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**ALISAL GUEST RANCH PROUDLY PRESENTS
JIM MESSINA
AND
THE SONGWRITERS' PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP
A week-long intensive workshop for singer-songwriters February 5-12, 2012**



And for the Concert-Going Audience

**A SPECIAL WEEKEND CONCERT PACKAGE
Presented by The Alisal Guest Ranch, February 10-12, 2012**

Singer-songwriters are invited to come and learn from the legendary performer during this week-long workshop concluding with a Saturday night concert performance

(Solvang, CA; October 12, 2011) – Over the years fans have listened to [Jim Messina](#) perform the songs and music he created in bands such as The Buffalo Springfield, POCO, and Loggins and Messina. Now is a chance for singer-songwriters to in turn to have Jim Messina come and listen to them perform the songs and music they create at [The Alisal Guest Ranch & Resort](#).

Singer-Songwriters from around the country will gather to attend the Songwriters' Performance Workshop, a "Six-Day Intensive" to develop their songwriting and performance skills.

THE SONGWRITERS' PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

Unlike "fantasy" rock camps, this is the "real deal" for singer-songwriters who wish to explore their creative selves. During this "Six-Day Intensive" workshop, Jim Messina will work with singer-songwriters to help them learn new ways to find the words to express their emotions and feelings in lyrical terms.

Created and facilitated by Jim Messina, the week begins with the first few days focused primarily on songwriting. By mid-week, participants begin working on performing their own songs in preparation for the workshop's Saturday evening concert. On the eve of the sixth day, attending songwriters will perform their original songs and poems in front of a live concert audience staying at the Alisal Guest Ranch.

Dates: February 5-12, 2012

Workshop Tuition: The workshop tuition is a separate fee of \$3,000 per participant.

To enroll in the Workshop: Call 805.686.1862

For Workshop Accommodations: The stay at Alisal is \$255 per night for single; \$355 per night for double rooms, which includes accommodation in a deluxe room and all meals daily. Call 888.4.ALISAL or email reservations@alisal.com

For additional information about the workshop: Visit www.jimmessina.com

THE ALISAL GUEST RANCH and RESORT CONCERT-GOERS WEEKEND

SPECIAL "WEEKEND CONCERT PACKAGE" is available to Alisal guests for the weekend of February 10-12, 2012.

The Alisal Guest Ranch is offering a special "Weekend Concert Package" inviting guests to come and enjoy "**An Intimate Evening of Acoustic Music and Fine Dining**" with Jim Messina and the Songwriters' Performance Workshop participants performing acoustically. Celebrity Guest Singer Songwriters will also perform together with Jim Messina at the close of the concert evening.

Price: \$1395 for two (taxes and service charges included)

Weekend Package includes: accommodation in a deluxe room for 2 nights, breakfast, dinner, Saturday Night Performance and Wine Dinner, Ranch activities.

Reservations: Call 888.4.ALISAL or email reservations@alisal.com

ABOUT ALISAL: The Alisal Guest Ranch and Resort offers 73 telephone-and-television-free guest cottages and suites, more than 50 miles of horseback riding trails, two 18-hole championship golf courses, a 6500 square foot spa and fitness center, six tennis courts and a 100-acre spring-fed lake with water sports, including fly fishing, canoeing and kayaking.

The Alisal Guest Ranch and Resort has long been considered the premier full-service guest ranch for couples, families, and conferences since it opened in 1946. This secluded hideaway is one of the few places where time seems reluctant to move forward.

ABOUT JIM MESSINA: Jim Messina in 1966 began working with **The Buffalo Springfields** as a recording engineer on their second album entitled, "Buffalo Springfield Again." In 1967, Messina became the band's bass player. Within a number of months, **Ahmet Ertegun** president of Atlantic Records asked Jim if he would take on the role as the band's engineer and producer for their third and final album, "Last Time Around." After The Buffalo Springfield disbanded, Messina in 1968 cofounded the legendary country rock band **POCO** with **Richie Furay**. Messina switched from being a bass player to playing lead guitar in POCO and wrote, sang and produced the group's first hit single, "You Better Think Twice." From June of 1968 until October of 1970, Messina toured, performed and produced three albums on POCO, until his departure at the end of 1970 at which time, he was signed as an independent record producer to Columbia Records. His first project as a producer was for a singer-songwriter by the name of Kenny Loggins. Messina's efforts to bring **Kenny Loggins** to stardom can first be traced back to his performances on an album entitled, "**Kenny Loggins with Jim Messina Sittin' in.**" From that album on, Jim Messina sat alongside Kenny Loggins for five more years to produce 8 Gold albums and 5 Platinum albums as a singer-songwriter and performer in a duo best known as, **Loggins and Messina**. Messina continues to tour and make records as a solo artist. In addition, he dabbles in the fine arts as a painter working both in watercolor and acrylics. Messina enjoys carpentry and building "cowboy" furniture, as well as old distressed Scottish- and Irish-style pine furniture. He enjoys the art of metal work and welding, especially making gates, tables, tools and fine metal lighting fixtures alongside his mentor and friend, Hans Duus. He continues to work in the field of electronics both as a studio owner and as a recording and mixing engineer. He is the creator and owner of "The Songwriters' Performance Workshop" wherein he leads "Six-Day Intensive" workshops for songwriters and singers at retreats, resorts and hotels around the country.

For additional information or travel accommodations, contact the Alisal Guest Ranch and Resort at 888.4.ALISAL, via e-mail at reservations@alisal.com or visit the Ranch on the web at www.alisal.com.

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