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Songwriters Under the Stars Returns to Cheekwood

Top Nashville Hitmakers and Musicians Perform in Cheekwood's Lush Gardens

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The popular Songwriters Under the Stars concert series returns, offering the unforgettable opportunity to enjoy entertaining performances by top Nashville hitmakers and musicians under the night sky at Cheekwood Estate & Gardens.

Nestled on gorgeous Swan Lawn, this year's concert features chart-toppers **Brett James, Trannie Anderson,** and **Tom Douglas,** sharing songs and stories behind the songs, accompanied by the renowned Music City Symphony. The elegant setting provides the perfect backdrop for a one-of-a-kind concert experience. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and revel in a relaxing evening while enjoying seasonal beers, wine by the bottle, craft cocktails, and delicious bites from local food trucks.

Songwriters Under the Stars will be on August 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. Tickets are currently on sale and can be reserved at [Cheekwood.org](https://www.cheekwood.org).

Brett James

For over a decade, Grammy Award-winning songwriter and producer Brett James has been one of the most prolific and versatile songwriters in Nashville having had more than 500 of his songs recorded by major label recording artists. He has written 27 #1 hits and won a Grammy in 2006 for writing Carrie Underwood's song "Jesus, Take the Wheel." He was named ASCAP's country songwriter of the year in 2006 and 2010, and *Music Row* magazine's Songwriter of the Year in 2015. In 2020, he was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. The list of artists who have recorded Brett's songs includes Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, Keith Urban, Bon Jovi, Taylor Swift, and Kelly Clarkson.

Trannie Anderson

Trannie Anderson co-wrote Lainey Wilson's #1 hit single "Heart Like a Truck," which was named NSAI's "Song of the Year" in 2023. She also co-wrote Lainey Wilson's single "Wildflowers and Wild Horses," Restless Road's "Last Rodeo," Cole Swindell's "3 Feet Tall," and songs recorded by Dan + Shay and Reba McEntire. Trannie has also had songs

placed in ads and TV shows with T-Mobile, Dodge Ram, Wranglers, Tractor Supply, Marshall's, The CW, Netflix, and more.

Tom Douglas

Grammy-nominated Tom Douglas has written Top 10 Billboard Country hits for John Michael Montgomery, Martina McBride, Tim McGraw, Collin Raye, Lady Antebellum, Miranda Lambert, Kenny Chesney, and others. In 2009, he achieved a rare Triple Play Award in which he had three number one hits in a year. In addition to being nominated for four Grammy Awards, in 2010 he was nominated for an Oscar and a Golden Globe for the song "Coming Home" featured in the film "Country Strong." In 2014, Tom was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Ticket Information

General Admission tickets are \$65 for members and \$75 for not-yet members. Premium Package tickets are also available for \$150 for members and \$175 for not-yet members. Each Premium Package ticket includes one concert ticket with exclusive, front-of-stage viewing in an Eno Lounger SL chair, two drink tickets, and access to premium parking with a golf cart shuttle to the concert location.

Reserving a timed-entry ticket in advance is required for all guests. During busy seasons and events, Cheekwood may reach parking capacity. If parking capacity is reached, walk-up tickets will only be available for those utilizing rideshare services.

Songwriters Under the Stars is presented by GSRM Law.

Music at Cheekwood

Each year, Cheekwood presents around 100 special musical performances and concerts featuring the region's finest players, writers, and singers shining against the backdrop of the signature gardens. During the spring and fall festivals, lively full-band sets are accompanied by seasonal beers and cocktails in the Beer Garden. At Thursday Night Out, which runs from May through August, guests can bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a diverse lineup of music performances, the city's favorite food trucks, craft cocktails, strolls through 13 distinct gardens and the art-filled Mansion. Guests can also warm up on chilly nights with intimate indoor performances during the Winter Concert Series. Music at Cheekwood is a celebration that expands perspectives and delights music lovers.

About Cheekwood Estate & Gardens

With its intact and picturesque vistas, Cheekwood is distinguished as one of the leading Country Place Era estates in the nation. Formerly the family home of Mabel and Leslie Cheek, the 1930s estate, with its 30,000-square-foot Mansion and 55-acres of gardens, today serves the public as a botanical garden, arboretum, and art museum with furnished period rooms and galleries devoted to American art from the 18th to mid-20th

centuries. The property includes 13 distinct gardens including the Blevins Japanese Garden and the Bracken Foundation Children's Garden, as well as a 1.5-mile woodland trail featuring outdoor monumental sculpture. Each year, Cheekwood hosts seasonal festivals including Cheekwood in Bloom, Summertime at Cheekwood, Cheekwood Harvest and Holiday LIGHTS. Cheekwood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and nationally as a Level II Arboretum. It is a three-time voted USA Today Top 10 Botanical Garden, in 2024 received a Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award, and in 2021 was named by Fodors as one of the 12 Most Beautiful Gardens in the American South. Cheekwood is located eight miles southwest of downtown Nashville at 1200 Forrest Park Drive. It is open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., with extended days and hours of operation depending on the season. Visit cheekwood.org for current hours and to purchase advance tickets required for admission.

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