



**CHARLESTON TEA PLANTATION AND THE BRIDGE AT 105.5
PRESENT THE 4th ANNUAL FIRST FLUSH FES^{TEA}VAL
• CELEBRATING AMERICA'S ONLY TEA GARDEN •**

March 22, 2010-Wadmalaw Island, SC- The Charleston Tea Plantation and The Bridge at 105.5 are pleased to announce the musical line up for the 4th annual First Flush Fes^{TEA}Val to be held on SUNDAY, May 16, 2010 from 11:00am to 6:00pm. This year's headliner is Warner Brothers recording artist Robert Randolph & the Family Band. The event will also feature musical entertainment from national recording artist Cory Chisel and homegrown Bridge artist Crowfield.

In addition to the main stage, Mark Bryan's Chucktown Music Group will be showcasing local acoustic artists including Amber Caparas, John Wesley Satterfield, Mac Leaphart and Mark Bryan himself. Bryan, the multi-platinum and Grammy award winning guitarist/songwriter for Hootie & the Blowfish, is thrilled to present some of the area's top local musical talents at this year's First Flush.

Dedicated to the commencement of the 2010 crop harvest, the First Flush Fes^{TEA}Val is a celebration of America's ONLY tea garden and its popular product line, *American Classic Tea*. The festival name, First Flush, is defined as the growth of new leaves on the tea plants in the spring time after a winter of rest. Their "first flush" of new growth is harvested to produce what avid tea drinkers deem to be the most unique, fresh, and amazing cup of tea. However, the festival is not just about tea! Residents from Charleston and all neighboring towns trek to picturesque Wadmalaw Island to enjoy music, entertainment, art, and local cuisine. This year's vendors include M&C Catering (Mike's Boiled Peanuts), T&T's Original Kettle Korn, Irvin House Vineyard, the Folly Beach Artist Guild and many more, as well as fun games for the kids like the spider jump and jump castle. It is undoubtedly an event for all ages...Fun for the whole family!

The Bridge at 105.5 has played an important role in growing the First Flush Fes^{TEA}Val into one of the best music events on the 2010 calendar. "This station event combines a great location with talent that has gotten better every year. The show has become our most anticipated event. I've been fielding calls about the 2010 First Flush since December" says The Bridge Operations Manager Mike Allen. Adds Music Director Joel Frank, "There is not a better place to be in the spring time than at the Charleston Tea Plantation! The community feeling of the First Flush works perfectly with our drive to provide Charleston with the best music, live and on the radio. A day of Gospel, Blues, Rock N Roll and fresh local tea is what spring time in the Lowcountry is all about."

Come experience the beauty and charm of the Charleston Tea Plantation, American's ONLY tea garden! Learn first-hand how tea is made during an informative Factory Tour, take an enjoyable Trolley Ride through the tea fields and help yourself to all of the FREE iced *American Classic First Flush Tea* you can drink.

Advance tickets are available for special low prices online at www.etix.com. The first 1,055 individual tickets will be sold for \$10. After those are gone or starting April 1st ticket prices will be \$15 and starting May 1st ticket prices will go up to \$20. They will also be available for \$25 on the day of the event at the Plantation entrance. Call 843-559-0383 or check out www.charlestonteaplantation.com and www.1055thebridge.com for more details. Kids 6 and under get in FREE. Buy your tickets today...They are going fast and this event can sell out!

Production and staging for the event will be provided by Other Brother Entertainment.

The Charleston Tea Plantation is the home of American Classic Tea, the ONLY tea grown and produced in America. Located on Wadmalaw Island, the Plantation grounds include 127 acres of Camellia Sinensis tea plants, an operating tea factory, and a charming Plantation Gift Shoppe, where visitors can purchase numerous varieties of American Classic Tea. Also available to guests is an adventurous and educational Trolley Ride, which tours the grounds while telling the story of the Plantation and its ongoing effort to produce American grown tea. For additional information, please visit www.charlestonteaplantation.com or call 843-559-0383.