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Put Election Stress to Rest with Chris McCarty's Eclectic Performance at Skipper's Smokehouse

TAMPA, FLA. – Unwind after elections with Florida native, Chris McCarty, who has shared the stage with the legendary James Brown and opened for big-timers like Dave Mathews, Sister Hazel and Sugar Ray, and is debuting songs from his new album “Chris McCarty Live” during his performance at Skipper's Smokehouse the Friday of election week (Nov. 5) from 9:30 p.m.-12 a.m.

The tri-talented singer, songwriter and guitarist's performances from the new album include “Control,” which has an upbeat tempo with a soulful chorus that began as an adlib backstage with the Dave Mathews Band.

“People often feel the need to be in control of things and the song is about losing control and being okay with it,” said McCarty.

McCarty's song, “Everything” is a personal story about a relationship where a loved one wanted everything. It delves into topics such as when someone wants everything they lose it all and how can people be lovers if they can't be friends. Despite the blue tone it's quite energetic and when he played the not-yet-produced number in front of Garth Brooks, the country star loved it and declared that McCarty shouldn't change a thing.

McCarty's music could be compared to a NPA politician because it doesn't really have a defined genre and could even be in its own. It's a wide variety of rock with a little acoustic-funk-soul-reggae and whatever-else-gets-mixed-in blend. Yet, one thing is certain; his music's high-energy and eclectic vibe combined with his rejection of the idea to only focus on one particular musical style contributes to his huge following across the nation and abroad.

Influenced by all music, McCarty learned to appreciate it at a young age but didn't realize exactly how much he loved it until the day he was scheduled to sign his career as basketball player at the University of Florida. It was this day he knew he was destined to perform as a musician rather than an athlete and on that intuition, joined his friend's band.

Now, McCarty tours throughout Florida and nationally tallying more than 200 performances each year, including shows at prestigious music festivals, such as the Great Southern Music Harvest and the University of Florida's “Gator Growl” crowd of 50,000. Additionally, he has performed at presidential rallies and appeared on major TV programs such as “Sports Center” and as a finalist on the “Rockstar Supernova” television show. Video game enthusiasts will also recognize his song “The Next One,” which is featured in the Sims 2 game. His international gigs range from the frigid climates of Canada to the warm rhythms of Costa Rica. For more information about Chris McCarty visit his Facebook page or click here to view website: www.chrismccarty.com.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Unwind after election stress with eclectic performance and songs from new album “Chris McCarty Live.”

WHO: Chris McCarty, acclaimed, tri-talented singer, song writer and guitarist.

WHEN: 9:30 p.m.-12 a.m., Fri. Nov. 5.

WHERE: Skipper's Smokehouse
910 Skipper Road, Tampa, Fla. 33613
(813) 977-6474

HOW MUCH: \$10 advance, \$13 at door.