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**Tom Petty, Van Morrison, Willie Nelson, Massive Attack,
Gnarls Barkley, Ben Harper Lead Austin City Limits Music Festival
ACL Festival makes music journalism an easy job once again**

A worldwide community of super-sensitive, highly emotional music fans have been holding vigil since September 2005 for the announcement of the 2006 ACL Music Festival lineup. Their wait is finally over. With a head-spinning display of diversity and poundage, the 2006 Festival features Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, Van Morrison, Willie Nelson, Massive Attack, Ben Harper, The String Cheese Incident, Flaming Lips, The Raconteurs, Los Lonely Boys, The Shins, Ween, and about 100 more acts. Producers offer the lineup announcement as a service to overworked music journalists everywhere, delivering a powerful and newsworthy story that any monkey with a mouse could file.

The super-heavyweights on the lineup are reason enough to put the event in a position to repeat its Pollstar Festival of the Year Award, but the remaining two-thirds of the talent offers an array of shooting stars and blooming fruit. More acts include Thievery Corporation, Matisyahu, Iron & Wine, Son Volt, Guster, Damien Rice, Calexico, the New Pornographers, to name a few.

The full lineup is available at www.austincitylimits.com, along with a colorful, action-packed video version of the lineup coming to life in the park, complete with local critters.

Although superstars such as REM and Coldplay have headlined the Festival, the cumulative music experience is what distinguishes the event and the ACL Television show from other music brands. "Talent, breadth, and depth. That's what ACL is about—seeing someone that you'll never hear on the radio, or discovering someone new," explains Charlie Jones, Executive Producer at Capital Sports & Entertainment, the company that co-produces the Festival along with KLRU-TV, Austin's public television station, and Charles Attal Presents, the talent buyer.

Though the lineup has only appeared in the form of rumor and speculation thus far, tickets are selling at a record pace. This is not surprising, as ACL has gained the trust of music-seekers over the past four years, who count on a big talent offering for the money. The 2005 event sold out.

The show happens September 15-17 in Austin's Zilker Park, and will serve up 130 acts on eight stages over three days.

In addition to the stupefying lineup, the event organizers, along with the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, are embarking on a patron comfort initiative in the park, which includes increased drinking water stations, shade structures, misting areas, and a Parks and Recreation Department irrigation program that will benefit park users year-round. Producers also encourage anyone with experience in the black arts or access to Dr. Evil's sun blocker to please assist in any way to bring merciful temperatures this year. "The average high temperature in Austin in mid-September is around 89 degrees. If we get that, we are just fine," said Charlie Jones. "I believe we are due."



The newly transformed AT&T is the presenting sponsor of the event in 2006, and supporting sponsors to date are AMD, Cingular, Heineken, Washington Mutual, Austin Ventures, H-E-B, BMI, Blackstone, Sweet Leaf Tea, and Gibson Guitars. □

Artists scheduled to appear:

Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers	Wolf Parade	I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness...
Van Morrison	Sparklehorse	Centro-matic
Willie Nelson	Paolo Nutini	Marah
Massive Attack	Nada Surf	Sam Roberts
String Cheese Incident	Los Amigos Invisibles	Rocky Votolato
Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals	Feist	Murder by Death
The Flaming Lips	Phoenix	The Black Angels
John Mayer	KT Tunstall	Anathallo
The Raconteurs	Goldfrapp	The Rocket Summer
Los Lonely Boys	Donavon Frankenreiter	Sara Hickman
The Shins	Oliver Mtukudzi & Black Spirits	Sylvia St. James and The Gospel Stars
Ween	Asleep at the Wheel	Terri Hendrix
Thievery Corporation	Buckwheat Zydeco	Trish Murphy
Ben Kweller	Husky Rescue	Patrice Pike
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jimmie Dale Gilmore	The Durdens
Matisyahu	The Subdudes	The Jones Family Singers
Gnarls Barkley	BoDeans	Sterling Lands and The Warrior Gospel Band
Damien Rice	The Greencards	Joe McDermott and the Smart Little Creatures
Cat Power and the Memphis Rhythm Band	Guy Clark	The Biscuit Brothers
Ray Lamontagne	Kathleen Edwards	Imagination Movers
Nickel Creek	The Long Winters	Elvis Perkins
Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley	The Stills	The New Soul Invaders
The Tragically Hip	Charlie Sexton	South Austin Jug Band
Kings of Leon	Alexi Murdoch	Greyhounds
Iron & Wine	Pierre Guimard	Star Kids Yoga
Kasey Chambers	Matt Costa	Joy Davis
Aimee Mann	Matt Nathanson	Daniella Cotton
Galactic	Okkervil River	Troy Campbell Band
The New Orleans Social Club	Ted Leo/Pharmacists	The Palm Elementary School Choir
Calexico	Benevento Russo Duo	Asheba
The New Pornographers	Randy Rogers Band	The White Ghost Shivers
Son Volt	Federico Aubele	The Gospel Silvertones
Guster	What Made Milwaukee Famous	The Anointed Voicez
Explosions in the Sky	Jose Gonzalez	Ghandaia
deadboy & The Elephantmen	Ian McLagan and The Bump Band	Melissa Reaves
The Secret Machines	New Monsoon	Claire Small
Jack Ingram	Del Castillo	Eli Young Band
Brazilian Girls	Fields	Rodney Hayden
Gomez	Lou Ann Barton	Robyn Ludwick
Stars	Beto y los Fairlanes	Peter Dawson



Video Info for Media

See the lineup video online: visit www.aclfestival.com/press Thursday, May 18.

Television outlets: Please link to one of the following satellite feed options:

Sat: AMC 2 (85 degrees West)
Xpdr: 3 KU Analog
Uplink Freq: 14060 Horizontal
Downlink Freq: 11760 Vertical

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Austin City Limits' pilot episode, featuring Willie Nelson, first aired on PBS stations across the country in 1975. Since then, the award-winning television series has grown to showcase the best in American music and beyond: contemporary and traditional pop, rock, country, blues, bluegrass, roots, and more. Austin City Limits continues its tradition as the place where music lovers can enjoy live music: pure and simple. More than 600 artists have performed on the austere wooden stage under the famous Austin skyline backdrop. The show has become a showcase for superstars and rising stars in all genres of music. And the music continues—Austin City Limits marked its 30th season in 2004. Austin City Limits airs nationally on 97% of the country's PBS stations, serving 93.3 million households. Austin City Limits is a production of KLRU-TV and Capital Sports & Entertainment. Funding for the show is provided in part by AT&T, Inc., Budweiser, and the Austin Convention Center Department. Additional funding is provided by the Friends of Austin City Limits. Austin City Limits is a 2003 recipient of the National Medal of Arts. The award, given by President George W. Bush and the National Endowment for the Arts, is the nation's highest honor for artistic excellence. Austin City Limits is the first television series or program to receive this honor since the medal's creation in 1984.



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Charles Attal Presents is an independent promotion company based in Austin, Texas. Founded in 1997 by Charles Attal, CAP is the exclusive talent buyer for Stubb's BBQ (Austin), Gypsy Tea Room (Dallas), Trees (Dallas), the Austin City Limits Music Festival, the Austin City Limits television show, and Lollapalooza. CAP has been nominated numerous times for Promoter of the Year, Music Festival of the Year, Independent Promoter of the Year, and Nightclub of the Year in the prestigious Pollstar CIC awards. Charles Attal won The Bill Graham Award/Promoter of the Year award for 2005.