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Michael Martin Murphey’s ‘Cowboy Christmas’ Returns to the Performing Arts Center for Sixth Season of Furgason Bravo! Series
Annual holiday concert has become a tradition at Island University

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – “Singing cowboy poet” Michael Martin Murphey returns for the holidays with his highly-acclaimed “Cowboy Christmas” concert on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The show, which sells out each year, kicks off the sixth season of the Furgason Bravo! Series.

Since 2005, Murphey’s “Cowboy Christmas” has become a family holiday tradition for Coastal Bend residents and Winter Texans. Murphey will be accompanied by the Rio Grande Band. The concert is sponsored by Whataburger, KFTX “Real Country Radio” 97.5 FM, KLUX 89.5 FM and the City of Corpus Christi’s Arts and Cultural Commission.

Earlier this year, Murphey released his album “Buckaroo Blue Grass II-Riding Song,” sequel to the “Buckaroo Blue Grass,” which hit number one on the Top 50 Bluegrass Chart, in 2009. That year, Murphey served as host of the seventh annual Texas Music Awards and he was honored along with Willie Nelson, Guy Cark and Allen Shamblin by The Texas Heritage Songwriters’ Association at the fifth annual Homecoming Concert held in Austin, Texas.

His nostalgic, down-home, inspirational Christmas show appeals to a broad cross-section of fans and, each year, plays before large audiences in more than 40 cities across the country. One of the best-selling singer/songwriters of American cowboy music since the early 1970s, Murphey broke ground in 1987 with his innovative Christmas show. During his concert, Murphey mixes Christmas classics such as “Joy to the World,” “Go Tell it on the Mountain,” and “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,” with country holiday favorites like “Christmas Cowboy Style,” “the Cowboy Christmas Ball” and “Two-Step Round the Christmas Tree.”

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Throughout his long career, Murphey has had numerous gold records including the album “Cowboy Songs,” and the hit singles “Cowboy Logic,” “Carolina in the Pines,” “What’s Forever For” and “Long Line of Love.” In May 1975, “Wildfire,” reached No. 1 on the Radio and Records charts, No.3 on Billboard’s Pop Chart, and No. 1 on Adult Contemporary Charts. Through his music, Murphey aspires to capture the soul of the deserts, plains and mountains in the soul of America – from the Carolinas to California, from the Great Plains to the Deep South to the Wild North Country.

During the 1970s and 1980s Murphey released a long list of successful albums including “Blue Sky / Night Thunder,” “Geronimo’s Cadillac,” “Swans Against The Sun,” “Flowing Free Forever,” and “Cowboy Songs" which included both Old West classic and Contemporary Cowboy songs.

Tickets are $25 to $35 for adults and $7 for children and students. To order tickets, go to http://tamucc.tix.com; or call 361.825.2787 (ARTS) to charge by phone.

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