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### **Legendary Charlie Daniels Band at FireLake Grand**

Shawnee, OK- Grab your cowboy hat and boots! The Charlie Daniels Band have rosined up their bows for the extravaganza at FireLake Grand on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. You know they are going to play it “hot!”

Born on October 28, 1936, Charlie Daniels grew up in North Carolina. During his teenage years, he learned to play the fiddle and guitar and was a part of several bands. When Charlie decided to make music his career, he put together a band called the Jaguars. He wrote songs and the band got a recording session at Epic Records. Unfortunately, the band didn’t hit the big time, but one of Daniels’ songs, “It Hurts Me,” was recorded by Elvis Presley. On advice from a producer, Charlie moved to Nashville and became a session musician. He soon was one of the most popular fiddle players there and was able to play on a number of big name albums.

By 1972, the Charlie Daniels Band had formed with a Southern rock sound. Their first minor hit entitled *Uneasy Rider* was released in 1973. *Fire on the Mountain* followed in 1974 and went gold then platinum. In 1975, *Nightrider* hit the Top 40 country charts with the hit “Texas.” The band’s first Top Ten album that went gold was *Saddle Tramp*.

Then Daniels changed directions toward a more country band. “The Devil Went Down to Georgia” hit the number one spot in the country charts and the number 3 spot on the pop charts. It was awarded the CMA Single of the Year, and became a multi-platinum hit. The Charlie Daniels Band, known for its instrumental expertise, is also identified with the “down-home, good-old-boy attitude” and stands as a symbol of conservative country values.

“I used to say, ‘I’m not an outlaw; I’m an outcast,’” says Daniels. “When it gets right down to the nitty gritty, I’ve just tried to be who I am. I’ve never followed trends or fads. I couldn’t even if I tried. I can’t be them; I can’t be anybody but me.”

To purchase tickets call 964-7777 or log on to [www.firelakegrand.com](http://www.firelakegrand.com).

Presented with pride by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, FireLake Grand Casino features more than 1,800 Vegas-style games in the beautiful 125,000 square foot facility, from the hottest slot machines to some 100 table games. As all games are designated “Class 3, Oklahoma Compact,” six percent of FireLake Grand’s net gaming revenue goes to support the state’s public education. Dining options range from sizzling steaks at Embers Steakhouse to the exciting Grandstand Sports Grille and The Grand Buffet. The Casino is conveniently located just east of Oklahoma City on Interstate 40 at Exit 178.

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