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Top David Bowie Tribute Band, Florida's Own Andy Pursell Band Headline Chart-Topping Sixth Annual Bradenton Area River Regatta Musical Lineup

BRADENTON, Fla.— The classic sounds and looks of one of the world's iconic rock and roll artists will be one of the headliners at the **ALL-FREE** sixth annual Bradenton Area River Regatta, Saturday, Feb. 8, along the scenic shorelines of the Manatee River.

Bowie Live, a David Bowie tribute band which formed shortly after the legendary rockers' death in January 2016, will headline the Bradenton River Walk Main Stage as part of the all-day and all-free River Regatta, presented by LECOM.

In just three years, **Bowie Live** has become a nationally booked show with appearances in Las Vegas and other top venues.

"We're so very excited to be bringing BowieLive to the Bradenton Area River Regatta," said Jeff Yeckel, lead guitarist and band director. "From the glam rock of "Ziggy Stardust" to the sophistication of the thin white duke to the 80's and 90's hits, they'll be something for every fan of this absolute legend of music and culture! We cannot wait to see everyone there...let's dance, Bradenton!"

Across the River, "The Andy Pursell Band" tops the Palmetto Main Stage. Started by lead singer/songwriter Andy Pursell in 2015, the band blends country with a rock edge and keeps fans on their feet with an energetic mix of originals and cover songs. The group has performed at venues such as: Grand 'Ole Opry, Hard Rock Café, and the Whiskey a GoGo.

In addition to the featured acts, a collection of powerhouse musical entertainers performs on both stages all day. The Bradenton lineup includes: Delaney and Friends at 2 p.m., followed by the Klick Band...Tribute to the Beatles. Bradenton's Sam Woolf, of American Idol fame, performs his "Chicago" tribute beginning at approximately 5 p.m. Following Woolf is "Shaman" (formed by Del Couch and who has toured throughout the southeast for 20 years) with a tribute to Abba at 5:20 p.m.

Popular regional and national groups performing at the Palmetto Main Stage are: Trevor Bystrom and Firewater at 2 p.m.; The Billy Rice Band with a tribute to George Strait at 3 p.m. Soul Circus Cowboys wrap up the day at the Palmetto stage beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Talented students from The Del Couch Music Education Foundation open all the musical entertainment, performing on both stages starting at noon.

Kicking off the festivities is the De Soto Little Anglers Fishing Derby (at Palmetto Fishing Pier). A ballistic array of pyrotechnics, produced by the world-renown first family of fireworks, Zambelli International, brings the day's events to a climatic end with a fireworks extravaganza sponsored by Manatee Memorial Hospital.

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Full schedule and additional information are available at: bradentonarearegatta.com. Follow all the fun and activities on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RiverwalkRegatta.

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The Bradenton Area River Regatta is produced and managed by ISM/USA—a sports event management and marketing firm with offices in Pittsburgh, PA and Lakewood Ranch, FL.

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About the Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau:

The Bradenton, Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key area is located on Florida's West Coast between St. Petersburg and Sarasota. It is bordered on the north by Tampa Bay, and to the west by the Gulf of Mexico. Easy to get to, but off the beaten path, filled with "Old Florida" ambience brimming with opportunities to experience Florida at its most real and authentic, the Bradenton/Anna Maria Island/Longboat Key area is a part of the state worth discovering and exploring again and again. For more information, please visit www.bradentonqulfislands.com.

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