



## Stevie Van Zandt Added To The Upstage Jam Lineup At The 2017 Asbury Park Music & Film Festival on Friday, April 21 at the Paramount Theatre in Asbury Park, NJ

*Van Zandt to join all-star music performance to be filmed for the Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music*

**ASBURY PARK (April 13, 2017)** – The 2017 Asbury Park Music & Film Festival has announced that Stevie Van Zandt has been added as a special guest to the Upstage jam on Friday, April 21 at the Paramount Theatre in Asbury Park, NJ. The performance will follow the world-premiere of ***Just Before the Dawn***, the documentary that will focus on the legendary Upstage rock club that will include exclusive interviews with many musicians who helped create the aura of the venue. Limited tickets are available now by visiting [www.apmff.com](http://www.apmff.com).

The Upstage jam session will be filmed for the Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music. Artists taking part include E Street Band members David Sancious, Ernest “Boom” Carter and Vini “Mad Dog” Lopez as well as Southside Johnny Lyon, Sonny Kenn, Ricky DeSarno, Joe Petillo, Richard Blackwell, Albee Tellone, Chris Plunkett, Paul Whistler, Billy Ryan, Gerry Carboy, Tommy Labella and the Lakehouse Jr. Pros. Jeff Kazee, current member of the Asbury Jukes, will serve as the night’s music director.

On May 19, **Little Steven and The Disciples of Soul** will be releasing *Soulfire*, their first album in 19 years.

As part of the Festival, **Little Steven and The Disciples of Soul** will also be appearing at the Paramount Theatre on Saturday, April 22 and at the Paramount Theatre on April 21 for a taping of Front and Center. Other performances include **Robert Randolph and the Family Band** with opening performance by the **Matt O’ Ree Band** (April 21 at the Stone Pony), **Mike + The Mechanics** (April 21 at the House of Independents) **Preservation Hall Jazz Band** (April 23 at the Paramount Theatre) and more.

The 2017 Asbury Park Music & Film Festival will be presented by Founding Partners **RWJ Barnabas Health** and **the AsburyPark Press**. The Festival would also like to thank **Two River Community Bank** for their continued partnership.

**About Asbury Park Music & Film Festival**

The APMFF was founded with the mission to benefit the underserved youth in Asbury Park, one of the most challenged youth communities in the country. Funds raised through the APMFF support music programs for these children. Specifically, the APMFF will support three programs including The Hope Academy Charter School, The Hip Hop Institute and the Asbury Park Summer Recreation Music Camp. Over time, the APMFF plans to extend its reach throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties. The Festival will continue to provide music education, instruments and social connection opportunities for children in underserved communities. The Asbury Park Music & Film Festival, Inc. was recently incorporated as a non-profit corporation for charitable purposes.

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