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**City of Kemah, Kemah Boardwalk Announce Artist Line-up, Schedule for July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration “Star Spangled Kemah”**

Top Star Events & Entertainment Producing Concert with Jack Ingram, Bri Bagwell, Abbi Walker

(Kemah, Texas) – **Top Star Events & Entertainment**, a division of **Top Star Group**, is pleased to present concerts with Texas Country Music artists **Jack Ingram**, **Bri Bagwell** and **Abbi Walker** as part of “**Star Spangled Kemah**,” a five-day holiday celebration that features nightly fireworks over Galveston Bay, family activities, art and live music June 30 – July 4, 2017 presented by the City of Kemah and Kemah Boardwalk.

“We are thrilled to be producing these concerts with **Jack Ingram**, **Bri Bagwell** and **Abbi Walker** as the community gathers to celebrate the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday,” said **Pierr Castillo**, **CEO of Top Star Group**. “**The City of Kemah and Kemah Boardwalk** have put together a fantastic family friendly event filled with live music, art, food and more in this first “**Star Spangled Kemah**” festival. As a proud member of the local Clear Lake area community, we are looking forward to a successful and fun event.”

“ “**Star Spangled Kemah**” will provide a great staycation opportunity for Bay Area citizens and a grand 4<sup>th</sup> of July adventure for our guests,” said **Wendy Ellis**, **City Administrator/Economic Development Director**. “The City of Kemah is proud to be hosting this event and we plan on making it an annual tradition. The bay breeze, hot Texas country music and fireworks...what could be a more perfect 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration than that?”



With a recording career spanning more than 20 years, **Jack Ingram** has maintained a reputation for uncompromising, personally charged song crafting and energetic, charismatic performances, earning him prominent stature in a prestigious tradition of iconoclastic singer-songwriters. **Ingram** was named Best New Male Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music in 2008. He began writing songs and playing gigs while studying psychology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and quickly earned a rabidly devoted audience while performing high-energy live shows in bars and roadhouses throughout his home state. He is currently promoting the album **Midnight Motel**.

**Bri Bagwell**'s popularity is derived 100% by word of mouth and her raw talent. Her first CD, **Banned from Santa Fe** (2011) sold through several printings and gained traction very quickly among music fans. Her song “**Whiskey**” became her first Top 15 hit on the Texas Music Chart and, in 2013, she released her self-titled EP, which featured “**Hound Dog**” and “**Crazy**.” Named Texas Female Vocalist of the year for 2013 and 2014, **Bagwell** is currently celebrating a Top 10 Texas radio hit with “**Beer Pressure**.”



**Abbi Walker** is a fourth-generation preacher's daughter from south Texas with a big voice and plenty to say. Since the release of her first Country album, **Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang**, in 2012, Walker has been proving herself and her talent to the tough world of Country Music. A fast rising songwriter, **Walker** has celebrated success having been nominated for the Texas Regional Radio Music Awards New Female Artist of the Year and seeing both of her first two radio singles break the top 30, and even the top 20, on Texas Radio.

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“**Star Spangled Kemah**” is a patriotic and lively celebration of the July 4th holiday with five fun-filled days and nights of fireworks and entertainment. Aimed at joining the vibrant community of Kemah and surrounding areas through a variety of live music performances, family activities, a holiday parade and five nights of fireworks, attendance throughout the week is free. A full schedule of concerts, events, vendors and sponsors is available online at [starspangledkemah.com](http://starspangledkemah.com).

**“STAR SPANGLED KEMAH” SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE:**

**5 Nights of Fireworks Displays are at 9:30pm each night at The Kemah Boardwalk**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**

6pm to 9:30pm -- Toucan Alley Art Walk

**SATURDAY, JULY 1**

10am to 10pm -- Keith’s Kemah Bay Day (Proceeds Benefit Texas Equusearch)

**SUNDAY, JULY 2**

*6<sup>th</sup> Street Bayside Bash*

Music and Kids’ Activities

3-7pm – Live music from Rapture

7-9pm – Texas Country from Abbi Walker

**MONDAY, JULY 3**

*Lone Star Block Party* presented by Lone Star Beer

Music and Kids’ Activities

5-6:30pm -- Bri Bagwell

7:30pm -- Jack Ingram

**TUESDAY, JULY 4**

9:30am -- Star Spangled Kemah Parade and Social to follow

For more information, and to stay up-to-date on the latest news, please visit: [www.starspangledkemah.com](http://www.starspangledkemah.com) and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/starspangeld4th/](http://www.facebook.com/starspangeld4th/).

**About Top Star Events & Entertainment**

Pierr Castillo, who owns and operates the parent company Top Star Group, is focused on creating events that are creative, enjoyable and memorable for travelers and sponsors alike. His businesses include Top Star Marketing which has been enormously successful in bringing out-of-the-box marketing and promotional ideas to such companies as Chick-fil-A, Kemah Boardwalk, Typhoon Texas and others. [Topstarentertainment.com](http://Topstarentertainment.com)

**About The City of Kemah**

Kemah, TX is a friendly, resilient bay community providing an oasis for its citizens and unmatched adventure for its guests. This bayside community is only 25 miles south of Houston and 25 minutes north of Galveston. [Kemah-tx.gov](http://Kemah-tx.gov)

**About Kemah Boardwalk**

Kemah Boardwalk, a magnificent 50-acre entertainment complex, was developed by Tilman Fertitta, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Landry's Restaurants, Inc. This spectacular waterfront destination offers themed restaurants, Boardwalk Inn hotel, amusement rides, dancing fountains, mid-way games and retail shops. Restaurants include Landry's Seafood House, Saltgrass Steak House, The Flying Dutchman, Red Sushi, Cadillac Bar and Aquarium Restaurant – an underwater dining adventure featuring a 50,000-gallon tank filled with more than 100 species of colorful fish. [Kemahboardwalk.com](http://Kemahboardwalk.com).