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PASA PRESENTS HALL OF FAME MUSIC LEGENDS JERRY JEFF WALKER AND KEITH SYKES – DECEMBER 1

Tickets Now Available

Lafayette (La) –The Performing Arts Society of Acadiana (PASA) will host its second of three performances in the Singer + Songwriter series December 1, 2011. This series brings music and songwriter enthusiasts up close and personal with some of the greatest Hall of Fame songwriters in country music history. Hosted at the James D. Moncus Theater, downtown Lafayette at the Acadiana Center for the arts, PASA presents Jerry Jeff Walker and Keith Sykes for a special intimate acoustic performance.

Lifelong friends Keith Sykes and Jerry Jeff Walker share a long history together. Both songwriters grew up in upstate New York and have traveled and collaborated together for over forty years. “I am thrilled to have music legends Jerry Jeff Walker and Keith Sykes share the stage in our great city. What will really make this night special is the long-time friendship these two share. If you want to experience one of the best performances in a town full of great music, this is it.” says PASA Executive Director, Shanna Higginbotham. “This intimate musical performance, will give the audience a look into the inspiration for the songs, the stories behind the music and best of all, a night of song swapping you won’t soon forget”.

Keith Sykes’ career spans four decades and during that time he has written and performed with some of the greatest names in music including Jerry Jeff Walker, Rosanne Cash, Emmy Lou Harris, John Prine, Loudon Wainwright III, Todd Snider and Jimmy Buffet just to name a few. While songwriting has kept him busy, it wasn’t until the early 1990s that he started pursuing a solo music career. Since then, he has released four successful albums adding a second chapter to his already impressive songwriting career.

Jerry Jeff Walker is a legend in country music. He has lived and is living again the troubadour’s life. Lots of musicians talk about the road; Jerry Jeff has lived it...he really did sing for pennies on New Orleans’ street corners, alongside Mr. Bojangles; he became the commercially successful Lone Star country-rocker hailed from Austin, Texas singing county music anthems like *Up Against the Wall Redneck Mother* and he has served as a fountainhead and inspiration to younger musicians such as Robert Earl Keen, Pat Green, Jack Ingram, Todd Snider and a moderately successful country tunesmith named Garth Brooks. After having recorded over 30 albums in his career Jerry Jeff now lives the simpler life. He has come full circle, back to his solitary singer-songwriter roots.

At the foundation of the Singer + songwriter series is a mission to offer local artists' an opportunity to learn from the masters themselves. In addition to the December 1 performance, Sykes will host 6 private workshops for local musicians/songwriters Friday, December 2. The workshops will focus on music and songwriting techniques; improving productivity; tips to conquer writers-block instruction; and developing a distinctive writing "voice." The workshop fees are \$100 per person, per workshop. Interested individuals must register through PASA by phone at (337) 237-2787 ext 201. Space is limited.

This performance is presented by PASA, sponsored by the Village of River Ranch, Sugar Mill Pond, Courtesy Cadillac, KMDL – 97.3 The Dawg and The Independent. Singer + Songwriter tickets for both the December 1 and May 11 performances are on sale now to the general public and can be purchased in person through the Acadiana Center for the Arts Box office, by phone at (337) 233-7060, or online at pasaonline.org. All performances will be presented by PASA at the James Devin Moncus Theater, located inside of the Acadiana Center for the Arts (ACA).

For more information about the Performing Arts Society of Acadiana visit www.pasaonline.org or call (337) 237-2787.

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Founded in 1988, the Performing Arts Society of Acadiana is a non-profit organization that presents live entertainment at the Heymann Performing Arts Center and other local venues, creates in-school arts activities, and offers daytime performances for students and initiates outreach programs such as PASA PLUS and Play It Again, Lafayette. PASA presents annual performances of opera, dance, drama and a variety of musical acts.