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## PIANO MAN'S PIANO MAN TO HEADLINE FIRST SHOW OF B.E.A.M.S.

Rock and blues pianist Jeff Jacobs will headline the inaugural show in the Barnhart Entertainment, Arts and Music Series (B.E.A.M.S.) on Thursday, March 28, at the Gertrude R. Jones Auditorium on the campus of Coastal Bend College.

The Barnhart Entertainment, Arts and Music Series is a partnership between the Joe Barnhart Foundation and the Coastal Bend College Foundation aimed at bringing a variety of educational and entertaining shows to the Beeville area.

The series is being funded by a grant provided by the Barnhart Foundation.

"We are excited to partner with the Barnhart Foundation to launch the Barnhart Entertainment, Arts and Music Series," said Coastal Bend College Foundation Executive Director Paul Cantrell. "We look forward to the opportunity to bring the Beeville area some really fun and engaging shows that will both entertain and educate."

Jacobs, formerly a member of the band Foreigner and a keyboardist for Billy Joel, will headline the first show in the series later this month on the college's Beeville campus.



Jacobs played with Foreigner for 17 years after he was offered a spot in the band by frontman Mick Jones, who first saw Jacobs when he was the producer on Billy Joel's Storm Front album. Jacobs played keyboards on "We Didn't Start the Fire," which was Joel's third single to reach No. 1 in the United States on the Billboard Hot 100.

Jacobs has played and toured with Joel, Foreigner, Julian Lennon, Lou Gramm All Stars, Heather Hadley, Twista, Sugar Blue, Phil Ramone, Dan Korchmar, Laura Brannigan and many others.

Jacobs will take the stage at 7 p.m. on March 28. Doors for the show open at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the show will be available for purchase online at coastalbendcollege.ticketleap.com/jeffjacobs for \$5 each.

For more information, or to order tickets over the phone, call 361-354-2348.