

**BMI HOSTS ITS BIGGEST #1 PARTY EVER CELEBRATING**

**JAKE OWEN’S GOLD-CERTIFIED SMASH**

**‘ANYWHERE WITH YOU’ IN NASHVILLE**

***Over 20,000 Fans Gathered for Last Night’s Free Summer Block Party***

***Hosted by Jake Owen at BMI’s Nashville Office***

**NASHVILLE, August 20, 2013** – Broadcast Music, Inc.®, (BMI®), a global leader in music rights management, along with Morris Artists Management and Sony Music Nashville played host to a Summer Block Party and its biggest No. 1 party ever featuring **Jake Owen** to commemorate his recent chart-topper “Anywhere With You” last night (8/19) in Nashville. Celebrating his fourth consecutive No. 1 hit, Owen invited his fans via Twitter and Facebook to join in on the party complete with a free concert and No. 1 presentation. BMI’s Assistant Vice President of Writer/Publisher Relations Clay Bradley was on-hand to honor Owen, BMI songwriter Jimmy Yeary, and co-writers David Lee Murphy and Ben Hayslip for the summer smash.

Jake Owen said, "This was one of the most amazing nights of my life. Ten years ago I stood in a crowd watching Kenny Chesney play and thought to myself, 'I can do this.' To look out at this incredible crowd and share this #1 party with all of my fans is surreal."

“BMI jumped at the chance to host Jake Owen’s Summer Block Party, honoring one of Country music’s hottest stars and the songwriters behind ‘Anywhere With You,’’’ said Bradley. “This event was the first of its kind for BMI and easily our biggest No. 1 party ever.”

Over 20,000 fans gathered for the epic summer block party, which featured an exhilarating performance by Owen and quickly became a trending topic on Twitter. Playing to the packed crowd for over two hours, he was joined onstage by special guests **Florida Georgia Line**, **Dierks Bentley,** **Thomas Rhett** and **DJ Silver** who came out for the celebration. The evening festivities kicked off with a performance by new trio **The Cadillac Three**.

Since releasing his chart-topping album, *Barefoot Blue Jean Night*, Owen has emerged as one of country music’s leading vocalists. The RCA Nashville project delivered four consecutive No. 1 hit singles, including the multi-week chart-toppers; the Double Platinum title track and Platinum “Alone with You,” and Gold-certified hits “The One That Got Away” and “Anywhere with You.” Poised to follow the success, Owen’s brand new single “Days of Gold” is now at Country radio nationwide and will be featured on his album of the same title to be released on 12/3.

His energetic live show and captivating songs have landed him coveted opening slots with Keith Urban, Kenny Chesney, Tim McGraw and his first headlining tour, “CMT On Tour Jake Owen: The Summer Never Ends 2012”, which made CMT history for the most sold-out shows in a row for the annual nationwide tour. The American Country Awards Breakthrough Artist of the Year is currently touring with Jason Aldean's “Night Train” Tour.

The Vero Beach, FL, native first captured the national spotlight with his hits “Startin’ with Me,” “Don’t Think I Can’t Love You” and “Eight Second Ride.” The 2009 ACM Top New Male Vocalist’s revival of “Life in a Northern Town” with Sugarland and Little Big Town in 2008 earned him Grammy and CMA Award nominations.

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