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Karaoke Fans to Live Out Rock Star Fantasy at Island View Casino Resort

GULFPORT – Karaoke takes a different tune at Island View Casino, with the Gulfport resort’s Rock Star Fantasy Karaoke, featuring a full, live band.

Karaoke originated in Japan, and the name roughly translates to “empty orchestra,” as participating singers use music recordings, often from karaoke machines, for performances. However, singers at Island View’s Rock Star Fantasy Karaoke, which will be held in the resort’s View Bar, will live out a rock ‘n’ roll dream with the bands Time Machine on Feb. 10 and April 14 and Blonde Ambition on March 24, backing their vocals.

“We look at larger markets for what’s new and exciting in entertainment, and live-band karaoke is one of the hottest concepts in many major cities. So we created Rock Star Fantasy Karaoke to offer a fresh and fun experience for our guests. No other entertainment venue is doing something like this on the Gulf Coast,” said Wade West, director of marketing for Island View.

Rock Star Fantasy Karaoke will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight and admission to participate and view the show is free. For more information, please call (228) 314-2100, or go to www.islandviewcasino.com.

About Island View Casino Resort:

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 2,000 slots and 47 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room hotel, an Emeril’s Gulf Coast Fish House, a 400-seat buffet, a signature restaurant called C&G Grille, The Coffee Shop upscale deli and the View Bar – an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. www.islandviewcasino.com