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## **“Splish, Splash, it's a Musical Bash” at Venetian Festival 2011**

### **Event Hosts Saving Abel, Cinderella, and Jack Ingram**

Get ready for the Venetian Festival to make a splash in your summer! The event will celebrate it's 33rd year on the St. Joseph waterfront July 14th to July 17th.

Kicking off the Shadowland Pavilion main stage concert series on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> is Saving Abel. Combining big riffs and memorable melodies, Saving Abel has created a polished combination of Southern and Alternative rock.

Formed in Corinth, Mississippi, the quintet's major label debut was released by EMI in 2008. One year and five days later on March 16, 2009, it was certified gold by the RIAA. As they emerged from the shadows cumulatively selling millions of digital downloads of singles which included “Addicted,” “18 Days,” and “Drowning (Face Down),” and enjoyed the certification of their debut, the band has laid the foundation for a long, successful future.

Saturday, July 16th, the Festival will welcome hard rock icons, Cinderella. Back with the all original line-up, the band is celebrating the 25th anniversary of their debut album *Night Songs*, which was released in June 1986 and achieved triple platinum status. The band will be tearing through a set spanning all four of their records including their biggest hits.

On July 17th, the Venetian Festival will play host to the popular Y-Country Summer Jam Sunday featuring Jack Ingram. Winner of the 2008 Academy of Country Music award for “Best New Male Vocalist,” Ingram has been celebrated by critics and fans of hard-core country music for more than a decade.

His most recent album, *Big Dreams & High Hopes*, produced the top twenty single “*That's A Man*,” and “*Barefoot and Crazy*” appears poised for a lot more airplay.

Reserved seating tickets for the Shadowland Pavilion series will go on sale April 1st. Lawn seating general admission tickets will go on sale at a date to be announced later. Reserved seating for Saving Abel is \$30, Cinderella is \$35, and Jack Ingram is \$25. Lawn seating general admission is \$20 for all shows. At an incredible value, a limited number of collectible Venetian Festival Passport Pins are available for 20.00. Purchase of the pin entitles the holder lawn seat entry into all gated concerts all weekend. Tickets will be available at the radio station studios of Midwest Family Broadcasting, 580 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, or online by visiting [www.venetian.org](http://www.venetian.org) starting April 1st.