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## **COUNTRY SUPERSTAR DARIUS RUCKER SET TO HEADLINE LOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Bowling Green, KY (May 15, 2012)** – SKyPAC announces the inaugural Sounds of Independence Music Festival presented by Independence Bank on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Pop-turned-country superstar Darius Rucker will headline the event, which will also include local and regional performers.

"We are very excited about this partnership," said Tom Tomlinson, Executive Director of SKyPAC. "This festival will be a great addition to our already spectacular 2013-2014 lineup, and a wonderful community event in downtown Bowling Green."

This rain or shine outdoor festival will have musicians playing throughout the day. Festival goers will receive a wristband for the day, to allow for exit and re-entrance at any time.

Festival headliner Darius Rucker will take the stage at approximately 9:00 PM. The former frontman of "Hootie and the Blowfish" has found commercial success as a country music artist. He will release his third country album, True Believers, on May 21 and was recently inducted into the Grand Ole Opry. His first two country albums, Learn to Live and Charleston, SC 1966 both topped the Billboard Country album chart and produced five No. 1 singles including "Come Back Song," "This," "Alright," "It Won't Be Like This For Long" and "Don't Think I Don't Think About It." In 2009, Rucker was named New Artist of the Year at the Country Music Association (CMA) Awards.

"We are proud to work with SKyPAC to create the Sounds of Independence Music Festival," says Brad Howard, President of Independence Bank. "The proceeds from this event support SKyPAC, which is a valuable asset to not only downtown Bowling Green, but the region."

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, May 15 at 11:00 a.m. for SKyPAC members and corporate partners, and on Friday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. for the general public. They may be purchased at the SKyPAC Ticket Office, online at [TheSKyPAC.com](http://TheSKyPAC.com) or by phone at 270.904.1880.

For more information about the benefits of membership visit [TheSKyPAC.com](http://TheSKyPAC.com) or call Deb Stein at 270-904-5002.

The full lineup of bands will be announced online at [www.theskypac.com](http://www.theskypac.com). For more information on Darius Rucker, visit [www.dariusrucker.com](http://www.dariusrucker.com).

### **About SKyPAC**

SKyPAC Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, oversees the administration of the SKyPAC and the Capitol Arts Center facilities and programs. SKyPAC is a multi-use facility located in downtown Bowling Green, KY and has become a premier center for entertainment.

The SKyPAC facility includes a nearly 1,800-seat state-of-the-art Performance Hall that serves as the home of Orchestra Kentucky; a 200-seat flexible Studio Theater for intimate productions and gatherings; several multi-functional rehearsal halls and classrooms for students, schools and local arts organizations to use as they prepare for live performances; an Amphitheater for 'theater under the stars' and an indoor art gallery space to exhibit the works of regional artists. The Capitol Arts Center provides a 750-seat Performance Hall and two art galleries, the Houchens Gallery and Mezzanine Gallery. For more information, visit [TheSKyPAC.com](http://TheSKyPAC.com) or call (270) 904-5000.

### **About Independence Bank**

Independence Bank is a regional community bank with 18 locations in 8 counties in western Kentucky – Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, McLean, McCracken, Warren and Webster counties, with assets of \$1.2 billion.

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