**BMI Maui Songwriters Festival Mixes Music and Paradise Dec. 1-3**

***Eric Church to Lead All-star Lineup of Premier Songwriters in  Festival’s Second Year***

**NASHVILLE, September 28, 2016** –– The second annual BMI Maui Songwriters Festival, set for December 1-3, 2016, in its Hawaiian island namesake, will combine local vibes and international acclaim in a one-of-a-kind celebration of waves, sand and song.

The BMI Maui Songwriters Festival’s premium-grade lineup spanning many genres, including superstars Eric Church and Lee Ann Womack, along with country music hit writers Scotty Emerick and Liz Rose, Texas troubadour Robert Earl Keen, garage-country rocker Aubrie Sellers, Ozzy Osbourne and Aerosmith writer Marti Frederiksen, pop chart-topper Sean Douglas and Hawaiian maestro Willie K, with more to be announced.

“We are excited to return and bring a diverse line up ranging from top country to top pop/rock acts,” says Mason Hunter, Executive Director, Events and Strategic Partnerships. "We love the island of Maui and the hospitality and look forward to contributing to a good cause!”

Hosted by Storme Warren, shows will fill choice island venues including Mulligans on the Blue, the Maui Arts and Cultural Center, and the Grand Wailea, a Waldorf Astoria Resort. Nashville’s signature in-the-round acoustic song-swaps will take listeners deep into the stories behind beloved hits, as the festival revolves around unforgettable live music experiences.

To top it all off, the beachy sing-alongs will help fuel noble causes: the gathering benefits key organizations, including Dorvin and Betty Leis Charities, Inc., the Maui Arts and Cultural Center and the BMI Foundation, dedicated to encouraging the creation, performance, and study of music through awards, scholarships, grants, and commissions.

The second annual BMI Maui Songwriters Festival is presented by Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria property, which is offering special rates to attendees. The festival is sponsored by Smokin' Tuna Saloon, HD Radio, SunTrust Bank and Texas Roadhouse, with official transportation provided by SpeediShuttle. Tickets are available at [www.mauisongwritersfestival.com](http://www.mauisongwritersfestival.com/) and include General Admission and VIP ticket packages.

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**About the Maui Songwriters Festival**
The island of Maui will play host to writers of the hit songs that you belt out all alone in your car as part of the second annual BMI Maui Songwriters Festival presented by Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort. Slated for December 1-3, 2016, the festival features intimate in-the-round acoustic concerts with some of the top songwriters sharing songs and the stories behind them, including BMI songwriters Eric Church, Lee Ann Womack, Robert Earl Keen, Scotty Emerick, Marti Frederiksen, Aubrie Sellers, Liz Rose, Willie K, Sean Douglas, and more. As if music in paradise weren’t perfect enough, the gathering benefits the Dorvin and Betty Leis Charities, Inc., the Maui Arts and Cultural Center and the BMI Foundation, dedicated to encouraging the creation, performance, and study of music through awards, scholarships, grants, and commissions.

**About BMI**
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