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## **“Nashville Songwriters Live” Brings Performances and Stories Behind your Favorite Songs to Folsom’s Harris Center for the Arts**

The legendary music of Nashville is coming to Folsom in the form of “Nashville Songwriters Live: Performances And Stories Of Your Favorite Hit Songs”, a unique celebrity entertainment event on December 17, 2024 that also acts as a benefit event for local nonprofit Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference.

Featuring songwriters Jeffery Steele, Mark Mackay, and CJ Solar, who have written songs for chart topping artists including Keith Urban, Eric Church, Zac Brown Band, and Morgan Wallen, the audience will experience an intimate, acoustic performance format where the writers play the music and tell the stories behind the songs, providing a unique and personal experience.

Mark Mackay, a California native and classic rock/country songwriter, shares, “Jeffrey Steele and CJ Solar are two of the most talented artists I've ever known, and a huge inspiration on my own music. Last year we had the best time performing together and sharing our stories, jamming and laughing all night. We do this a lot in Nashville, so in a way last year was our west coast intro to how powerful this show is, and we can't wait to do it again. Even better, we'll be supporting the great work of Hands4Hope.”

This fundraiser will support the Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference Education Program at four Folsom schools, including Folsom Middle, Sutter Middle, Folsom High, and Vista del Lago High, in addition to its Community Engagement Program serving Mercy Creekview, Folsom's Hope, Twin Lakes Food Bank, and Powerhouse Ministries, Inc. The proceeds from this event will be used to help those most vulnerable in our community while teaching youth invaluable life skills of leadership and service.

"We are proud of the 16 years of impact that youth have made across many areas of need within our community," said Jennifer Bassett, Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference's Founder and Executive Director. "As needs in the community have increased, our youth-led service learning programs have responded by delivering more donations and supplies to those struggling. This exciting fundraiser event will allow us to deepen our work in Folsom while providing a unique and memorable family entertainment experience."

The show will also feature performances from the acclaimed Vista Del Lago High School Guitar Nation program. Additionally, a silent auction available to both attendees and anyone online will offer guitars signed by celebrity musical artists, a Nashville vacation, horseback riding, and other exciting offerings, with all proceeds benefiting Hands4Hope.

The event is sponsored at the Platinum level by Designing Dreams Flooring & Remodeling, El Dorado Disposal, Baird Private Wealth Management, Nor-Cal Equipment Rentals, and BrightStart Partners Insurance Services; and at the Gold level by Carlsen Muir Family Foundation, Ferguson Financial, Folsom Chevrolet, Folsom Times, Westervelt Ecological Services, and 107.1 The Bull. The media sponsor is Style Magazine.

The Tuesday, December 17 show at the Harris Center for the Arts will take place at 7 pm. Tickets are available through the Harris Center box office and website. For more information, visit [hands4hopeyouth.org/nashvillelive](http://hands4hopeyouth.org/nashvillelive)

Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference is a nonprofit, youth driven organization with the mission to inspire and empower youth in leadership and service. Hands4Hope offers hands-on education and community engagement opportunities to youth from K-12th grades through on-campus and after-school programs in Sacramento and El Dorado Counties.

For more information about Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference, visit [www.hands4hopeyouth.org](http://www.hands4hopeyouth.org) or call [916-294-7426](tel:916-294-7426).

[Photos of Featured Songwriters and Event Graphic Suitable for Publication](#)

## Artist Bios

### Jeffrey Steele

If you've sung along to chart-toppers like *What Hurts the Most*, *My Town*, or *The Cowboy in Me*, you already know Jeffrey Steele's work! With countless hits penned for some of the biggest names in country music – from Rascal Flatts and Tim McGraw to Faith Hill – Jeffrey has a rare talent for capturing real stories, deep emotions, and true country grit in every lyric he writes.

Join us in celebrating Jeffrey Steele's incredible impact on country music. Follow his journey, learn the stories behind his songs, and get an inside look at how his music comes to life.

### CJ Solar

Ever wonder who's behind some of your favorite country hits like *Up Down* by Morgan Wallen or *Some Girls* by Jameson Rodgers? Meet **CJ Solar**, the Nashville-based singer-songwriter bringing a fresh edge to country music! With a rock-infused sound and a knack for storytelling, CJ has quickly made his mark, writing songs that resonate with fans nationwide.

From crafting hits for country's biggest names to releasing his own powerful singles, CJ's on a mission to bring you songs that hit home. Keep an eye on this talented songwriter – there's so much more to come!

### Mark Mackay

Get ready to meet **Mark Mackay**, the country-rock sensation turning heads with his electrifying guitar skills and authentic songwriting! Known for his energetic live shows and the raw, relatable stories in his lyrics, Mark has shared the stage with legends like Blake Shelton and Eli Young Band. His music captures the spirit of classic country while infusing it with a rock edge that keeps fans coming back for more.

If you love music that makes you feel alive and songs that tell a story, it's time to follow Mark Mackay's journey. Check out his latest tracks and experience a fresh sound in country rock!