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Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair and Mid-South Ford Dealers present Jamie O'Neal and Ty Herndon on August 18 during 'Best Ten Days of the Year'

LEBANON, TN – The countdown is on for the BEST 10 Days of the Year! The Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair, presented by your Mid-South Ford Dealers, is thrilled to announce this year's concert line up!

Bates Ford proudly presents **Jamie O'Neal** and **Ty Herndon** at the Entertainment Pavilion Monday, August 18 at 8 pm at the James E. Ward Ag Center in Lebanon, TN.

Jamie O'Neal is a platinum-selling country music singer and hit songwriter known for her powerful vocals and chart-topping hits. Bursting onto the scene with her debut album ***Shiver,*** O'Neal scored back-to-back No. 1 singles with ***"There Is No Arizona"*** and ***"When I Think About Angels."*** Her heartfelt lyrics and soulful sound have earned her four Grammy nominations, ACM and Billboard awards, and a lasting place in the hearts of country music fans.

Ty Herndon is a Grammy-nominated country music artist known for his heartfelt vocals and chart-topping hits. Since his debut in the mid-90s, Herndon has delivered memorable songs like "What Mattered Most," "Living in a Moment," and "Hands of a Working Man," earning him multiple No. 1 singles, gold albums, and a devoted fan base. With a career defined by authenticity and resilience, Ty continues to inspire with his powerful storytelling and passionate live performances.

Jamie O'Neal and Ty Herndon will perform at the Entertainment Pavilion Aug. 18 at the James E. Ward Ag Center. The concert is presented by your Mid-South Ford Dealers at the Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair. ***(Photo/Courtesy: Wilson County-Tennessee Fair)***

Bates Ford will also be bringing the Pitch Meeting with Oliver Steele and Friends to the stage on Sunday, August 17 at 6 pm at the Entertainment Pavilion.

Pitch Music, "The World's Best Open Mic," is a music-first, nonprofit artist development organization focused on giving promising talent access to the tools they need to bring their artistry to life, without compromise. Joining them is Oliver Steele, a standout vocalist and finalist from American Idol, whose powerful voice and heartfelt delivery have earned him a loyal following. A Mt. Juliet, Tennessee native, Oliver brings a fresh yet familiar sound to the stage, making this performance a true homecoming. Together with his friends Natalie Layne, Crystal Rose, Spencer Ford, Tabitha Meeks, MP Gannon, Moga Family Band, Makena Hartlin, Young Original, Summer Joy, Carson Mac and the Pitch Meeting crew, this concert promises to be a celebration of music, storytelling and Tennessee talent.

With 16 stages of entertainment during 10 days of the Fair, every night will be filled with so many exciting, family friendly events. Come out and listen to bluegrass, country music and more, enjoy clogging and square-dancing competitions, pageants from the Doll Parade to Ms. Senior along with our Fairest of the Fair, hypnotist and much more! There's so much to see and do that you can't see it all in one visit!

For a detailed schedule of our concerts and entertainment, visit www.wilsoncountytnstatefair.com.

We'll see YOU at the Fair!

The Memphis Hustle acquires international draft rights to Campos from Austin Spurs

Hustle Trade Returning Player Rights to Eric Williams Jr. to Spurs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Memphis Hustle announced the team acquired the 2025 International Draft Rights to guard Gabriel Campos (No. 14 overall) from the Austin Spurs for the returning player rights to wing Eric Williams Jr.

Campos (5-10, 187) appeared in 37 games (29 starts) last season for Mogi das Cruzes of Nova Basquete Brasil and averaged 10.0 points and 4.7 assists in 24.7 minutes. The 24-year-old Guarulhos, Brazil, native has competed in 179 games (96 starts) across seven international seasons with Mogi das Cruzes, Corinthians and Pinheiros Sky.

Williams Jr. (6-7, 195) appeared in four games as a reserve during the 2023-24 season with the Memphis Hustle and averaged 2.5 points and 2.5 rebounds in 11.9 minutes.

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Hattiloo Theatre opens season 19 with Fisk inspired 'Jubilee'

MEMPHIS, TN – July 9, 2025 – Hattiloo Theatre, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Black performing arts theatre, is excited to announce the first production of their 19th Season with Jubilee, a musical celebration inspired by the legacy of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, written by Tazewell Thompson. The show runs from Friday, July 25th through Sunday, August 24th , 2025.

"Bringing Jubilee to our stage is more than a premiere, it's a tribute to the Fisk Jubilee Singers and the music that shaped American culture. Tazewell Thompson weaves a powerful tapestry where song, history, and humanity converge in an unforgettable celebration and reckoning, " said Jarrod Walker, Theatre Manager at Hattiloo Theatre.

Jubilee is a powerful a cappella stage performance inspired by the world renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers, who shattered racial barriers in the U.S. and abroad, performing for kings and queens. Born on the campus of Fisk University, this bold African American ensemble has shared a legacy of suffering, strength, and endurance for over a century. Featuring more than three dozen spirituals and hymns, including "Wade in the Water," "Ain't That Good News," and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," the production uplifts and ignites audiences through the power of song. Since the premiere at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., Jubilee has been praised for its rich musical storytelling and tribute to Black history. While it has not appeared on Broadway, the real life Fisk Jubilee Singers have received national honors, including a Grammy Award and the National Medal of Arts, affirming their cultural and musical significance. To purchase tickets, patrons should visit www.hattiloo.org. Hattiloo Theatre invites the community to enjoy a season filled with powerful stories and unforgettable performances.

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About Hattiloo Theatre:

Founded in 2006 by Ekundayo Bandele and named in honor of his two daughters— Hatshepsut (Hatti) Bandele and Oluremi (Loo) Bandele. Hattiloo Theatre is the largest Black theatre in the Mid-South and one of four freestanding Black theatres in the country. The performing arts theatre produces shows and programs that depict Black life and give audiences an authentically cultural experience.

To learn more about Hattiloo Theatre, visit www.hattiloo.org.

Memphis Hustle acquires rights to returning Sykes

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Memphis Hustle announced the team acquired the returning player rights to guard Keifer Sykes and a 2026 second round pick (via Stockton) from the Windy City Bulls for the 2025 International Draft Rights to guard Jean-Jacques Boissy (No. 5 overall).

Sykes (5-11, 180) has appeared in 137 games (96 starts) across four seasons with the Windy City Bulls, Long Island Nets, Noblesville Boom and Austin Spurs averaging 12.1 points and 4.7 assists in 28.8 minutes.

The 31-year-old Chicago native appeared in 32 games (11 starts) during the 2021-22 NBA season with the Indiana Pacers averaging 5.6 points and 1.9 assists in 17.7 minutes.

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