



Jimmie Rodgers Music Festival Announces Finalists for the 2017 Talent Competition.

Jimmie Rodgers, The Father of Country Music, competed in his first competition at early age. His passion for performing served him well. In 1953 during the Festival's first year a young man hitchhiked to Meridian to compete and returned in 1955 as the Headliner. That man was Elvis Presley. Elvis along with Faith Hill, Randy Houser, Paul Davis and many others have started their musical careers with the help of the Jimmie Rodgers Talent Competition.

We are pleased to announce the 2017 Finalists.

Adult Category; Christina Christian from Mifflin, Alabama; Jackie Clowe from Pensacola, Florida; and Eric Wood from Petal, Mississippi.

Youth Category; Caroline Gibson from Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Local Honey from Charleston, South Carolina and Sadie McClendon from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

These finalists will perform Saturday, May 6th, at 1:00 pm.

Jimmie Rodgers Festival Schedule:

Friday, May 5th, 5:00pm – 10:00pm with music from: Cowboy Mouth, Vasti Jackson & Cary Hudson

Saturday, May, 6th, 12:00pm – 10:00pm with music from: Wynonna & The Big Noise, Reckless Kelly, Brandy Clark, Hayes Carll, Chris Knight, Lydia Loveless & Charlie Worsham along with the talent competition finalists.

We would like to invite everyone to come join us. For more information on all the events surrounding the Jimmie Rodgers Music Festival and to purchase tickets please visit

www.jimmierodgersmusicfestival.com.

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