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### ***Country Musician Mark Mackay Takes Center Stage***

*After opening for Blake Shelton and Tim McGraw this summer, young singer-songwriter Mark Mackay is ready to headline at the Leshler Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek  
**Performance on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 8:00 PM***

**WALNUT CREEK, CA, July 24, 2019** – After releasing a new single and opening for country music sensation Blake Shelton, this summer heats up for singer-songwriter Mark Mackay as he takes the stage at the Leshler Center on Friday, August 9.

This rising country music star's one-night appearance as the headlining talent, presented by Diablo Regional Arts Association (DRAA), takes place after the release of his newest single, "Get Me Through the Night," which is the first of many to be released this year. As if his summer wasn't already action-packed enough, Mackay will open for one of country music's biggest touring names, Tim McGraw, on July 26 at the North Dakota State Fair before making his way back to California for his show on August 9. After performing for large crowds with well over 10,000 attendees, the opportunity to experience Mark Mackay's music in the intimate 300-seat Margaret Leshler Theatre is one not to be missed.

Currently based in Nashville, TN, Mackay is a Bay Area native that boasts a unique blend of country and rock, resulting in a classic, all-American quality. He has performed at the Ryman Auditorium, festivals across the country, as well as alongside country's greatest, including Chris Janson, Cole Swindell, Travis Tritt, and Old Dominion. Mackay has captured audiences with his charm and authenticity as the opening act for rock legends Ted Nugent, Richie Sambora, Orianthi and 38 Special. Being selected for Music Connection Magazine's Top 100 National Live Acts showcases Mackay's ability to connect with his audience and tell stories with his musicianship and powerhouse band. Joining him on stage for his August 9 appearance at the Leshler Center will be Steve Wilson (drums), Zack Hall (bass), Adam Hall (banjo/lap steel), and Jeff Marshall (guitar).

In addition to returning to his home region, Mackay celebrates his birthday on August 9. The entire audience is invited to join Mark and the bandmembers for a special celebration at the end of the 8:00 PM performance.

Tickets are on sale now and available online at [lesherARTScenter.org](http://lesherARTScenter.org) (or [bit.ly/MarkMackay](http://bit.ly/MarkMackay)) and through the Leshler Center Ticket Office, located at 1601 Civic Drive in Walnut Creek, or by phone at **(925) 943-7469** (closed Mondays).

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Mark Mackay's performance at the Leshler Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek is sponsored by the **Women's Artistic Alliance**, a powerhouse group of 100 dynamic women who invest in the arts at the Leshler Center. DRAA is grateful for the Alliance's support in bringing Mark Mackay and his talent back to the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Diablo Regional Arts Association (DRAA)** is the nonprofit partner of the Leshler Center for the Arts (LCA). DRAA enriches the lives of thousands of East Bay residents every year by raising funds to support the full spectrum of arts at the Leshler Center including drama, musical theatre, dance, opera, music, and the visual arts. In addition, through its Arts Access program, DRAA is dedicated to providing families, children, seniors, educators and underserved or at-risk individuals the opportunity to experience the arts. Learn more at [www.draa.org](http://www.draa.org) or follow DRAA on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**: @DRAAattheLCA.

**Leshler Center for the Arts (LCA)** is located in Walnut Creek, California, and is known across the region as the premier destination for exceptional arts and entertainment experiences. Opened in October 1990, the LCA now presents more than 900 productions and events each year, serving more than 350,000 patrons. The LCA is owned and operated by the City of Walnut Creek. Learn more and see upcoming productions at [www.lesherARTScenter.org](http://www.lesherARTScenter.org) or follow the LCA on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**: @LeshlerCenter.