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**Country Singer Colin Stough Headlines the 2025 Mississippi Makers Fest at the Two Mississippi Museums**

Country and rock singer and “American Idol” finalist Colin Stough will headline the [2025 Mississippi Makers Fest](https://link.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com/ls/click?upn=vU8aD-2B-2B3wJUQeFUyj5gHFtU2SixnfVY-2Fx9rkbGrgHOtqBIzkBWLOrHUxncbZfwjWYO8o_KCb-2F1eF2fS4wU3LNRChK4YL4-2FjmuJEoMX9n4EK8KEJWgBpw-2Bt1-2FHUsynw68TvwbWTHKs7KlkRKks8o3KJwpFfWJrgvWvCLFZOtU933L5VuUwrwSYQg0TbOSeEOZV7wZ-2FnsevAa30phPeHWQJXAFVzmCPTitsgE60nzc8qwW9HyxwCguMY8n-2FZJ-2FHgKIlOI4YQpaWJqfb6XS6v56zyxVXeWq70kQYjPPrnHfaPc4-2BsL3jawIJ24JO4Lmobdl0AVA18gihcszebdkeNz9ZU8f2Uzk2K6eIXoX6NVT0E7ih6A5tTCsOzfOnIYt0W040T3RWJT3Z0UKTeNZucObMp5fd2-2ByAKwzMb-2FNqmDp3vco7KMo9w-2Fx5BRLInX6DbMKhpiM3MQi8q4goK6K7ph-2FRrFItSA-3D-3D) – a free music, food, and arts festival sponsored by Nissan. The annual event will take place at the Two Mississippi Museums on the Entergy Plaza in downtown Jackson on Saturday, May 10.

Stough, whose sound is a distinctive mix of Southern rock distortion and pure-country style, will share the stage with American folk rock band HAPPY LANDING, blues artist Jamell Richardson, and bluegrass band The BTJ Trio. All four acts are Mississippi natives.

More than 50 vendors and food trucks will set up outside the Two Mississippi Museums during the festival dedicated to celebrating Mississippi’s creativity in its finest forms. Handcrafted pottery, paintings, handmade woodwork, jewelry, and more will be sold by local vendors. At Mini Makers, located inside the Two Mississippi Museums, children will create make-and-take crafts, among other activities.

"Nissan is a proud supporter of Mississippi Makers Fest, bringing friends and neighbors together to celebrate the immense creativity of the Magnolia state,” said Chandra Vassar, chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion officer for Nissan Americas and president of the Nissan Foundation. “Supporting artists and creators helps foster community, bolster innovation and encourage empathy, creating a world where everyone feels that they belong. In collaboration with the Two Mississippi Museums that share our values, we’re honored to give back to Mississippians that have given us so much during the more than 20 years we’ve been manufacturing in the state."

“We are grateful to have Nissan as the title sponsor again for the 2025 Mississippi Makers Fest,” said Michael Morris, director of the Two Mississippi Museums. “Nissan’s continued support provides free admission that day and an incredible musical lineup, creating a wonderful opportunity for visitors to experience mouth-watering food and original art from vendors all over the state.”

Other sponsors include Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, AT&T, The Foundation for Mississippi History, StateStreetGroup, Mississippi Arts Commission, Visit Mississippi, and Lucid Ink Printing.

Blankets and one collapsible lawn chair per person are allowed. Only clear bags will be allowed, including purses, fanny packs, diaper bags, and all other bags.

Interested vendors should visit [2025 Mississippi Makers Fest](https://msmakersfest.mdah.ms.gov/) for application information. For more information, call 601-576-6850 or email [info@mdah.ms.gov](mailto:info@mdah.ms.gov). Follow us at [@msmakersfest](https://link.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com/ls/click?upn=vU8aD-2B-2B3wJUQeFUyj5gHFuznUGO2htIadUBevAyT-2FFRB2mNSuzBvUAjcWPCCxa1XgRhn_KCb-2F1eF2fS4wU3LNRChK4YL4-2FjmuJEoMX9n4EK8KEJWgBpw-2Bt1-2FHUsynw68TvwbWTHKs7KlkRKks8o3KJwpFfWJrgvWvCLFZOtU933L5VuUwrwSYQg0TbOSeEOZV7wZ-2FnsevAa30phPeHWQJXAFVzmCPTitsgE60nzc8qwW9HyxwCguMY8n-2FZJ-2FHgKIlOI4YQpaWJqfb6XS6v56zyxVXefhDzbG9rS-2F7ZmKwpvotgA01odjBs4z-2BMBfuhvaLOEdeqYZQ4nOo2ajAWXOOwLZkCS5mgu77hkPLIQ2e8Xbx76ijTNrZVt-2F83A4tCUSCYDPpPGkbdqOjeqAUM5MGSAZf5bM3HLJdxidR7DKScW4L66oKw5mMMlKVFQv1LFkQWE5JR0zzV6WvpkBCNWn45HAdtQ-3D-3D) for updates.

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