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## Media Alert

### Babe Club to open Spoleto's Wells Fargo Festival Finale at Firefly *The Charleston-based band will play before headliner Shakey Graves on June 12*

**What:** Charleston-based band Babe Club will open the Wells Fargo Festival Finale at Firefly Distillery, playing before headliner Shakey Graves.

**Tickets:** Tickets to the Wells Fargo Festival Finale featuring Shakey Graves are available online at [spoletousa.org](http://spoletousa.org), by phone: 843.579.3100, or the in-person kiosk at the Charleston Gaillard Center from 11:00am to 5:00pm daily. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, pending availability. Tickets are \$40. Tickets for children ages 6 to 12 are \$20, and children ages 5 and under are admitted free of charge.

**When:** Sunday, June 12, 2022. The doors will open at 5:00pm with music beginning at 6:30pm. The event will end with fireworks at 10:00pm.

**Where:** Firefly Distillery: 4201 Spruill Avenue, North Charleston

**Details:** Chairs and blankets will be permitted; tents are not allowed. Bags will be subject to check. Coolers with food will be permitted, but outside beverages are prohibited. Refillable water bottles are encouraged—there will be water stations. Food, cocktails, beer, and nonalcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

**ROAD CLOSURE:** In anticipation of this event, Spruill Avenue—between Gullah Avenue and just south of the distillery's entrance—will be closed for street parking all day and will be closed to through-traffic from 9:00pm to 11:00pm. Spruill Avenue is anticipated to reopen to traffic beginning at 11:00pm.

**GETTING THERE:** Ridesharing is encouraged. Free parking lots are located at Riverfront Park and Charleston Rigging. A free round-trip shuttle will begin at 4:30pm for park-and-ride service to Firefly Distillery.

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## BABE CLUB

Charleston-based band Babe Club is the brainchild of Jenna Desmond and Corey Campbell: the two met at the College of Charleston and quickly became collaborators. Following graduation, Desmond and Campbell joined the Americana act Susto and, after a few years playing huge stages and major festivals all over the country, they departed that band to begin crafting their own sound—ultimately landing on something dreamy and melancholic. In Babe Club’s latest musical endeavors, their cool-toned synth pop is intimate and emotionally intense, and though Desmond’s bold vocals remain at the center, the band now also includes MEG HA on keys and Julius DeAngelis on drums. Babe Club’s latest single, “That Feeling,” has its origins in the pandemic. Desmond was unemployed for six months and suddenly had all the free time in the world to sit around and feel anxious about her future. She felt discouraged about releasing new music. “That Feeling,” she says, is “about adulthood-induced depression—when you realize you’re all alone and you’re not naïve anymore.” Still, the song marks an exciting shift for the band, which plans to release more music in the next year.

## SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

Spoletto Festival USA was founded in 1977 by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Gian Carlo Menotti, who sought to create an American counterpart to the annual Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy, that he had founded in 1958. Now in its 46th year, Spoleto Festival USA is internationally recognized as America’s premier performing arts festival. For 17 days and nights each spring, Spoleto Festival USA fills Charleston’s historic theaters, churches, and outdoor spaces with performances in opera; theater; dance; and chamber, symphonic, choral, and jazz music. Spoleto’s mission is to present programs of the highest artistic caliber while maintaining a dedication to young artists, a commitment to all forms of the performing arts, a passion for contemporary innovation, and an enthusiasm for providing unique performance opportunities for established artists. Beyond its role as a launching pad for young talent, Spoleto also serves as a catalyst for cultural change and has aided in Charleston’s flourishing as a top arts and culture destination. With General Director Mena Mark Hanna at its helm, the 2022 season takes place May 27 to June 12 in various locations on the downtown peninsula. Spoleto Festival USA is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

**Images:** A selection of high-resolution images can be found in Spoleto Festival USA’s [online gallery](#). For more information, visit the [press room](#).