



Matt Dylan and Katelyn Marks Headline 37th Stokes Stomp Festival on the Dan

Danbury, N.C. - The 37th Stokes Stomp Festival on the Dan, scheduled for September 10th and 11th will feature two talented newcomers in country music, Matt Dylan, who will perform two sets on Saturday at 12:15pm and 6:15pm, and Katelyn Marks, who will perform one set on Sunday at 3:30pm. The event will once again be held at Moratock Park, 1077 Sheppard Mill Road in Danbury, North Carolina, along the banks of the beautiful Dan River, and also include main stage performers such as Blues Creek, 36 Degrees North, Holly Creek Girls, Stoney Ridge, Travis Frye and Blue Mountain, Tyler Nail, The Star Catchers, One Special Blend, Blu Vue, One String Over, as well as performances by the North, South, and West Stokes Marching Bands.

The Stokes Stomp, an annual celebration of the arts and community organized by the Stokes County Arts Council features main stage music and dance, children's area arts and entertainment, food and craft vendors, artist demonstrations, river activities, with all festivities beginning with the Town of Danbury's Stokes Stomp Parade.

"We are thrilled to have two of the most promising new faces in country music, Matt Dylan and Katelyn Marks, as part of our 37th Stokes Stomp lineup" said Stomp Chairperson Nancy Markle of the Stokes County Arts Council. "It's an added bonus that they both grew up in the area, with Matt from Stokes County and Katelyn from just down the road in Forsyth." In addition to Dylan and Marks, the 2011 Stomp Main Stage Schedule is a balance of return performers and newcomers, with country, bluegrass, folk, and Americana the music menu for the weekend. The Children's Area Schedule will include magic and balloon art by Twisted Dog Productions, dance performances by CC Dance Company, Miss Joyce's Dance, Dance Perfections, and North Carolina Cinderella Teen Tara Lynn Schiphof, music by DJ Dane Joyce, Steve and Olivia Shelton, Bruce and Maya Burgess, and programs by George and Maggie Hicks, Boy Scouts of America, Stokes 4H, and Stokes Humane Society with a special appearance by Suzie. Artist Philip Harrison

will also be demonstrating metal works at the Historic Moratock Iron Furnace, with river activities on the Dan River presented by the Dan River Basin Association and Tar Heel Paddlers.

For more information on the 37th Stokes Stomp Festival on the Dan, contact the Stokes County Arts Council at 336 593-8159. A complete main stage and children's area schedule can be found by visiting www.StokesArts.org

This year's event is being sponsored by Reynolds American Foundation, Duke Energy Foundation, Pepsi Bottling Ventures, Apple Foundation, NewBridge Bank, North Carolina Arts Council, Real Estate Brokers for Stokes County/Stokes Economic Development, Bill Johnson Trust, Grady Burgin and Charlotte Offerdahl, Burroughs Funeral Home, Stokes Pharmacy, WalMart/Sam's Club, 98.1 FM WBRF, 740 AM WPAQ, Artist's Way Creations, and the Town of Danbury. In-kind assistance is being provided by Stokes Partnership for Children/AmeriCorps, Bennett's Baskets and Bows, King Music Center, Rainbow Print and Copy, Industrial Fire and Safety, Danbury Fire Department, Stokes DRC, Stokes County Sheriff's Department, Stokes EMS, and Stokes Public Works Department.