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Grammy Award Winners Will Champlin & Linda Davis, Billy Dean, John Berry in “The Heart Behind The Music” Songwriter Showcase airing on Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB), and taped at the MSU RILEY CENTER in Meridian, MS

Meridian, MS – July 12, 2017 On Friday, July 28th at 9:00 p.m, and replaying again on Sunday, July 30th at 4:00 p.m., Mississippi Public Television will begin airing of “The Heart Behind The Music” songwriter’s showcase taped at the MSU Riley Center in Meridian, MS.

Four Grammy Award Winners, **Billy Dean, Linda Davis, John Berry and Will Champlin**, take the beautiful Riley Center stage to share insight on how they wrote their hit songs along with some personal favorites you may have never heard. This rare special is an hour long concert filled with great music, great stories and some amazing performances by some of the music industry's top professional musicians.

Also joining the Grammy Award Winners for a special appearance is **Chloe Channell**. Chloe was a finalist on “America’s Got Talent” and has become an accomplished songwriter, herself. This fall, Channell is releasing a CD produced by Billy Dean.

Linda Davis, has spent the two years performing with Kenny Roger's on his "The Gambler's Last Deal" tour. During Christmas 2017, Linda, her husband Lang, and their daughters Hillary (from Lady Antebellum) and Rylee, will visit 20 cities with their Dove Award winning family group, Hillary Scott and the Scott Family, on tour Steven Curtis Chapman. The Scott Family had a #1 hit on the Christian Contemporary Charts in 2017 with their song “Thy Will”.

As the son of Chicago’s keyboardist and vocalist, Bill Champlin, **Will Champlin** has worked with many famous groups and written songs for the mega-group One Direction and cable networks like HBO. Noticeably, his songwriting work on Heather Headley’s 2010 “Audience of One” earned him 2 Grammy wins. This fall Champlin will open select tour dates for Joan Osborne.

Billy Dean, a country music legend, has 3 gold albums certified by Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). He had 11 top ten hits on the Billboard. Currently, Billy is headlining his own weekly live show in Branson, Missouri at the Jim Stafford Theater.

And, **John Berry**, a well-known country solo artist, has had nineteen hits on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, including the Number One single "Your Love Amazes Me". John was also awarded the Horizon Award and nominated top male vocalist by Country Music Association. In the past year, John has been hosting a new cable television show called "Songs and Stories" which is airing on multiple cable TV networks.

If you like music, you will love this show and the incredible acoustics of the MSU Riley Center, located in the heart of downtown Meridian, Mississippi. Don't miss it.

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