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Local Musicians Coming Together To "Move Mountains" For Non-Profit Music Organization

Oklahoma City, OK -- On Friday, March 27th, 2015 at 8 PM, the local music community will be coming together to raise funds and bring awareness to the Music Moves Mountains Foundation, a local non-profit organization offering music as a means of therapy, recovery and community outreach. Organized by students at ACM@UCO and led by instructor Scott Keeton, the event will be taking place at the legendary Blue Door, an all ages listening venue, located at 2805 N. McKinley, OKC, OK 73106, PH (405) 524-0738. Performers include North Meets South, Chelsea Cope, Brauk Brashear, Ben Brock, Jade Castle, Josh Qualls, and The Indigos, as well as a special appearance by music therapy recipient Jake McGehee (winner of the Jim Thorpe Courage Award) of the Jake Adams Band. Refreshments will be provided by local sponsors, or patrons may bring in their own beverages. A tax-deductible cash or credit donation of any amount will be accepted at the door (suggested \$20 donation) for the Foundation and all proceeds will go to directly to regional music therapy services, music education programs and community outreach.

The Music Moves Mountains Foundation was launched in 2012 in response to the lack of state support and resources in the community for music therapy, music education and related services, especially for the underserved and special needs populations. The benefit will coincide with this year's Southwestern Region of the American Music Therapy Association (SWAMTA)'s annual conference taking place in Oklahoma City on March 26-28. The Foundation hopes to help bring in more awareness, advocacy and support for the Board-certified medical practice that changes and improves lives on a daily basis.

To find out more about the benefit and its participating artists, visit the event page on Facebook <u>MMMF benefit invite</u>. To learn more about the Foundation and to get involved, go to <u>www.musicmovesmountains.org</u> ; for more information on the Blue Door, please visit <u>http://www.bluedoorokc.com/</u>.