lives both here in Naples and around the world. We're truly blessed to play a small part in it all and continue to let God work."

— Mitchell Vanderhagen, Co-Founder, Nash to Naples

Guests will settle in for an unforgettable evening featuring live performances from acclaimed Nashville songwriters Brett and Brad Warren, Kat Higgins, Dan Alley, and Sam Banks. Throughout the evening, the artists will share the stories behind some of country music's most beloved songs while families enjoy local food trucks, pre-show festivities, and opportunities to bid on exclusive live auction items to support local families, addiction recovery, and children in need.

Notable Songs Penned

Some of the hits written by the featured songwriters:

- Tim McGraw, "Felt Good on My Lips"
- Tim McGraw, "Highway Don't Care"
- Keith Urban, "Little Bit of Everything"
- Toby Keith, "Red Solo Cup"
- Dierks Bentley, "Feel That Fire"
- Jason Aldean, "Lights Come On"
- Chris Young, "Sober Saturday Night"
- Kenny Chesney, "Knowing You"
- Cody Johnson, "The Painter"
- Luke Bryan, "Country Song Came On"
- Luke Combs, "Be By You"
- Hudson Westbrook, "House Again"
- *And many more!*

About the Songwriters

The Warren Brothers

*Brad and Brett Warren, better known as **The Warren Brothers**, are Grammy-nominated, Emmy Award-winning songwriters whose songs have made an impact across country music and beyond. With **10 No. 1 hits** and dozens of charting*

songs, the brothers have written music recorded by some of the biggest names in music, including Tim McGraw, Toby Keith, Keith Urban, Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Dierks Bentley, Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, Blake Shelton, and more.

Known for their unmistakable chemistry, quick wit, and stories behind the songs, Brad and Brett bring the same energy to the stage that has made them two of Nashville's most respected and enduring hitmakers.

Kat Higgins

From Vancouver, Canada, Kat Higgins grew up singing Irish folk music with her siblings at local fairs and St. Patrick's Day parties. Throughout her teen years, the family band had success at Canadian country radio and toured full-time. Kat's love of songwriting drew her to Nashville, and after the band broke up, she began writing for other artists. She has written songs recorded by Kenny Chesney, Cody Johnson, Carrie Underwood, Carly Pearce, The Lone Bellow, and more. The BMG published songwriter celebrated her first No. 1 song at country radio with Kenny Chesney's "Knowing You" and her second No. 1 song with Cody Johnson's "The Painter." Both songs were nominated for ACM Song of the Year, and "The Painter" won NSAI's Song of the Year award in 2024. Apart from writing, Kat has been working on her own album, which is being produced by Kenny Chesney and Buddy Cannon, set to be released next year.

Dan Alley

At 21 years old, singer-songwriter Dan Alley moved from his hometown of Miamisburg, Ohio, to pursue music as a full-time career. Raised in a household filled with music – alongside parents who were gifted singers and a sister skilled in bluegrass instrumentation and songwriting – Alley naturally gravitated toward the guitar at nine years old and has remained devoted to it ever since. By age 18, he was performing almost nightly at venue spaces after wrapping up his daily workday. Recognizing that his true passion belonged to writing and performing rather than standard employment, he relocated to Nashville, Tennessee, to pursue his artistic aspirations. Drawing inspiration from traditional icons like Hank Williams Jr., Merle Haggard, and Keith Whitley, Alley seamlessly merges classic country elements with a fresh, enduring sensibility. As a songwriter, he has earned major cuts recorded by acclaimed artists including Lainey Wilson, Luke Combs, Luke Bryan, Joe Nichols, Jon Pardi, Braxton Keith, and Hudson Westbrook. His impressive track record features three No. 1 songs on the Texas Country radio charts, along with three recent country radio chart-toppers: Luke Bryan's "Country Song Came On," Hudson Westbrook's "House Again," and Luke Combs' "Be By You." Based in Nashville, Tennessee, Dan writes for River House Artists as a staff songwriter while continuing to create and publish original material.

Sam Banks

Nashville-based country artist and songwriter Sam Banks is known for his heartfelt lyrics, authentic storytelling, and sound that blends traditional country with a modern edge. Raised outside Kansas City, Banks found his passion for country music early and has since shared the stage with artists including Craig Morgan, Trace Adkins, Thomas Rhett, Zac Brown, Gary LeVox, Jelly Roll, and Jimmy Fortune. A career highlight came when Banks performed at the Grand Ole Opry alongside Craig Morgan. As a songwriter, his credits include Luke Combs' No. 1 hit "Be By You," Riley Green's "Bartender in Destin," and songs recorded by artists such as Craig Morgan, Matt Lang, Josh Ward, and William Michael Morgan, as well as a Texas No. 1 hit for Jake Bush. After signing a publishing deal with Universal Music Publishing Group in 2026, Banks continues to make his mark as one of country music's emerging voices.

Tickets

Tickets to the 6th Annual Nash to Naples Songwriter Fest begin with VIP Early Bird pricing at \$499 per person. General lawn seating is \$65.15 per ticket.

Sponsorship opportunities remain available at levels ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Proceeds from the event will benefit St. Matthew's House, a Southwest Florida nonprofit dedicated to providing food, shelter, housing, and life-transforming services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, hunger, and addiction, as well as Hacienda of Hope, an international charity serving vulnerable children and families in Ecuador.

Tickets and sponsorship information are available at NashToNaples.com.

About the Benefiting Charities

St. Matthew's House, based in Southwest Florida, is transforming lives by helping individuals and families facing homelessness, hunger, addiction, and poverty find hope and a path forward. Through safe shelter, nourishing meals, addiction recovery, workforce development, and compassionate support, St. Matthew's House empowers people to rebuild their lives with dignity and purpose. Every day, the organization provides life-changing opportunities that help create stronger families, brighter futures, and a more caring community. To learn more, visit StMatthewsHouse.org.

Hacienda House of Hope, based in Ecuador, is doing life-changing work for young mothers and children who have faced incredible hardships. Through safe shelter, loving care, and education, they help build stronger, safer futures for families who deserve every opportunity to thrive. To learn more, visit HaciendaofHope.org.

About Nash to Naples

Nash to Naples was founded in 2021 by Carter Hamric, a Nashville native, and Mitch Vanderhagen, a Naples native, who set out on a mission to host a Songwriter Fest that would bring the best songwriters from Nashville to the heart of Naples with proceeds benefiting worthwhile causes. After five years and over 5,500 attendees, the events have grown in popularity, size, and venues, and have raised more than \$675,000 for local and international charities. To learn more, visit NashToNaples.com.

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