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Grammy winner Richard Marx with Barrett Baber to perform the Grand-Opening of the newly renovated El Dorado Municipal Auditorium

El Dorado – *Main Street El Dorado & Murphy USA* will present *An Evening with Richard Marx* with special-guest **Barrett Baber** on Friday, July 8th at the *El Dorado Municipal Auditorium* (100 W 8th). The concert will serve as the *Grand Opening* of the newly-renovated *El Dorado* facility.

As a performer, songwriter and producer, *Richard Marx's* nearly three-decade long career has had innumerable highlights. The Chicago native and *Grammy award* winner has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide. His mainstream success began with his self-titled debut which spawned four #5 singles, including the chart-topping *Hold on to the Nights with Don't Mean Nothing* earning him a *Grammy* nomination for *Best Male Rock Vocal Performance*. The follow-up, 1989's *Repeat Offender*, was even more successful, hitting #1 and going quadruple-platinum with two #1 singles in *Satisfied* and *Right Here Waiting*. When both *Rush Street* (with two #1 hits in *Keep Coming Back* and *Hazard*) and *Paid Vacation* (with its #1 hit *Now and Forever*) went platinum, *Marx* achieved a seven-year string of triumphs that rivaled any in pop-rock music history. To this day, he is the only male artist in history to have his first seven singles reach the Top 5 on the *Billboard* charts.

For most artist, that would be impressive enough –but *Richard Marx* didn't stop there, launching a second, very successful, incarnation as a songwriter and producer with songs like *To Where You Are*, the first hit single from *Josh Groban's* debut album, as well as the *NYSNC* smash, *This I Promise You*. He went on to earn a *2004 Song of the Year Grammy* for co-authoring *Luther Vandross' Dance with my Father*. Across all formats, *Marx* has scored an amazing total of 14 #1 singles (including *Keith Urban's* #1 smash *Long Hot Summer*) both as a performer and songwriter/producer, making him a true multi-talented threat who continues to challenge himself and his fans. He holds the honor of being one of a handful of artist who has had a number one hit in each of the past four decades.

NBC's The Voice finalist and *Arkansas* native *Barrett Baber* gave millions of viewers one of the most memorable introductions to a true artist and entertainer the show has ever seen. With commanding performance energy, *Barrett* owned the stage from round 1, and his unique, soulful country sound stood out among the entire show as something truly special. *Blake Shelton* says, "*Barrett* sounds like no one else on country radio. He can be a superstar in Country music." Also winner of the national *CBS Grammy Gig of a Lifetime* in 2014, *Barrett* continues to deliver, wowing fans as well as the music industry.

Tickets are reserved-seating and go on-sale to the public on Monday, April 11th at 10 AM and will be available at www.mainstreetdorado.org or by calling the office of Main Street El Dorado at (870) 862-4747. Ticket prices are \$40 (*Orchestra*), \$35 (*Parquet*).

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