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Tickets for the 2011-2012 Furgason Bravo! Series Available Oct. 10
Season includes Michael Martin Murphey, The Alley Cats and The Perfect Gentlemen

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The seventh season of the Furgason Bravo! Series at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will open with the return of the holiday favorite, Michael Martin Murphey’s “Cowboy Christmas” concert, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

The 2011-2012 series also includes a nostalgic show of singing and entertainment with The Alley Cats, America’s premier doo-wop group, and The Perfect Gentlemen, keeping the tradition of vaudeville alive. Tickets will be available beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, at http://tamucc.tix.com; or by calling 361.825.ARTS (2787) to charge by phone.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 – In what has become a packed-house tradition, cowboy poet and musician Michael Martin Murphey returns with his “Cowboy Christmas” concert, a fun and inspirational celebration of holidays past, present and future, for the entire family. Murphey, the number one, best-selling singer/songwriter of American Cowboy Music, broke ground in 1987 with his innovative holiday celebration of traditional American values that now plays in more than 40 cities each year.

While the concert is filled with holiday songs ranging from the inspirational “Joy to the World,” to the spiritual “Go Tell it on the Mountain” and the festive “Cowboy Christmas Ball,” Murphey also gives the audience a special treat with a show-stopping rendition of his chart-topping hit “Wildfire,” and the sentimental favorite “What’s Forever For?” Murphey, a native of Dallas, Texas, is a member of the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame and the Texas Heritage Songwriters Hall of Fame. The concert is sponsored by Whataburger, KFTX “Real Country Radio” 97.5 FM, and KLUX 89.5 FM.

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Friday, Feb. 3 - Back by popular demand, The Alley Cats combine spontaneous humor, comic timing and audience participation to recreate some of the most memorable songs of the 1950s and 1960s. Tight harmonies, universal humor, a cappella energy and audience participation appealing to young and old alike have made The Alley Cats America’s premier doo-wop group.

The Alley Cats have shared the stage with Rock and Roll Hall of Fame recording artists Chubby Checker and the Beach Boys as well as comedian Jerry Seinfeld. In addition to thousands of live performances, the group has provided music for numerous television shows and radio jingles.

Joining The Alley Cats are The Perfect Gentlemen, blending harmony and humor harkening back to the days of vaudeville. Performances include melodious music mingled with masterful mirth, mischief, and merry-making. The Perfect Gentlemen recreate the close harmonies of such legendary groups as the Ink Spots and the Pied Pipers, while including the era’s great comic songs made famous by the likes of Louis Jordan and the Hoosier Hotshots.

Their signature piece, “Salute to the 20th Century,” is a humorous take on the changes in musical tastes over the last century, illustrated by singing the same song in the style of barbershop, Dixieland, blues, big band, doo-wop, bluegrass, disco, techno punk, and rap.

The concert is sponsored by Clear Channel Radio, KEDT 90.3 FM and KLUX 89.5 FM.

Tickets range from $26 to $36. Tickets for children and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi students are $7 (in selected areas) with a valid SandDollars$ ID. For more information, go to http://pac.tamucc.edu; or call 361.825.ARTS (2787) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.