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## News Release

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Mark Chesnutt and Cowboy Crush appear at Wildhorse Resort & Casino August 2

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For those who enjoy both listening to and looking at sexy country music performers Wildhorse will have something for everyone with the joint appearance on August 2 of Mark Chesnutt and the all-woman country group, Cowboy Crush. Wildhorse recommends reserving tickets (\$35/\$25) in advance for the 7 p.m. concert (sales begin July 2) by visiting the casino gift shop, calling 800-654-9453, ext. 1128, or visiting

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Chesnutt, a born and raised Texan, is one of those “overnight” sensations who spent nearly a decade in the honky tonk bars before his recordings made him a country music star in the 1990s.

In 1989, he was signed to MCA Nashville. His list of accolades tells the rest of his story. With the release of his first single *Too Cold At Home*, Chesnutt established himself as one of country’s most authentic and talented vocalists. He won the CMA Horizon Award attracting the attention of country legend [and his greatest mentor] George Jones who introduced him as “A boy from Beaumont, Texas who is the real deal.”

That recognition and initial success offered Chesnutt his chance of a lifetime, to do what he loved most—sing country music for country fans; this time, on a national level. “The first couple years it was non-stop.” Chesnutt says. “I can remember one time during a tour, I didn’t step foot on the front porch for ten months, with exception of a day or a day-and-a-half, then, it was right back out again.”

His hits run the range, from the fun tune, *Bubba Shot the Jukebox*, to the emotional ballad, *I’ll Think of Something*, a song that hung at number one for four consecutive weeks. Other hits include: *Your Love is a Miracle*, *Brother Jukebox*, *Blame It On Texas*, *Old Flames Have New Names*, *Old Country*, *It’s Sure Is Monday*, *Almost Goodbye*, *I Just Wanted You To Know*, *Going Through The Big D*, *It’s A Little Too Late*, and *Gonna Get A Life*.

His tour schedule is arduous, a mix of casinos, country festivals and summer fairs, with as many as a dozen concerts per month. Just prior to Wildhorse he appears at the Benton County Fair, then on to an Idaho casino and by the middle of August Chesnutt will be in Mexico and in September in Japan, before beginning to wind down with late fall appearances in Laughlin and Las Vegas.

Cowboy Crush’s schedule this summer looks a lot like Chesnutt’s. At Wildhorse the all-woman country group will provide a vivid match to Chesnutt, with a firecracker style that has led to openings for headliners such as Travis Tritt, Lonestar, Trace Adkins and Chesnutt. In May, 2005, they released the single, *Nobody Ever Died of a Broken Heart*, which climbed the country radio play lists. Last summer the group appeared in the CMA Summer Music Festival, headlined by the Charlie Daniels Band, which appeared at Wildhorse in December.

Band members include Trenna Barnes, lead vocals; Renae Truex, fiddle and mandolin; Becky Priest, vocals and keyboards; Darla Perlozzi, drums and Debbie Johnson, vocals and bass. All of them had knocked around Nashville before coming together in 2003 as Cowboy Crush.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the Pacific Northwest's highest paying casino, with a record \$9.3 million slot jackpot. The Resort includes a 24-hour casino, five restaurants

including the new buffet restaurant, *Traditions*, and new fine-dining restaurant, *Plateau*, the *Players* lounge, weekly live entertainment in the *Wildfire Cabaret*, hotel, RV Park, 18-hole golf course and Tribal museum. It is located just minutes off I-84 at Exit 216, four miles east of Pendleton. For more information: 1-800-654-9453 or [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com). Wildhorse is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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