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**MATTIE KELLY ARTS FOUNDATION
CONCERTS IN THE VILLAGE MUSIC SHOWCASE
CONCLUDES WITH PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR LOCAL
MUSIC FAVORITES DAVID SEERING AND THE MULLIGANS**

DESTIN, FLORIDA — (June 29, 2015) Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) wraps up its 20th anniversary edition of its Concerts in the Village summer series at the Cultural Arts Village in Destin, Florida, with two special concerts in July.

David Seering returns to close out the summer concert series on Thursday, July 2 with an evening of music celebrating some of American's famous artists and composers to patriotic songs.

Voted Best Male Vocalist on the Emerald Coast, Seering is a seasoned pianist and vocalist who has performed for two U.S. Presidents and shared the stage with such music greats as Mickey Gilly, B.J. Thomas, Helen Ready, T.G. Shepard, Phyllis Diller, Mickey Rooney, and the Great Cab Calloway — just to name a few.

On Thursday, July 9 the music showcase series will conclude with a performance by The Mulligans — the popular local band will perform favorite dance tunes from the '60s and '70s (originally scheduled for May 28).

"We are so grateful for all the armed services do to protect our freedom, we wanted to show our appreciation," said Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation CEO Marcia Hull, "We hope local military families will come to our special concert to sit back, relax and enjoy a some quality family time."

To honor local men and men in uniform MKAF is extending a special discounted admission of 50 percent off. For active duty military with valid ID admission to the concert is just \$5.

The gate opens at 6 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Admission to each of the spring/summer Concerts in the Village is \$10 per person; children under 12 and MKAF members are free. A few remaining VIP event tables are available. Proceeds benefit MKAF's cultural and education mission.

The come-as-you-are music showcase staged in the heart of the Destin's Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village has become a popular summertime tradition for Northwest Florida locals and visitors.

Altogether, the area's first music concert festival will have showcased nine local and regional singer/songwriters, musicians and tribute bands performing a range of live music from rock and roll to rhythm and blues and from Motown to your favorite oldies.

Bring a chair, blanket and picnic or purchase dinner onsite featuring various local restaurants and food trucks serving up delicious dinner menu options. Bring your own beverages or purchase water, soft drinks, beer and wine at the event.

Twenty years ago the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) began an earnest mission to bring art programs, cultural events, art education and lively entertainment to the sleepy beach town of Destin, Florida. Fast forward from 1995 to 2015, and the milestone 20th anniversary of the organization founded on the cultural, educational and spiritual beliefs of Destin matriarch, Mattie Kelly. The anniversary year provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of the organization, while presenting vision for the future.

In recognition of the 20th anniversary, MKAF will introduce a new daylong event, Bluegrass at the Beach, presented by ResortQuest by Wyndham Vacations on Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village. Tickets are on sale online now at www.mattiekellyartsfoundation.org/pr/newsreleases-bluegrass.htm.

The first-time festival will feature the award-winning and chart-topping band, Blue Highway, and seven other local, regional and national bluegrass music bands.

Other signature events will include the 7th Annual Labor Day Weekend Concert (Sept. 6) featuring the soul stirring sounds of the Heather Hayes Experience. Daughter of music legend Isaac Hayes, Heather Hayes, and her 11-piece Atlanta-based band have a diverse R&B sound, mixing in soul and funk; the 20th Annual Festival of the Arts (Oct. 24-25) and the 20th Annual Sound of the Season (Dec. 4).

For more information on how you can become a member of MKAF, gain benefits as an event sponsor, provide a donation or explore opportunities to get involved on a committee of the Board of Directors, call (850) 650-2226 or visit www.mattiekellyartsfoundation.org.

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ABOUT MATTIE KELLY ARTS FOUNDATION

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF), a 501-c-3 not-for-profit charitable arts organization, was founded in 1995 on the cultural, educational and spiritual beliefs of the late Destin Matriarch, Mattie Kelly. The champion of cultural arts and education in Northwest Florida, MKAF's vision is to impact lives through art and culture.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

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