

Skinny Molly Joins the Star-Studded Line Up of "Pepsi Rock the South" Festival June 3rd and 4th in Cullman Alabama

Southern Rockers Skinny Molly to Perform Alongside Cole Swindell, 38 Special Thomas Rhett, Florida-Georgia Line, Joe Diffie, John Michael Montgomery and More

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, May 23, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Skinny Molly, dubbed "the band from the South to see" across the USA and Europe, has been added to the lineup of the 2016 Pepsi Rock The South Festival June 3rd and 4th in Cullman Alabama. The IHeart Media live music event will find Skinny Molly performing alongside some of the biggest names in Country and Southern Rock. The band will hit the stage on day one of Rock The South, driven by Mitch Smith Chevrolet, Friday June 3rd with Thomas Rhett, 38 Special, John Michael Montgomery and more.

Skinny Molly has released three critically acclaimed fan favorite albums including their latest "Here For A Good Time" and their first ever live concert DVD "Live At The Shed" earlier this year. Along with revitalizing southern rock with dozens of blistering fresh new tracks, the band's roots run deep; members have received their pedigrees as members of some of the South's most legendary bands including Lynyrd Skynyrd, Blackfoot, the Rossington Band and the Southern Rock All Stars. Through the years, Skinny Molly members have appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, at dozens of the biggest festivals and concert venues across three continents and even had their hand prints enshrined in the Hollywood Rock Walk of Fame. Skinny Molly's line up since 2008 features Mike Estes (guitar/vocals), Jay Johnson (guitar/vocals), Luke Bradshaw (bass) and Kurt Pietro (drums).

General admission tickets and more information are available for Pepsi Rock The South at <u>www.rockthesouth.com</u>. Find out more about Skinny Molly at <u>www.skinnymollyrocks.com</u>. Rock The South

Originally intended to be a one-year celebration of recovery from the devastating tornados that struck Alabama April 27, 2011, Rock the South has continued to expand to become an annual massive celebration of the area and all it has to offer.

Since the first Rock the South in 2012, the festival has continued to be an important community partner giving back over \$200,000 to charities including The Link, Alabama Forever, Children's Hospital of Alabama, No White Flags for Cancer and many more.

Stars including Dierks Bentley, Brantley Gilbert, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Little Big Town, Alan Jackson, Tyler Farr, Travis Tritt, and many more have performed at Rock The South, which has stayed true to it's mission to serve as a festival about southern culture, family, and giving back.

Skinny Molly

Formed in 2004 to fulfill a one-off tour of Europe for rabid southern rock fans half a world away, the band took the "Skinny Molly" moniker from the founding member's former bands (Mike Estes of

Lynyrd Skynyrd and Dave Hlubek of Molly Hatchet). When Hlubek returned to Molly Hatchet after the tour, Estes retained the Skinny Molly name and recruited Rossington Band and Southern Rock All Star alum Jay Johnson, Blackfoot drummer and studio ace Kurt Pietro and Grand Ole Opry bassist Luke Bradshaw to fill the rocking ranks of the Nashville based band.

The foursome set out to make fresh, new southern tinged rock and join the return to authentic Americana roots music also being championed by their contemporaries including Black Stone Cherry, Shooter Jennings, Chris Stapleton, Sturgill Simpson, Blackberry Smoke and others. Skinny Molly's musical results speak for themselves, with three albums of fresh material, a live concert DVD and a power packed live show. The band continues to tour relentlessly overseas, playing new "future classics" to audiences that often sing along to every word. And here in the U.S. they still reverently honor each individual member's legacy by slipping in classic fan favorites for their appreciative audiences.

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