

2026 Las Vegas Songwriters Festival at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas Reveals Opening Night Lineup

**DAVID LEE MURPHY, CRAIG CAMPBELL AND
JERROD NIEMANN**

KICK OFF THREE-DAY EVENT THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

LAS VEGAS (May 28, 2026) – Las Vegas Songwriters Festival (LVSF) today revealed the opening night lineup for its 2026 event scheduled **Thursday, Aug. 20 – Saturday, Aug. 22** at multiple venues throughout **Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino**. Popular country songwriters/singers **David Lee Murphy, Craig Campbell** and **Jerrod Niemann** will kick off the three-day event presented by MGM Resorts International, Entersong Entertainment and Mountain Dew, and co-founded by Rob Hatch, Mike Every and Matt Warren.

Tickets are now on sale, with the “Early Bird” (Friends & Family/first-year event purchasers) pre-sale available until **Tuesday, June 30 at 10 p.m. PT**. Fans can purchase General Admission or VIP tickets, as well as exclusive room-and-ticket packages, making the Las Vegas Songwriters Festival an ideal event to blend live music and a vacation getaway.

Additionally, single day tickets starting at \$45 (not including taxes and fees) go on sale **Friday, June 5 at 10 a.m. PT**. For room and ticket packages, visit [LVSF at Mandalay Bay](#). For additional event information, visit [Las Vegas Songwriters Festival](#).

Nashville Songwriter Hall of Fame member **David Lee Murphy** has helped shape modern country music with songs recorded by Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean, Jake Owen, Luke Bryan, among many others, including hits such as “Big Green Tractor,” “Living in Fast Forward” and “Anywhere With You.” He’s also a chart-topping artist, best known for his iconic hits “Dust on the Bottle,” “Party Crowd” and “Everything’s Gonna Be Alright.”

With RIAA Gold-certified hits “Fish” and “Keep Them Kisses Comin’,” and more than 50 appearances on the Grand Ole Opry, **Craig Campbell** has built a loyal fan base through his authentic country sound and energetic live performances. The Georgia native has performed at CMA Fest and toured alongside Luke Bryan.

Jerrod Niemann first rose to national prominence with his RIAA Platinum-certified hit “Lover, Lover” and RIAA Gold-certified top five single “What Do You Want.” In addition to his success as an artist, he is an acclaimed songwriter whose songs have been recorded by Garth Brooks, Blake Shelton, Lee Brice, and many more.

Throughout the weekend, a wide array of songwriters are scheduled to deliver an intimate, immersive experience to fans. As the masterminds of the world’s most beloved songs, each writer will mix an entertaining live performance with captivating storytelling, revealing the inspiration behind the work – and even hosting select Q&A sessions.

2026 Las Vegas Songwriters Festival Lineup (subject to change)

Anthony L. Smith
Anthony Smith
Ayrton Jones
Billy Montana
Bob DiPiero
Bobby Pinson
Brian Davis
Brian White
Brice Long
Bridgette Tatum
Brinley Addington
Carolyn Dawn Johnson
Clint Daniels
Craig Campbell



D. Vincent Williams
Dave Pahanish
David Lee Murphy
Dean Dillon
Dylan Altman
Earl Bud Lee
Elisha Hoffman
Eric Paslay
Jamie Floyd
Jared Mullins
Jerrod Niemann
Jim McCormick
Jimmy Yeary
Justin Wilson
Keith Stegall
Lance Miller
Liz Rose
Mark Irwin
Marla Cannon-Goodman
Marti Frederiksen
Matt Warren
Paul Jenkins
Phil Barton
Rachel Thibodeau
Ray Fulcher
Rebecca Lynn Howard
Rob Hatch
Shane Minor
Steve Bogard
Tyler Reeve
Wynn Varble

About Mandalay Bay

Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino is set on 120 lush acres featuring Mandalay Bay Beach, a tropical pool paradise with real sand. The Michelob ULTRA Arena, award-winning restaurants, exhilarating entertainment, unique shopping, Shark Reef Aquarium and the 2-million-square-foot convention center combine to make Mandalay Bay a captivating Las Vegas resort destination. The resort offers three distinct hotel experiences: Mandalay Bay with 3,211 luxurious rooms and suites reflecting a modern tropical ambiance; Four Seasons Hotel, offering 424 rooms and suites; and the luxury all-suite W Las Vegas. Mandalay Bay is operated by MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM). For more information and reservations, visit mandalaybay.com, call toll free at (877) 632-7800, or find us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [X](#).

About Entersong Entertainment

Entersong Entertainment is a premier music event producer specializing in curating experiences that connect audiences with the music they love. From intimate performances to large-scale festivals, Entersong is passionate about celebrating the power of song and the incredible talent behind it. The Las Vegas Songwriters Festival reflects Entersong's mission to spotlight the artistry of songwriting and create unforgettable moments for fans. Find out more at entersong.com or find us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

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