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## SHAKEY GRAVES

Headlines at

### Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival

**The Most Authentic Food and Music Festival in the Nation returns for its 26<sup>th</sup> Year**

**NORFOLK, VA – (April 6, 2015)** – Norfolk Festevents announces National Recording Artist Shakey Graves will perform on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival for a waterfront performance at Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

Rose-Garcia is professionally known as Shakey Graves, and with his new record, "And the War Came," he extends the ground -- emotionally and sonically -- broken by his 2011 self-released debut album, "Roll the Bones," which brought him national acclaim and, three years later, still ranks near the top of Bandcamp's digital best-seller charts.

"Roll the Bones" established the powerful, mesmerizing Shakey Graves sound of Rose-Garcia accompanying himself on guitar and a handmade kick drum built out of an old suitcase. NPR Music named him one of 10 artists music fans "should've known in 2012," describing him as "astonishing...unclassifiably original. And frighteningly good." Paste included him in a "Best of What's Next" feature, praising his "gnarly composite of blues and folk," while The New York Times observed that Shakey Graves "makes the one-man band approach look effortless.

But while this distinctive arrangement continued to earn him an ever-expanding fan base on the road, Rose-Garcia knew that he wanted the follow-up to achieve something different. "With the first album, I didn't have any expectations except my own," he says. "This time, I was making something people were going to listen to out of the gate. I tried to maintain everything I enjoy about recording, the weird homemade aspect, but I was seeking a new, shining sound quality. The concepts for the songs are a little bigger. This is not the 'Mr, Folk, Hobo Mountain' album

-- it's more of the Cyborg Shakey Graves. It's definitely the next step in the staircase."

To record "And the War Came," co-producer/collaborator Chris Boosahda brought all of his gear to Rose-Garcia's house and converted the space into a big, open studio. Though the signature Shakey Graves set-up remained the starting point, other instrumentalists came in and multiple, wildly different arrangements of the songs were attempted for what was initially planned as a double album.

The themes of these ten songs, explains Rose-Garcia, return over and over to the idea of the "other." "It's not about any single person, it's about being that second, other person. Even the title -- I never thought about whether I was able to handle that aspect of things, of having these relationships. 'And the War Came' is a little bit of, be careful what you wish for."

While his remarkable success story continues to unfold, Alejandro Rose-Garcia sees "And the War Came" as a pivotal step in the evolution of Shakey Graves. "This is a doorframe album, as we're going into a new building," he says. "It's taste of everything -- what might come in future, which might include just guitar or the one-man band thing, but not pigeonholed to any one sound. I wanted to open some stuff up and get people ready for wherever it's going."

Other National Artists performing at Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival previously announced include:

Preservation Hall Jazz Band  
Hurray for the Riff Raff  
Big Sam's Funky Nation  
George Porter, Jr. & Runnin Pardners  
The Iguanas  
Hot 8 Brass Band  
CJ Chenier & the Red Hot Louisiana Band  
The Deslondes  
Feaufollet  
Meschiya Lake & the Little Big Horns  
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The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival takes place Friday, June 19-Sunday, June 21, 2015 at Town Point Park on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront. This popular 3-day festival delivers the heart and soul of Louisiana to visitors of Town Point Park in true Cajun and Creole style. To purchase tickets, visit [Festevents.org](http://Festevents.org) or call 757.441.2345. Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival is produced by Norfolk Festevents, presented by AT&T. Sponsors include Southern Hospitality Auto Group, CFE Equipment Corporation, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Pepsi, Abita Brewing Company, and WVEC TV 13.

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