Country star expected to draw in students at Family Weekend 2005



Jo Dee Messina

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With Family Weekend just around the corner, Jo Dee Messina is set to perform at 8 p.m. on September 24 in Trask Coliseum. Parents, siblings and family friends are invited to the UNCW campus for Family Weekend 2005, single, "My Give a Damn's Busted," instantly which will be held Sept. 23-25.

Messina, an award-winning, multi-platinum artist is invited to perform by the UNCW Family Weekend committee.

Messina has been honored by many organizations including, the Country Music

Association, the Academy of Country Music and the Grammys. The first female country artist to score three multiple-week numberone songs from the same album, Messina has also had eight number one singles. According to a recent press release, Messina speaks out about her passion for music.

"Music has always been an enormous part of my life," said Messina. "It's not just something I do, it's part of who I am. Songwriting to me is my refuge, a safe place to me where I can go to spell out my emotions, especially when dealing with tough situations. It helps me to gain perspective. You could say that songwriting gives me emotional freedom."

In April of 2005, Messina released her 4th studio album, "Delicious Surprise." Her rose to #9 on the R&R Singles Chart and #10 Messina has performed it during her tour this tickets.com. on Billboard.

Beginning August 30, Curb Records decided to make one of Messina's other hit singles, "Heaven Was Needing a Hero" available through iTunes. This previously unre-

leased track was originally recorded during number of students in attendance at the the sessions for her current album. The song was written by Messina in honor of all the fallen soldiers from the Iraq war and has been about the concert," Lisa Ho, a junior said. "We drawing standing ovations every night that decided to make it a roommate outing and

annual concerts.

"My roommate was the one who told me

attend the event together. Messina's songs are gaining immense popularity by climbing the country Billboard charts and I'm really excited about seeing her perform."

Tickets may be purchased by visiting www.uncw-

past summer.

Students around the campus have been ule of events, please visit http://www. heard chatting about the upcoming event. Even if some don't attend all the events of Family Weekend, there are usually a higher

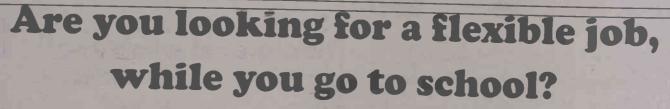
WHO | Jo Dee Messina

WHEN | 8 p.m. Sept. 24

PRICE | \$24.50

WHERE | Trask Coliseum

For more information and a scheduncw.edu/stuaff/transitions/documents/ FamilyWeekendNewsletter.pdf.



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