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## **CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND**

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### **Thomas Oliver Performs for "Third Thursdays on Tybee" September 16**

Tybee Island, GA – (September 8, 2010) Tybee Island's Better Hometown Program is pleased to announce that Thomas Oliver will perform September 16 from 5:30pm until 6:30pm at the Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout for *Third Thursdays on Tybee*, the family-friendly, free, outdoor musical concert series.

Georgia singer/songwriter, Oliver and his wife moved from Atlanta to Tybee fulltime last year. His music is straight from the rich heritage of Southern music – the roots of Americana and real country. His sound has been compared to Alan Jackson's and Dwight Yoakum's. His passion for music and a blend of Americana, classic country songs has earned him a few award-winning originals. Most notably, the Georgia Music Industry Association honored five songs from Thomas' two CDs at two of its Best of Country showcases. Oliver most often plays as a duo with either George Moser or Chip Zulliger in most venues, performing originals along with a wide range of covers from Johnny Cash to the Grateful Dead, and Elvis Presley to Delbert McClinton and Old Crow Medicine Show. His talents have been previewed throughout this past successful season at a number of Tybee venues as well as the surrounding areas.

Beyond his musical talent, Oliver is a graduate from UGA, that followed with a career in journalism which included senior writing and management positions at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as well as the publication in 1986 of the international best seller: "The Real Coke, the Real Story".

In true tradition of the popular Third Thursdays on Tybee performances, Oliver will perform all original music from his two CD's, as well as new songs that have yet to be recorded. He will be joined by others he performed with in Atlanta under the name of Usual Suspects, which included Wade Watkins on lead guitar and Jake Pollard on harmonica and harmonies. He is delighted that his past band members will be joining him here for this September performance.

Enjoy a stroll and experience the shops, restaurants and outdoors around the southern portion of the Business Corridor while taking in a listener's delight. This music series provides free, family-friendly, outdoor music. In case of inclement weather, Oliver will perform inside Spanky's Beachside on The Strand.

These concerts are made possible with assistance from the City of Tybee Island, private donations, and sponsorship support from WRHQ-FM and Creative Approach. Part of Tybee Island's Better Hometown Program mission is to "support and encourage the arts as a cultural endeavor and economic engine on the Island." *Third*

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*Thursdays on Tybee* continues to promote awareness of Tybee Island as an inviting and thriving arts community. For more information about this program or the Better Hometown Program, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.

*About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee's Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island's raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New Year's Days off the Walter W. Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.*

*About Tybee Island's Better Hometown Program: Tybee's Better Hometown Program follows a comprehensive revitalization process that improves all aspects of a commercial district. Better Hometown is a self-help approach to economic development for downtown areas designed to grow business and improve a community's quality of life. With broad-based community support, it integrates a practical management strategy with the physical improvements of buildings and public spaces, promotion and image building, and economic development in the area. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.*



Thomas Oliver will perform September 16 at 5:30PM at the Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout on Tybee Island.

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# Third Thursdays on Tybee

"A Listener's Delight" - Outdoor Music on the Island.

SEPT 16 - 5:30-6:30pm

Thomas Oliver  
Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout\*

OCTOBER 21 - 5:30-6:30pm

Megan Panther & Darryl E. Horne  
The Lot at Tybee Oaks\*

For More Information

Please Call

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NOVEMBER 18 - 5:30-6:30pm

Savannah Ceili Band  
Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout\*

\*Inclement weather locations will be within walking distance from original location.



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