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'King Mackerel & the Blues Are Running' Returns to Carteret County

MOREHEAD CITY - The Coastal Cohorts are bringing their hit musical "King Mackerel & The Blues Are Running" back to Carteret County to celebrate the show's 30th anniversary.

Don Dixon, Bland Simpson and Jim Wann will perform their popular show, featuring songs and stories of the Carolina coast, on April 17-18 in Joslyn Hall at Carteret Community College. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

The music celebrates life on the Carolina coast with a combination of upbeat tunes and ballads, along with stories of pier-fishing, shag-dancing, ghosts and shifting sands. The late Clive Barnes, then the theater critic for the New York Post, called the show "a pure salt-watered delight."

The presentation is a joint fundraiser for the N.C. Coastal Federation and the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island.

"As 'King Mackerel & The Blues Are Running' focuses on three old friends who like to get together as often as possible and fish the coastal Carolina waters, we've always known the show shared deep, down-home values with the N.C. Coastal Federation and the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center," said

Simpson, a federation board member. "Staging 'King Mackerel' together has always been a wonderful experience."

"From both cultural and environmental perspectives, 'King Mackerel's' Coastal Cohorts are straight-ahead fellows who want to see things stay good and healthy and right on the coast, not just for themselves but for all their families, kin and friends. There's a we're-in-this-together Cohort spirit that also typifies the federation and the museum, and that's why the show and these two groups are such a good fit."

Tickets and sponsorships are available online at www.nccoast.org. For more information, call the federation at 252.393.8185 or the museum at 252.728.1500.

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About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:

"Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters office is located at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wrightsville Beach and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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