

**Southeast Tourism Society Selects Jimmie Rodgers Music Festival
as a 'STS Top 20 Event'**

Travel industry organization has saluted region's best events since 1985

ATLANTA, Ga. (date) – The Southeast Tourism Society has Jimmie Rodgers Music Festival one of the STS Top 20 Event in the Southeast for May 2017.

This year's Jimmie Rodgers Music Festival is May 5 & 6, 2017. The STS Top 20 Festival and Event Awards have highlighted programs around the Southeast since 1985.

Travel industry experts select 20 events per month, and STS publicizes them throughout the United States. The complete list is published on two websites: EscapeToTheSoutheast.com and [Travel Media Press Room](http://TravelMediaPressRoom.com).

“The Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Festival and Event list is an excellent guide for the Southeast's visitors, residents and travel writers. The events selected represent the best, and often most unique, activities in our region,” said Bill Hardman, president and CEO of the Southeast Tourism Society.

Events considered for the STS Top 20 recognition must be at least three years old and have attendance of at least 1,000. Nomination forms and deadlines are available at SoutheastTourism.org or by calling 770-542-1523.

STS, founded in 1983 and headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting tourism to and within 12 states – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

#