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May's Gulf Songwriter Series

Sunday, September 21, 2025 | 3 PM – 5 PM CST

Pat Byrne to Headline the Next Songwriter Series at JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Fort Payne, AL – The May's Gulf Songwriter Series returns to the JSU Little River Canyon Center on **Sunday, September 21, 2025, from 3 to 5 PM**. Kicking off the afternoon at 3 o'clock is **Jordan Gillis**, a Baltimore native whose soulful blend of rock, funk, and storytelling has made him a rising favorite among local audiences. Headlining the series is internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter **Pat Byrne**, whose Irish roots and powerful voice have earned him recognition on stages around the world.

Pat Byrne, the Irish-born singer-songwriter now based in the U.S., has earned international recognition for his soaring vocals and evocative songwriting. From winning *The Voice of Ireland* to captivating American audiences on major festival stages, Byrne has established himself as a leading voice in contemporary Americana. His songs balance vulnerability with timeless storytelling, connecting powerfully with audiences. Music publication **Ear to the Ground Music** praised his work, saying: "*Pat Byrne's voice has the captivating power of a seasoned troubadour, drawing listeners into songs that feel timeless and deeply personal.*"

Opening the show is **Jordan Gillis**, a gifted guitarist and songwriter celebrated in the Alabama music scene for his soulful sound and captivating live performances. Gillis blends rock, blues, and funk influences into a style that is uniquely his own, bringing both energy and authenticity to the stage.

"We're thrilled to bring another chapter of the May's Gulf Songwriter Series to life at the Canyon Center," said Director Pete Conroy. "These afternoons are more than just music—they're about storytelling, connection, and community. Through this series, we not only celebrate artistry at every level—from international voices to homegrown talent—but also help further our mission of conservation and education, supporting the DeKalb Children's Advocacy efforts."

Tickets: \$25 in advance | \$30 day of show
Coolers are welcome. Purchase tickets online.

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