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**Student Entertainment Events Presents: Spring Sounds featuring Matt Wertz**

Student Entertainment Events is pleased to announce singer and songwriter Matt Wertz with special guest Thad Cockrell on Tues., April 14 in the Memorial Chapel. Doors open at 7:30 and the event will begin at 8:00 p.m. This event is only for the University of Maryland community and is free with a UMID.

Wertz pursued his passion for music in college when he relied on it as an escape from the responsibility of class work at the University of Illinois, where he studied Industrial Design. According to his self-written bio, Wertz's dorm life provided a small, built-in audience who embraced his first attempts at songwriting. Eventually he played in local gigs and registered his name as a dot-com.

His debut record, *Somedays* (2001), jumpstarted his career with bookings at camps for high school students, which spilled over into a fall schedule of touring their hometowns. This touring led to spring shows at colleges and universities.

Wertz gained momentum with the release of *Twenty Three Places* (2003), which he produced and recorded with a good friend. Wertz rejected label offers because none felt like a good fit and continued to record on his own for two years. Eventually he signed with Universal Republic, on which he will be releasing *Under Summer Sun*, a collection of his favorite songs from his first few independent releases, including "5:19" and "Everything's Right," as well as four new songs.

To arrange an interview or receive more press information, including press passes and interview requests, please contact Maggy Baccinelli, the Student Entertainment Events' Public Relations Director at via e-mail. Fill out the Press Pass Request Form found on the SEE Web site: <http://www.see.umd.edu/pressreleases.php>

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