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## **Circuit of The Americas™ announces on-site entertainment during F1™ weekend** *Well-known rock and country artists to take the stage after the races*

**AUSTIN, Texas (Oct. 16, 2012)** – Circuit of The Americas and TAG Presents LLC are pleased to announce the addition of well-known artists **Collective Soul** and **Clay Walker** to the lineup during the FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX™ set for Nov. 16-18. Collective Soul will be performing at the Circuit on Saturday, Nov. 17, and Clay Walker will perform on Sunday, Nov. 18.

Hailing from the city of Atlanta, Georgia, American rock band Collective Soul shot to international fame with their 1993 release *Hints, Allegations and Things Left Unsaid*, and their mega No. 1 hit "Shine." After having been invited to the 25th Anniversary Woodstock concert, Collective Soul went into the studio to record their sophomore follow up. The self-titled *Collective Soul*, released in March of 1995, would be the album that would help define their sound of catchy melodies and guitar driven songs. "Tremble For My Beloved" found Collective Soul on the soundtrack to one of the hottest movies of 2008, *Twilight*.

Clay Walker Jr. is an American country music artist and native Texan. He made his debut in 1993 with the single "What's It to You," which reached No. 1 on the *Billboard Hot Country Singles & Tracks* (now Hot Country Songs) charts, as did its follow-up, 1994's "Live Until I Die." Walker has released a total of 11 albums, including a greatest hits package and an album of Christmas music. His first four studio albums all achieved platinum certification in the United States, and his greatest hits collection and fifth studio album were each certified gold. In addition, he has charted 30 singles on the country charts, including four more No. 1 hits for a total of six: "Dreaming with My Eyes Open," "If I Could Make a Living," "This Woman and This Man" and "Rumor Has It." His most recent album, *She Won't Be Lonely Long*, was released in mid-2010.

"We are thrilled to add musicians of this caliber to our weekend of events at the track during F1 weekend," said TAG Presents President Paul Thornton. "Austin is the Live Music Capital of the World™ so it was important to the Circuit to incorporate live music as part of the fan experience. These artists are an ideal addition to what is expected to be a weekend filled with incredible entertainment."

Concerts will occur at Circuit of The Americas following the day's on-track racing activities and will be included as part of the race fans' experience. **Collective Soul is set to begin at 4:30 pm on Saturday, Nov. 17 and Clay Walker will perform at 3:15 pm on Sunday, Nov. 18.** Additional track entertainment will include multiple stages around various points on the track where local Austin bands will perform during the day on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a dueling piano bar located in the Grand Plaza.

Various stages scattered around the Circuit will include **local artists** performing throughout race weekend. These artists include Dame & Sahara Smith, La Guerrilla, Frontier Brothers, Uncle Lucius, and DJ QD. Details about these acts will be forthcoming.



### **About Circuit of The Americas**

Circuit of The Americas will be a world-class destination for performance, education and business. It is the first purpose-built Grand Prix facility in the United States designed for any and all classes of racing, from motor power to human power, and is home to the 2012 FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX™ set for Nov. 16-18. Racing series joining the Circuit's 2013 line-up include MotoGP™, V8 Supercars™ and GRAND-AM Road Racing™.

The Circuit of The Americas' master plan features a variety of permanent structures designed for business, education, entertainment and race use. Its signature element will be a 3.4-mile circuit track. Other support buildings will include an expansive outdoor live music space, a conference center, a banquet hall as well as a state-of-the-art medical facility. Future proposed amenities include a driving/riding experience, a motorsports driving club, kart track, grand plaza event center and tower, and a trackside recreational vehicle park. For more information and downloadable video, audio and photos, visit: [www.CircuitofTheAmericas.com](http://www.CircuitofTheAmericas.com).

### **About TAG Presents LLC**

TAG Presents focuses on the creation and promotion of live entertainment events. TAG possesses an unrivalled combination of production and promotion experience across the full spectrum of live entertainment genres, including musical concerts, comedians, speakers, sports exhibitions, festivals and corporate events. TAG Presents is managed by Paul Thornton, and he and his team have produced events with such A-list artists and clients as The Eagles, Eric Clapton, Tim McGraw, Keith Urban, Black Eyed Peas, Pepsi, AOL, HP and many others. Events produced by TAG have aired on ABC, CBS, Fox Sports and other networks.

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