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90 Days until Southern Oregon's newest music festival artists take the stage!

Stars Shine at the expo



Opening artist for Friday, June 16 is **Dillon Carmichael**.

Hailed by *Rolling Stone* as “country music’s most convincing young star since Stapleton,” Dillon Carmichael isn’t just an artist; he’s a force of nature. Born and raised in Burgin, Kentucky, the 6’4” troubadour first rose to fame in 2018 on the strength of his critically acclaimed Riser House debut, the Dave Cobb-produced *Hell On An Angel*, which prompted *NPR* to praise his “deep holler” and the *New York Times* to declare that his voice moves “with the heft and certainty of a tractor trailer.” Dates with everyone from Lynyrd Skynyrd and Trace Adkins to Dwight Yoakam and Justin Moore followed, as did festival appearances from Faster Horses to Tortuga and Artist To Watch nods from the likes of *Billboard*, *Rolling Stone*, *Pandora*, and more.

Carmichael followed it up in 2021 with *Son Of A*, another neo-traditional gem that’s racked up more than 13 million streams across platforms (Carmichael’s catalog boasts more than 140 million streams collectively) and yielded similarly glowing reviews for its feel-good mix of wry humor and raw heart. After debuting as the #1 most added single at country radio, the album’s title track is already well on its way to a million plays on YouTube as it continues to climb the singles charts, and Carmichael remains busy as ever on the road in 2022, headlining his ‘Son Of A’ Tour and opening for the likes of Brooks & Dunn, Cody Johnson, Brothers Osborne and more.

Opening artists for Saturday, June 17 are **Frank Ray** and **Tenille Townes**.

Frank Ray will kick off Saturday afternoon on the BiMart main stage. Frank Ray, a former police officer with the Las Cruces, NM force, left his career after 10 years of service. Since then his music career has been accelerating rapidly as he has been coined the “Hispanic Causin Panic” for his stunning vocals and the Southwest Spice he brings to the stage. An experienced performer, Frank has shared the stage with Keith Urban, Kane Brown, Brett Eldredge, Luke Bryan, Jon Pardi, Toby Keith, Walker Hayes, Dustin Lynch, Chase Rice to name a few. (FrankRaymusic.com)

Tenille Townes will follow Frank Ray on the BiMart Main Stage Saturday, June 17!

Award-winning singer, songwriter and musician **Tenille Townes** released her latest project *Masquerades* April 22 via Columbia Nashville/Sony Music Nashville in partnership with RCA Records. A meditation on duality, self-reflection, and embracing flaws, *Masquerades* follows her acclaimed debut album *The Lemonade Stand*, which was named *Country Album of the Year* at the 50th JUNO Awards.

Townes is a 15-time Canadian Country Music Award Winner (CCMA), and is the reigning CCMA Entertainer of the Year. The two-time ACM Award-winner is also the first female artist in Mediabase Canada history to achieve two No. 1 singles (Music Canada Gold-certified “Jersey on The Wall (I’m Just Asking),” Music Canada Platinum-certified and RIAA Gold-certified “Somebody’s Daughter”).

Following standout support runs with Dierks Bentley, Miranda Lambert, Brothers Osborne, George Strait and Reba, Townes is headlining shows across the globe in Australia, Canada, The United Kingdom, Ireland, The Netherlands, Germany and the US. Her international touring efforts earned her a nomination for CMA’s international achievement award. (TenilleTownes.com)

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