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Coastal Cohorts Announce 30th Anniversary *King Mackerel Shows*

MOREHEAD CITY - The hit musical *King Mackerel & The Blues Are Running* returns to Carteret County next year in celebration of the show's 30th anniversary.

The Coastal Cohorts will bring their popular musical back to Joslyn Hall at Carteret Community College on April 17-18 with a blend of stories, upbeat tunes and ballads, and down-home humor. The show features the original Coastal Cohorts - bassist Don Dixon, pianist Bland Simpson and guitarist Jim Wann.

Since creating the show in Chapel Hill in 1985, the trio has performed it all over North Carolina and up and down the East Coast.

The late Clive Barnes, theater critic for the New York Post, called the Cohorts "a pure, salt-watered delight," while Mary Cornatzer of Raleigh's News and Observer described *King Mackerel* as "a musical Valentine to coastal life." Cornatzer said that the songs "deal with things anybody who's ever been to the coast can identify with - pier fishing, joy riding on the strand, hurricanes and living on the sound side."

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the N.C. Coastal Federation and the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center. Advance tickets and sponsorship information are available on line at www.nccoast.org or by calling the federation at 252.393.8185.

About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:

"Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters are at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wrightsville Beach and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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