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GEORGIA MUSIC PARTNERS AND THE RECORDING ACADEMY® ATLANTA CHAPTER CELEBRATED GEORGIA MUSIC DAY AT THE CAPITOL TODAY, MARCH 2, 2016

ATLANTA — Today, both the House of Representatives and the State Senate recognized the impact of Georgia's music industry on our great state with a proclamation marking the day as "Georgia Music Day."

High-profile artists from diverse genres and music business leaders represented the music industry in front of Georgia legislators on the House and Senate floors where they spoke about key issues needed to create jobs and grow the music industry in Georgia, which generates \$3.7 billion in annual revenue.



Musicians in attendance included: **Coy Bowles** (Zac Brown Band), **Brandon Bush** (songwriter, musician, producer — Sugarland, Train, Kristian Bush, John Mayer), **Bryan M Cox** (producer, songwriter — Usher, Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Toni Braxton), **John Driskell Hopkins** (Zac Brown Band), **Michelle Malone** (singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer), **Steve Moretti** (Macon Pops), **Jan Smith** (singer, songwriter, vocal coach, vocal producer, music producer — Usher, Justin Bieber, Drake, The Band Perry, Colbie Caillat), **Tricky Stewart** (producer, songwriter — Beyoncé, Rihanna, Mary J. Blige, Britney Spears, Mariah Carey), **Matt Still** (producer, engineer, mixer — Outkast, Lady GaGa, Elton John), **Peter Stroud** (guitarist — Sheryl Crow, Don Henley, Sarah McLachlan), **Phil Tan** (music/audio engineer — bestsellers including Rihanna, Mariah Carey, Ludacris, Coldplay, Usher), **The Whisky Gentry**.

Performances featured Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame inductee and singer/performer **Katie Deal** (daughter of Governor and Mrs. Deal), followed by two-time Georgia Music Hall of Fame inductee **Ed Roland of Collective Soul** and **Yacht Rock Revue**.

Also in attendance were **Georgia Governor Nathan Deal** and **First Lady Sandra Deal**, **Michele Caplinger** (Senior Executive Director, The Recording Academy Atlanta Chapter), **Tammy Hurt** and **Mala Sharma** (Georgia Music Partners Co-Executive Directors) and more.

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