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***GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi And Delta State University Present Beatles
Symposium 2016: From The Cavern to Candlestick***

**Authors Ivor Davis and Jude Southerland Kessler to Headline Symposium, Taking
Place April 1–2, 2016 in Cleveland, MS**

CLEVELAND, MS – December 7, 2015

GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi and Delta State University will present *Beatles Symposium 2016: From The Cavern to Candlestick* April 1 – 2, 2016 on the campus of Delta State University in Cleveland, MS. The symposium will celebrate the lasting influence and impact of The Beatles with a weekend full of activities, headlined by distinguished Beatles authors Ivor Davis and Jude Southerland Kessler.

The symposium will feature various activities throughout the weekend that explore The Beatles' musical and cultural influence, including discussions with noted Beatles historians, live music, recipe classes, and film screenings, including a special look at *Good Ol' Freda*, which documents Freda Kelly, former head of the Beatles Fan Club. Additional authors participating in the symposium will include Bruce Spizer, Dr. Candy Leonard, Dr. Kit O'Toole and Lanea Stagg, and featured artists will include Enoch Doyle Jeter, Ken Orth, and Rande Kessler.

Tickets to *Beatles Symposium 2016: From The Cavern to Candlestick* are \$30. Exact event times for the symposium will be announced at a later date. For more information or to purchase tickets, please stay tuned to www.grammymuseumms.org, or email education@grammymuseumms.org.

About Ivor Davis

The author of *The Beatles and Me on Tour*. Davis was the only journalist to complete the entire North American Tour with The Beatles in 1964, and he was present when The Beatles met Elvis months later. He was the ghost writer for George Harrison for the *Daily Express* and wrote the first book about the

Charles Manson murders. Davis was also the reporter on the scene for Bobby Kennedy, for James Meredith's admittance into Ole Miss, and the trials of Angela Davis and Sir Hahn Sir Hahn.

About Jude Southerland Kessler

Kessler is foremost an expert on John Lennon and the author of *The John Lennon Series* – an outlined nine volume work covering the life of the man who formed The Beatles. Kessler has published the first three books in this series (*Shoulda Been There*, *Shivering Inside*, and *She Loves You*) and is currently researching and writing Vol. 4, *Should Have Known Better*. Each book is a detailed historical narrative, revealing John's biography as a story with in-depth and accurate documentation.

Kessler hosted the weekly "John Lennon Hour" radio show on BlogTalkRadio, and is soon to be co-host of the "She Said, She Said" radio program in 2016. She is a regular guest speaker at the Fest for Beatle Fans across America, and also writes on Lennon for TheFest.com, *Rebeat* magazine, and DoYouRemember.com. In 2014, Kessler was a featured presenter at the "International Beatles Symposium" at Penn State Altoona and the University of Pennsylvania Beatles Symposium. In September 2015, she served as Chairperson of the Artists and Authors Symposium at the Beatles at the Ridge festival in Walnut Ridge, AR.

About GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi

Set to open on March 5, 2016, GRAMMY Museum Mississippi is affiliated with The GRAMMY Museum at L.A. Live in Los Angeles and will share its mission to celebrate the enduring legacies of all forms of music, the creative process, the art and technology of the recording process, and the history of the premier recognition of excellence in recorded music — the GRAMMY® Award. In addition, GRAMMY Museum Mississippi will focus on continuing achievements of Mississippians. The Museum will house interactive exhibits dedicated to its mission, as well as host educational programs for students of all ages. For more information about GRAMMY Museum Mississippi, please visit www.grammymuseumms.org, follow @GRAMMYMuseumMS on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and like "GRAMMY Museum Mississippi" on [Facebook](#).

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