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Memphis In May Announces Complete Celebrate Memphis Program and Entertainment Lineup

Features popular headliners Lucero, plus Mid-South’s Largest Drone and Fireworks Shows!

April 16, 2019 (Memphis, TN): After weeks of anticipation following the Celebrate Memphis programming announcement in March, Memphis in May is today revealing the entertainment lineup for its final May event held Saturday, May 25, wrapping up the month-long salute to the City of Memphis in honor of its Bicentennial. Featuring five stages throughout Tom Lee Park, the event will offer a wide variety of entertainment options and musical genres so that every Memphian and visitor alike will find something to enjoy. Produced in conjunction with the City of Memphis, Shelby County, and Memphis Brand Initiative, Memphis in May invites all citizens of Memphis and the surrounding communities to join the FREE Bicentennial Celebration featuring the following Memphis artists:

LUCERO	AL KAPONE	NEW BALLET ENSEMBLE	OPERA MEMPHIS	LOVE LIGHT ORCHESTRA
Garry Goin & Friends	The Memphis Wind Symphony	Chinese Connection	Dub Embassy	Bailey Bigger
The Bo-Keys featuring Percy Wiggins	The Lucky Seven Brass Band	Stax Music Academy		
Collage Dance Collective	Ashton Riker	Roben X	Marco Pave	Memphisissippi Sounds
Darryl Evan Jones	Fuzzy Jeffries	Poets of the Word	Fresco the Label	MikeyChristian

Make our celebration of Memphis one for the record books! We are attempting to break the record for the World’s Largest Picnic! To qualify, we need picnickers seated at our 1350-foot-long table, so bring your friends and family, grab your picnic baskets and let’s make this celebration record-setting!

The skies over downtown will be filled with activity beginning at 5:30pm as the commemorative airshow soars over the Mississippi River and the All Veteran Group Parachute Team glides into Tom Lee Park. Then, beginning at 9:00pm, don’t miss Memphis’ first lighted drone show over the Mississippi River! A fleet of drones will illuminate the night sky with a variety of local images and landmarks, while coordinating with The Mighty Lights Show that brings the Harahan and Hernando de Soto bridges to life! This will be followed by the Mid-South’s largest fireworks show to close out the event. More than 3400 shells –some up to a foot in diameter—bursting over downtown will be a fitting punctuation to the City’s first 200 years and will literally start our next century with a bang! It’s the largest fireworks show Memphis has ever seen to close out a party two hundred years in the making!

Other unique features of Celebrate Memphis include:

- The Mobile Memphis Mural: show your artistic side and help us colorfully complete a graphic design wrapped on a MATA bus. Look for this Memphis Masterpiece cruising the streets of Memphis all year long!
- The Global Community Market & Expo, honoring the diverse ethnic groups that call Memphis and Shelby County home. The area will include food tastings and cultural performances from the different countries represented within the local population.



- The Family Zone: an interactive experience with activities and exhibits for all ages, including Touch-A-Truck—meet Memphis’ first responders and explore a fire truck, police car, ambulance and more!
- The Sports Zone: Memphians can engage with their favorite local teams: the Grizzlies, Redbirds, Tigers and 901FC.
- The Creative Arts Tent: pick up your paint brush and commemorate the moment with a Bicentennial keepsake!
- Join the competitive Cornhole Tournament!

Stop by the Eat901 food court for a bounty of local favorite food trucks and restaurants, and the Shop901 marketplace will be open throughout the entirety of the event, selling and displaying the talents of local craftsmen and artisans.

Gates open at 3:00 p.m. Blankets, lawn chairs and outside food, beverages and coolers are permitted for this FREE event.

2019 Memphis in May International Festival Dates:

Beale Street Music Festival: May 3-5, 2019

World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest: May 15-18, 2019

Great American River Run: May 25, 2019

Celebrate Memphis: May 25, 2019

About Memphis in May

Memphis in May International Festival is a nonprofit community-based organization, whose programs in 2018 contributed more than \$137.7 million in economic impact to the community, fostered civic pride, promoted awareness of Memphis heritage, and built international relationships and understanding through education.

Memphis in May International Festival is the official festival of the City of Memphis and the recipient of 216 prestigious Pinnacle Awards from the International Festival and Events Association. This year, the Festival will break with its tradition of honoring the history and culture of another country with its International Salute and will instead honor the colorful history and rich culture of the City of Memphis in celebration of the Memphis Bicentennial on May 22, 2019. Join us in “Celebrating 200 Years and a New Century of Soul!”

For additional information, please visit the official Memphis in May website at www.memphisinmay.org.

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