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**Center Grand Opening Features Free Concert**  
*“Bridge Bash” Tops Off Friday Events*

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – The sounds of country music superstars will fill the night air Friday, Oct. 18 during a **free** concert as part of “Celebrating at the Center,” the grand opening of the Knoxville Convention Center.

**“Bridge Bash”** will take place on the newly reopened Clinch Avenue Bridge at 6 p.m., immediately following the “official” dedication and ribbon cutting at the Convention Center. The concert is co-produced by WIVK, the Knoxville Convention Center and the City of Knoxville Special Events office.

“We are excited about bringing together this spectacular free concert which will draw thousands from Knoxville and surrounding areas to celebrate the grand opening of the Knoxville Convention Center,” said Steve Queisser, director of marketing for Citadel Broadcasting.

The evening will feature some of the hottest acts out of Nashville including Doug Stone, Chad Brock, Brad Martin and the music of the Dave Landeo Band and Knoxville

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Grass. Concert-goers can also enjoy Chartbuster Karaoke and a wide variety of food and beverages throughout the evening. Vending proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Dogwood Arts Festival. Parking is free in the Locust Street garage, World's Fair Park North, Poplar Street garage, Fort Kid parking lot and the Blackstock lot.

Stone, whose song **“I'd Be Better Off”** was nominated for a Grammy in 1990, had his first 15 singles peak inside the top five with eight hitting number one on the charts. The Newnan, Ga. native broke on to the country music scene in 1990. Brock, a native of Ocala, Fla., released his first album **“Yes!”** in 2000. The title track **“Yes!”** and the single **“Ordinary Life”** brought Brock to the attention of the country music industry. Martin, a prolific songwriter with more than 400 songs in his portfolio, released his first album **“Wings of a Honky Tonk Angel”** in June of this year.

The Dave Landeo Band, an acoustic/electric rock act, is familiar to Knoxville music buffs. Landeo performs under his independent record label Dante Records. He has released his first solo CD project **“She Likes to Shake the Banana”** in which he completed all instrumentation and vocals.

For information about **“Bridge Bash”** visit [www.wivk.com](http://www.wivk.com) or call 588-6511.

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