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## **“Nashville Songwriters Live” Brings the 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: The Stories Behind Your Favorite Songs”, a unique celebrity entertainment event on November 20, 2023 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, “We’re all super excited to support Hands4Hope. They are an amazing nonprofit, and Thanksgiving week is a great time to play in California. I’m also super stoked to be performing with Jeff; he’s my mentor and one of the most talented artists I’ve ever known. By the way, there is no set list for this event, and we don’t script any of the banter – we just go with it!”

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.

"As we celebrate our 15th year as an organization, we are proud of the 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 spotlights on local youth, including students from the Vista Del Lago High School guitar program performing a montage of country music throughout the ages. Additionally, a silent auction available to both attendees and anyone online will offer guitars signed by celebrity musical artists, with all proceeds benefiting Hands4Hope.

The event is sponsored at the Platinum level by Brightstar Partners Insurance Services, OTAT Golf League, and Designing Dreams Flooring & Remodeling; and at the Gold level by Dream Real Estate, Carlsen Muir Family Foundation, EcoGuard Pest Management, Folsom Times, Fergerson Financial, Nor-Cal Equipment Rental, and Westervelt Ecological Services. The media sponsor is Style Magazine.

The Monday, November 20 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. A discounted student seating section for full-time students is available. 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).

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**JEFFREY STEELE**

**MARK MACKAY**

**CJ SOLAR**



*"Jeffrey Steele is a 5x Grammy-nominated artist with over 63 million airplays, who's written some of the biggest songs in music for artists like Keith Urban, Eric Church, Montgomery Gentry, 38 Special, Tim McGraw & many more..."*

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