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PETE HOPKINS SELECTED AS VISITRALEIGH.COM'S ROCK WITH THE LEGENDS WINNER

Raleigh, NC – The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau has announced Las Angeles based Pete Hopkins has won the Rock with the Legends Band Search on OurStage.com. Hopkins will open the two-day visitRaleigh.com Benefit Concert for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on September 19 with a 15-minute set of original work.

Hopkins, who lives in L.A., has been a featured artist on VH-1's "Rock Across America" and was a Top Ten Finalist on NBC's "Star of Tomorrow" television series in 2006. Earlier this year he was named a finalist in the acclaimed Independent Music Awards competition and his live performances at the famed Viper Room in L.A., among other places, have received outstanding reviews from national music critics.

Armed with powerful songs and an undeniable voice, his music has been proven to appeal to a wide demographic and broad range of audience. He has immersed himself in his craft, spending years studying guitar, voice, bass guitar, piano and drums. In addition to his skills as a writer, Pete is also an accomplished engineer and emerging music producer. The talented songwriter/producer/multi-instrumentalist, sings, composes and performs on Guitar, Bass, Piano/Keyboards and Drums.

Hopkins was named a Top Ten finalist in the visitRaleigh.com National Band Search by music fans who voted online. Then a panel of music industry experts, musicians, and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and John Entwistle Foundation executive staff and board members met to select the eventual winner.

For more information on Pete Hopkins visit www.ourstage.com/fanclub/petehopkins.

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