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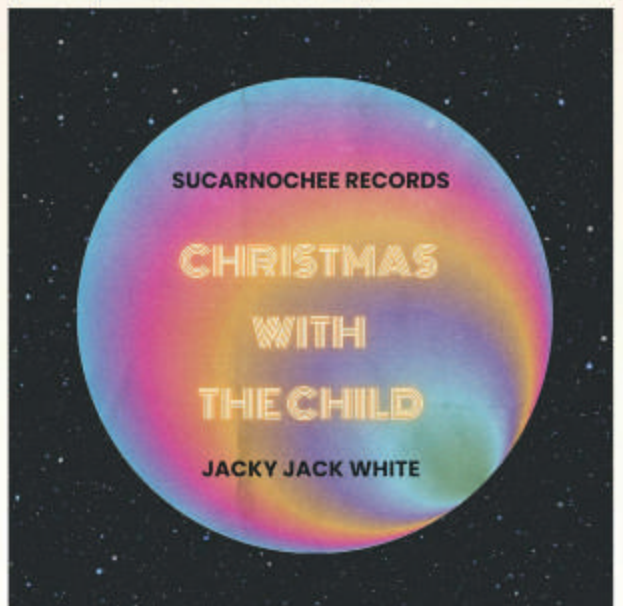
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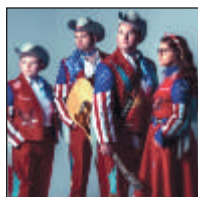


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CLAY DuBose

*The Redemptive
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By Cory Parker

Clay DuBose's journey began far from the neon lights of Los Angeles or the Americana stages that would later define him. He was born in France to a military family, an only child who learned early what it meant to pack up, start over, and find home in unfamiliar places. Through every move, one constant remained: music. "Music became my refuge at an early age," he says. "I began singing when I was about 10 years old." His first influence wasn't a rock star or a radio icon, it was his father, a gifted singer who introduced him to Elvis. And when young Clay saw Elvis perform on television in 1973, something ignited. "I was bit and consumed by music from that point on."

That spark grew into a fire the moment he discovered Rock 'n' Roll. The Beatles taught him the power of songcraft; Led Zeppelin taught him the fury of expression. Robert Plant's voice became a blueprint for the kind of emotional intensity Clay longed to unleash. By the time he joined a Texas Rock band and moved to Los Angeles in the 1980s, he was ready to dive headfirst into the notorious Sunset Strip scene - a world of ambition, excess, and relentless competition.

He landed a development deal with a major label, but the timing was cruel. "The Grunge movement essentially shut down the LA scene overnight," he recalls. The dream he had chased across state lines evaporated in an instant. But instead of giving up, Clay pivoted. He began writing - really writing - and his voice shifted toward something deeper, more grounded, more honest. "I wanted to focus on writing more

positive lyrics," he says. "My experience in Hollywood was a little rough." His first song, *Life Without Love (Ain't Worth Living)*, opened with the line: "A child is the closest one to heaven." Clay didn't know it then, but that lyric marked the beginning of a transformation, one that would eventually lead him toward Americana, toward faith, and toward a sound uniquely his own.

Still, the road to that transformation was paved with unforgettable moments. Before LA, he flew to Canada to jam with Moxy, a band he had idolized as a teen. Later, he heard himself on the radio for the first time in 1985 - a moment that pushed him west. On the Sunset Strip, he played a sold-out Roxy Theatre show with Ronnie James Dio in the audience. His band included James Kottak, future drummer of The Scorpions, and bassist Pete Perez. "It was the best rhythm section in LA for a short period," he says, still energized by the memory.

But Clay's greatest joys came later, when he stepped into the Americana world and began collaborating with the artists he admired. He released *Rewriting History* in 2003 and *These Days* in 2005 - the latter reaching #6 on the Americana Chart, the highest position ever achieved by an indie act at the time. "Recording a song with Garth Hudson was probably the biggest thrill of my life," he says. He also worked with the legendary Augie Meyers, and he credits virtuoso guitarist Will Ray for helping him transition from Rock to the Americana sound that became his signature.

His newest record, "Father Time & Mother Nature," is a culmination of decades of evolution - musically, emotionally, spiritually. Writing and recording with Ted Russell Kamp brought fresh inspiration, and the sessions were filled with world-class musicians: Brian Whelan, Dean Parks, Doug Pettibone, Neal Casal, Janiva Magness, Jamie Douglass, Mitch Marine, Carl Byron. "Working with these kinds of exceptional musicians and engineers is inspiring," Clay says. The title track is a progressive, experimental piece exploring the darker corners of human nature, the impulses that lead to environmental destruction and endless war. The first single, *Scotch & Soda*, is a tender tribute to his father. The second, *Winning Streak*, is a rollicking, Vegas-kissed romp with a wink toward Elvis.

But behind the music lies a deeper story: one of struggle, redemption, and faith. "The biggest challenge over the years has been the emotional peaks and valleys," Clay admits. "Sometimes disappointments would lead to a period of self-destructive behavior or turning my back on music." What saved him wasn't fame or success. It was grace. "Faith in God and counting my blessings enabled me to break that cycle. When God gives you a gift, you cherish it. It should never be a reason or an excuse for degradation."

His spiritual journey is woven into his music. At one of the lowest points in his life, he experienced what he describes as a creative and spiritual breakthrough. "I wrote a song called *Too Far from Heaven* in one session," he says. "My manager at the time identified it as exceptional, even though I was

unsure because it came together so quickly." The song became a cornerstone of "Rewriting History" - and a companion throughout his life.

Clay is candid about the world he sees today. "Social media has become the fabric of society," he says. "Unfortunately, it has given a pulpit for millions of people to express viewpoints and images that are the opposite of a Christian perspective." But he hasn't lost hope. "Young people, even as they drift in a noxious sea, are finding their own bearings. My daughter, as an example, is single-mindedly focused and probably won't make the mistakes I made growing up."

As he looks ahead, Clay's mission is clear. "I am a storyteller at heart," he says. In an acoustic setting, he wants listeners to walk away with a memory, something that lingers long after the last note fades. In an electric show, the rocker in him comes alive. "My desire is to have my bandmates display their talent and to energize the audience."

And there is more to come. Clay has begun co-writing Christian songs with longtime friend Robert Weingartz, and he intends to record a Christian EP in the near future. His journey has been long, winding, and at times painful, but it has led him exactly where he was meant to be.

Even after decades in music, Clay DuBose is not finished rewriting his story. He is still evolving, still creating, still searching - and still singing with the fire of the boy who once watched Elvis on a television screen in 1973 and felt his life change forever.

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FINDING the MIRACLES

Sean McNamara on Storytelling, Inspiration, and Creating Films with Heart

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Some filmmakers entertain audiences. Others inspire them to see the world differently.

From Disney Channel classics to award-winning films, Sean McNamara has built a career creating stories that resonate with audiences around the world. Known for directing more than 45 feature films and numerous television productions, McNamara has worked with some of Hollywood's biggest stars while remaining committed to one core mission: telling stories that move people emotionally.

In this exclusive conversation with IGMP TV Network | "The Isaiah Grass Show," Sean reflects on his journey from delivering newspapers near Disney Studios to becoming one of the entertainment industry's most respected filmmakers.

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From the very beginning of your career, you produced the children's TV show *Kids Incorporated* on Disney Channel, which aired for nine seasons in the 1980s. For audiences discovering your work for the first time, as well as those who have followed your career for years, what inspired you to produce television shows for children, and how did you get into the television and film industry?

Sean McNamara smiles thinking about where everything began.

"Remember the theme song... K-I-D-S! I loved musicals growing up. I was in plays and musicals, and to be able to work on *Kids Incorporated* for Disney, with all the singing and dancing, was just amazing."

He explains that a longtime friend invited him to produce the series, creating an opportunity that would shape the rest of his career.

"It became one of the joys of my life. We were always using the newest songs of the time, and it was just a fantastic show to work on."

That love for storytelling has remained constant throughout every stage of his career.

Many actors describe directors as leaders behind the camera. Do you feel musical theater sparked your interest in the industry because it allowed you to direct and entertain audiences?

McNamara immediately compares directing to something unexpected.

"I always look at directing as being a coach or a cheerleader."

Long before directing feature films, he was literally cheering from the sidelines.

While participating in theater productions and serving as a cheerleader, he discovered that encouraging people often brings out their very best.

"That desire has stayed with me throughout my life. I want people to feel supported and excited about what they're doing."

Although he loved performing, it was everything happening behind the curtain that fascinated him the most.

"I was always looking at the lights, the cameras, and the people who made everything happen. My dad bought me a camera when I was twelve, and I started making movies with

neighborhood friends. I had no idea what I was doing, but it was fun, and that's really where it started.”

How important is believing in possibilities before anyone sees them? You grew up around Disney Studios. Did you ever imagine you'd one day work there?

For McNamara, that belief started at home.

Growing up only minutes away from Disney Studios, he delivered newspapers throughout the neighborhood while his mother constantly encouraged him to dream bigger.

“My mom would always say, ‘Why don't you knock on the door at Disney and get a job there?’”

Years later, those conversations became reality.

“Twenty years later, I was doing Kids Incorporated, then Even Stevens, then That's So Raven. Disney has always been a big part of my life.”

Sometimes the biggest opportunities begin with conversations that seem impossible at the time.

What makes collaborating with both established stars and emerging talent so rewarding?

Over the course of his career, McNamara has worked with some of Hollywood's biggest names, including Dennis Quaid, Pierce Brosnan, Hilary Duff, Helen Hunt, and Carrie Underwood.

When asked whether he prefers seasoned professionals or newcomers, McNamara said:

“Carrie Underwood immediately comes to mind. She was just a natural.”

Although he wasn't familiar with her career before casting Soul Surfer, he quickly understood why audiences loved her.

“She's beautiful, she's smart, she's a performer, and she delivered an incredible performance.”

But he is equally passionate about discovering tomorrow's stars.

“Kids and new performers are almost raw. They're pure talent. Once you encourage them and let them know they're doing okay, they start to blossom.”

Experience is valuable, but enthusiasm and authenticity often create unforgettable moments on screen.

One of the qualities people often associate with your work is its ability to inspire. What draws you to stories centered around hope, resilience, and overcoming adversity?

Without hesitation, McNamara answers:

“I love inspirational movies.”

His latest theatrical release, Soul on Fire, perfectly reflects that philosophy.

Based on the extraordinary true story told in the book On Fire: The 7 Choices to Ignite a Radically Inspired Life, the film follows a young boy who survives unimaginable injuries and transforms adversity into purpose.

One moment in particular stayed with McNamara while reading the screenplay.

“As he was being wheeled into surgery, he asked his mom, ‘Am I going to die?’ She said, ‘Do you want to die?’ He answered, ‘No, I want to live.’ I remember getting emotional just reading that scene.”

What happens afterward makes the story even more powerful.

“He not only survives but becomes a motivational speaker who changes people's lives with his voice and his message. That's why I chose to make Soul on Fire.”



“You get one life. Make yours matter.”

Let's talk about your film, *Bau: Artist at War*, based on the true story of Joseph Bau. What made this story such a meaningful project for you?

McNamara recalls the film as one of his proudest achievements.

Inspired by the remarkable life of Holocaust survivor Joseph Bau, the story combines courage, creativity, humor, and love under unimaginable circumstances.

“Joseph Bau saved hundreds, if not thousands, of Jewish lives by forging passports.”

Yet it was Bau's humanity that resonated most.

“He was an artist who continued creating - even in a concentration camp.”

Perhaps the greatest compliment arrived after the film was completed.

“When his daughters saw the movie, they said, ‘You nailed our father.’ That meant everything.”

Even in history's darkest moments, McNamara believes stories of hope deserve to be told.

After dozens of films and countless awards, did you ever imagine achieving this level of success when you look back at where you started?

McNamara laughs.

“I remember praying that someday I'd direct one family film that people would actually see.”

The journey wasn't glamorous.

There were setbacks, uncertainty, and countless moments when success felt far away.

Still, he continued to say yes.

“I would direct anything, anywhere, anytime.”

Today, his philosophy remains rooted in teamwork.

“I like collaboration. I'll read hundreds of scripts every year, and when I find something special, I start bringing people together to make it happen.”

Whether working with a modest independent budget or a major studio production, the goal never changes.

“Every film is different, and every film has something magical about it.”

By the end of the conversation, one thing is remarkably clear.

Sean McNamara's films continue to remind audiences that hope, resilience, and compassion can transform ordinary moments into extraordinary stories. Whether directing beloved Disney classics or powerful true-life dramas, his

passion for storytelling remains rooted in one simple belief: miracles are often found in the moments we choose to see.

Perhaps his philosophy is best captured in one simple thought.

“It's easy to spot the potholes in life. But when you start looking for the great things happening around you, you realize miracles are happening every day.”



Sean McNamara with “Reagan” actor, Dennis Quaid

ABOUT SEAN McNAMARA

Sean McNamara is an award-winning director, producer, writer, and actor known for projects including *Soul Surfer*, *Reagan*, *The King's Daughter*, *Soul on Fire*, *Bau: Artist at War*, *Even Stevens*, *That's So Raven*, and *Kids Incorporated*. His work has earned international recognition for inspiring audiences through stories of hope, resilience, and the power of the human spirit.

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

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BAMBI LEIGH

Born and raised in the small community of Heiberger, Alabama, Bambi Leigh discovered her passion for music at an early age. Inspired by her grandfather, who played guitar and helped shape her love for Country music and storytelling, she grew up surrounded by Southern roots and songs that said something real.

Blending heartfelt lyrics with powerful vocals, Bambi Leigh's sound combines traditional Country emotion with a modern Southern edge. Drawing inspiration from artists like Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert, Faith Hill, Carly Pearce, Martina McBride, and Ella Langley, she delivers songs filled with heartbreak, honesty, strength, and small-town soul.

A member of the Country Music Association (CMA) and the Alabama Music Association (AMA), Bambi Leigh is a two-time AMA 'Female Vocalist of the Year' and 'Entertainer of the Year' winner (2024 & 2025). She is quickly building a name for herself through emotionally driven songwriting and authentic performances that connect deeply with listeners. Whether singing about love, loss, resilience, or life in the South, her music reflects real experiences and genuine emotion.

Known for her powerful voice and relatable storytelling, Bambi Leigh brings a fresh perspective to Contemporary Country music while staying true to the roots that shaped her. Her goal is simple: create music that makes people feel seen, heard, and understood.

Now entering an exciting new chapter in her career, Bambi Leigh is focused on releasing original music, writing songs that connect with everyday people, growing her fanbase, and expanding into new performance opportunities. With a growing catalog of original songs and a passion for



authentic storytelling, she continues to establish herself as one of Alabama's rising voices in Country music.

Her debut album, "Written in Whiskey," is available now on all major streaming platforms. Blending heartbreak, Southern grit, emotional storytelling, and Contemporary Country energy, the album showcases Bambi Leigh's signature mix of powerful vocals and honest songwriting. Featuring songs that range from deeply personal ballads to attitude-filled Country anthems, "Written in Whiskey" offers a collection of stories rooted in real life, real emotion, and the experiences that have shaped her journey.





The Music Lives On

We pause to remember these individuals whose music and legacies will live on in the hearts of music fans for generations.

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David Allan Coe

September 6, 1939 – April 29, 2026

David Allan Coe's story began far from the spotlight, in Akron, Ohio, where he was born on September 6, 1939. His early years were marked by turbulence and instability, the kind that can shape a young soul before it ever has a chance to understand the world. By the age of nine, he found himself in reform school, beginning a long stretch of institutional life that would carry him through nearly two decades in various correctional facilities.

It was in those stark, confined spaces that music first became his refuge. Fellow inmate Screamin' Jay Hawkins recognized something in the young man - a spark, a voice, a storyteller waiting to be heard - and encouraged him to write. Coe later said that music was the one thing no one could take from him, even in solitary confinement. In those years, songs became his way of surviving, imagining, and holding on to the parts of himself that the world had not yet seen.

When he finally walked free in 1967, he carried with him not just a past but a fierce determination to build a future. He

arrived in Nashville in a hearse - a symbol as stark and strange as the life he'd lived - and parked it outside the Ryman Auditorium. From that unlikely perch, he began the long climb from ex-convict to Country music icon.

By 1969, he had secured his first recording contract, and in 1970 he released "Penitentiary Blues," an album that bore the raw truth of where he'd come from. The 1970s would become his defining decade: he wrote the haunting *Would You Lay With Me (In a Field of Stone)*, which became a number-one hit for Tanya Tucker; he signed with Columbia Records; and he introduced the world to his masked "Mysterious Rhinestone Cowboy" persona, a symbol of the outsider he had always been.

His songs traveled far beyond him. *You Never Even Called Me by My Name* became a Country standard. *Take This Job and Shove It*, the working-class anthem he penned, became a number-one hit for Johnny Paycheck and a rallying cry for countless Americans. He chronicled his own journey in his 1978 autobiography "Just for the Record," a testament to a life that refused to fit neatly into any category.

Through the 1980s and beyond, Coe continued to carve his place in Country music's evolving landscape. He was the first to record *Tennessee Whiskey*, a song that would later find new life through George Jones and Chris Stapleton. His own hit *The Ride* - a ghostly encounter with Hank Williams - remains one of his most beloved recordings. He toured with artists as varied as Willie Nelson, Neil Young, and Kid Rock, and even ventured into metal with members of Pantera on the 2006 project "Rebel Meets Rebel."

Yet behind the outlaw image and the rhinestone mask was a man who loved deeply. His wife, Kimberly Hastings Coe, stood by him for many years as his partner, confidant, and friend. He was a father to five children, each carrying a piece of his legacy in their own way.

On April 29, 2026, at the age of 86, David Allan Coe passed away in a hospital following a period of declining health.

Coe's life was never simple, never polished, never predictable. But it was undeniably American: a story of hardship, reinvention, rebellion, and the relentless pursuit of expression. He gave voice to the working class, the forgotten, the rough-edged, and the restless. His journey from prison cells to the heart of Music City remains one of the most remarkable arcs in Country music history.

He leaves behind a legacy built not on perfection, but on truth - raw, unvarnished, and unmistakably his own. And in that truth, his songs continue to live, carrying forward the spirit of a man who refused to be anything but himself.



Trent Barry Clutts (Bill Cody)

December 16, 1958 – June 9, 2026

Trent Barry Clutts was born on December 16, 1958, in Huntsville, Alabama, to Rev. William Allen and Helen Ruth Robison Clutts. His childhood unfolded in the gentle rhythm of small Southern towns - first Crab Orchard, Kentucky, where his father pastored, and later Lebanon, Kentucky, the “big city” to a young boy with a growing imagination.

It was in Lebanon that Trent discovered the spark that would shape the rest of his life. Every Sunday, his father recorded his morning sermon to be aired at 1 p.m. on WLBN. Trent always went along to deliver the tapes. One afternoon, while waiting in the lobby, he peered through the studio window and saw Frank Kemp at the control board - headphones on, lights blinking, records spinning. Years later Trent would recall, “I was just standing there watching him push those buttons, and when that red light came on... that was it for me.” A calling had taken root.

Lebanon also gave him something even more precious. During his senior year, a sophomore named Rebecca Wheatley caught his eye in study hall. He nudged his best friend and whispered, “Who is that girl in the peach pants?” A wink across the room started a love story that lasted more than fifty years. Nearly forty-seven of those years were spent as husband and wife - building a home, raising their children, and walking through life side by side. Even after decades of marriage, he was still winking at her.

After graduating from Marion County High School, Trent followed the path that began behind that studio window. His radio career carried him to WVLC in Lexington, WHAS in

Louisville, WHOO in Orlando, and KKYX in San Antonio. It was in Texas that he told Rebecca, “We won’t move again unless my dream job at WSM ever comes available.” In April 1994, that dream called, and the Clutts family packed for Nashville.

For the next thirty-two years, Trent became one of the most beloved voices in Country music. As host of WSM’s flagship morning program, *Coffee, Country & Cody*, and as an announcer and host of the Grand Ole Opry, he became a trusted companion to millions. His warmth, humor, and unmistakable voice made him a fixture in homes, cars, and backstage hallways across Music City.

His contributions were recognized throughout the industry. He was inducted into the Country Music Disc Jockey Hall of Fame in 2008, honored with a star on the Music City Walk of Fame in 2024, and - after his passing - inducted into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame. His credits spanned television, radio, live events, red carpets, and even in-flight programming for United Airlines and Air Force One and Two. Wherever Country music was celebrated, Trent’s voice was never far away.

But the achievements that mattered most to him were never the ones printed on plaques.

Trent was a devoted husband, a proud father, a delighted grandfather, and a faithful friend. He and Rebecca raised three children - Luke, Hannah, and Levi - who were the joy of his life. He was an active member of Orinda Baptist Church, where his faith was not a performance but a steady, lived reality. And if you wanted to see him truly light up, you only had to mention his grandchildren, Lily Ruth and Isaiah. They were his heart’s delight.

On June 9, 2026, surrounded by the family he cherished, Trent Barry Clutts slipped peacefully into the presence of the Lord. He was 67.

In the days that followed, one sentiment echoed again and again from those who knew him best: Trent made people feel seen. He made them feel valued. He made them feel like somebody. In a world hungry for kindness, he offered it freely. In an industry built on spotlight, he shined it on others. And in a life anchored by faith, he reflected Christ not through grand gestures, but through the simple, steady way he loved people.

That is the legacy of Bill Cody - a man whose voice carried across the airwaves, but whose heart carried even farther.



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Sonny Rollins

September 7, 1930 – May 25, 2026

Sonny Rollins was born Theodore Walter Rollins on September 7, 1930, in the Sugar Hill neighborhood of Harlem, a place where Jazz pulsed through the streets and brilliance seemed to gather on every corner. From the beginning, he absorbed the sound of a changing America, and by his teenage years he was already stepping into New York's vibrant postwar Jazz scene with a voice that felt older, deeper, and wiser than his age could explain.

By the early 1950s, Rollins was no longer a promising young musician. He was a force. He recorded with Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, and other giants who recognized immediately that his improvisational instincts were singular. Even before his own rise to stardom, he was writing music that would outlive him. His composition *Oleo* became a Jazz standard embraced by Davis, Coltrane, and generations of musicians who followed.

His breakthrough arrived in 1956 with "Saxophone Colossus," the album that forever secured his place in the canon of American music. It was a work of imagination and daring, introducing calypso rhythms into the Jazz mainstream and showcasing a rhythmic intelligence that felt both playful and profound. Today, "Saxophone Colossus" is preserved in the National Recording Registry, a testament to its enduring cultural significance.

Across the decades, Rollins continued to expand the language of Jazz. Albums like "Way Out West," "Freedom Suite," and "The Bridge" became landmarks of modern improvisation. "The Bridge," recorded after a two-year sabbatical during which Rollins famously practiced on the Williamsburg Bridge, now resides in the Grammy Hall of Fame - a symbol of his relentless pursuit of artistic truth.

His touring life was legendary. From intimate clubs to major concert halls and global festivals, Rollins carried his horn across continents, performing with a stamina and fire that astonished audiences well into his 80s. His sound - bold, searching, and unmistakably human - became a touchstone for saxophonists around the world.

The honors he received reflected the magnitude of his influence: multiple Grammy Awards, including a 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award; DownBeat's 'Jazzman of the Year' and Hall of Fame induction; the National Medal of Arts in 2010; the Jazz Foundation of America's lifetime achievement award; and numerous honorary doctorates. Yet for all the accolades, he remained humble, always pointing back to the music itself.

Musicians across generations revered him. Guitarist Warren Haynes once wrote, "Out of all the amazing tenor players I was hearing, Sonny hit me the hardest. He was in a league of his own, and everyone knew it. He was the heaviest of the heavy."

Even in his later years, Rollins continued to innovate. His 2000 album "This Is What I Do" earned a Grammy, and his performance of *Why Was I Born?* from "Without a Song: The 9/11 Concert" earned another. That recording, made just four days after the attacks on the World Trade Center - which forced Rollins to flee his home only blocks away - stands as one of the most emotionally resonant performances of his career.

Rollins retired from public performance in 2012 and stepped away from music entirely in 2014, but his influence never dimmed. His tone, his phrasing, his fearless improvisation - all remain foundational to the language of Jazz.

Sonny Rollins passed away on May 25, 2026, at his home in Woodstock, New York. He was 95. His departure marks the end of an era, but his sound - that unmistakable, searching, deeply human sound - will continue to echo through the work of every musician who ever learned from him, listened to him, or was changed by him.

Sonny Rollins was, and will remain, a true colossus of Jazz.





Oliver Tree Nickell
June 29, 1993 – June 14, 2026

Oliver Tree Nickell was born on June 29, 1993, in Santa Cruz, California, a place whose mix of surf-culture eccentricity and creative freedom seemed to live in his bloodstream from the beginning. Long before the world knew his name, he was already experimenting, inventing, and shaping the kind of off-center characters and surreal humor that would one day make him one of the most recognizable and unconventional artists of his generation.

His rise began in 2016, when the world first met “Turbo,” the bowl-cut, oversized-jacketed alter ego who exploded across Vine. What looked like absurdity was, in truth, a carefully crafted performance - a blend of satire, character work, and cultural commentary. That same year, he released *When I’m Down*, the breakout track that caught the attention of millions and ultimately led him to sign with Atlantic Records in 2017.

From there, Oliver Tree became something rare in modern music: an artist who refused to be predictable. He built entire eras around characters, costumes, and narratives.

He blurred the line between sincerity and satire, between performance art and Pop music, between internet culture and emotional storytelling. His marketing was part comedy, part chaos, part genius - and entirely his own.

Over the course of his career, he released four studio albums with Atlantic Records: “Ugly Is Beautiful” (2020), “Cowboy Tears” (2022), “Alone in a Crowd” (2023), and his final project, “Love You Madly, Hate You Badly,” released in April 2026. Long before that, in 2013, he had quietly put out “Splitting Branches” under the simple alias “Tree,” a glimpse of the artist he would later become.

His catalog produced global hits that defined an era of internet-driven Pop culture: *Life Goes On*, *Miss You* (with Robin Schulz), *Cash Machine*, *Alien Boy*, *Hurt*, and *Jerk*. Each song carried his signature blend of emotional honesty wrapped in theatrical eccentricity.

But Oliver Tree was more than a singer. He was a writer, a producer, a director, and a visual architect. He helmed most of his own music videos, crafting cinematic worlds that were equal parts surreal, comedic, and deeply intentional. His videos for *Life Goes On* and *Miss You* alone amassed hundreds of millions of views, becoming cultural landmarks in their own right.

Outside of music, he even stepped into the realm of world records – literally - by building the world’s largest kick scooter in 2020, earning a Guinness World Record and proving once again that his creativity had no boundaries.

Oliver Tree passed away on June 14, 2026, at the age of 32. He was among six lives lost when two helicopters collided in Recreio dos Bandeirantes, in the southwest region of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. His death sent shockwaves across the music world, the internet communities that embraced him, and the millions who found both humor and healing in his work.

Those who knew him - and those who only knew the characters he created - will remember a singular artist who refused to fit inside any box. A visionary who turned satire into storytelling, who made vulnerability feel safe behind a bowl cut and a pair of oversized sunglasses, and who left behind a body of work that will continue to inspire, confuse, entertain, and move people for years to come.

Oliver Tree lived loudly, created boldly, and left a mark no one else could have made.

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Chosen Road Honors Faith, Family, and Freedom with 'American Morning'

Chart-topping Bluegrass ensemble Chosen Road returns July 3 with "American Morning," their first full-length album in three years and a heartfelt tribute to the values that shaped the nation. The Thoroughbred Records release gathers 12 tracks from the group's 2026 Eps "American Morning: Side A and Side B" - along with the newly recorded closer, *I Love This Land*, a stirring anthem that encapsulates the project's central theme.



Blending Bluegrass, Roots, and Gospel influences, "American Morning" celebrates simple pleasures, spiritual heritage, and the sacrifices of America's veterans. Produced by Dave Clark and executive-produced by founding member Jonathan Buckner, the album highlights Chosen Road's signature harmonies and storytelling. Songs such as *People and Life in America* honor everyday joys and hard work, while *First Greatest Wonder* and *A God Thing* reflect the nation's deep spiritual roots. Tracks like *'Til They Came Home*, *Daddy Was a Navy Man*, and *Dreaming in Red, White, and Blue* pay moving tribute to those who served.

"The songs on "American Morning" celebrate the sacrifices that secured our freedom, the families that built this nation, and the faith that has sustained generations of Americans," Buckner shares. "It's one of the most personal records we've ever made because it comes from a place of conviction." Daywind Music Group president Ed Leonard adds, "Jonathan and the guys have created a great record that not only celebrates this great land we call America, but also gives us songs that celebrate our Savior. I hope this will be an album many will listen to for years to come."

Stagecoach Festival Announces 2027 Dates

Country music fans can officially mark their calendars: Stagecoach will return to Indio, California, April 23 - 25, 2027. While the lineup is still under wraps, anticipation is already building for the festival's next chapter in the desert.

The 2026 edition delivered one of Stagecoach's most eclectic years yet, with headlining sets from Cody Johnson, Lainey Wilson, and Post Malone. The weekend also showcased a wide range of artists including Ella Langley, Bailey Zimmerman, Pitbull, The Red Clay Strays, and more. From Langley bringing comedian Theo Von onstage, to high-energy sets from Pitbull and Ludacris, to Billy Ray Cyrus joining daughter Noah Cyrus for a surprise moment, the festival once again proved its ability to blend Country, Rock, Hip-Hop, and Americana into a single, high-octane experience.



Fans roamed multiple stages - the Mane Stage, Palomino Stage, Mustang Stage, Toyota Music Den, and Diplo's Honky Tonk - while also taking in non-music attractions such as the Compton Cowboys and Guy Fieri's Stagecoach Smokehouse.

Launched in 2007 as the sister event to Coachella, Stagecoach has grown into one of the premier Country festivals in the world. Its inaugural year featured Alan Jackson, George Strait, Kenny Chesney, and Brooks & Dunn - a foundation that set the tone for nearly two decades of unforgettable performances.

With its 2027 dates now locked in, the countdown begins once again for fans ready to return to the desert for another year of music, community, and Country culture.

Wynonna Judd Unveils New Single *Kentucky Queen* and Announces First Solo Album in a Decade, "The Hard Truth," Out October 2



Country music icon Wynonna Judd steps boldly into a new creative era with the release of *Kentucky Queen*, the debut single from her forthcoming solo album, "The Hard Truth," arriving October 2. The project marks Wynonna's first solo studio album in ten years, following 2016's "Wynonna & the Big Noise," and features collaborations with Patterson Hood, Iron & Wine, and The War and Treaty.

A deeply personal and creatively fearless collection, "The Hard Truth" finds Wynonna confronting her past, honoring her Appalachian roots, and embracing the emotional honesty that has defined her legendary career.

"I've spent a lifetime singing about heartbreak, healing, faith, and survival, but I've never made a record like this one," Wynonna shares. "These songs tell the truth about where I've been, what I've lost, what I've overcome, and who I've become. This album asked me to be brave enough to tell the truth - even when my voice shook."

Produced by Wynonna's husband and longtime creative partner Cactus Moser, the album captures a raw, resonant portrait of an artist still evolving. "We started with nothing but a feeling and emotion," Moser says, "and ended up with an album that tells Wynonna's story with a level of honesty she's never experienced in her career."

Wynonna introduced *Kentucky Queen* during SiriusXM's The Highway Music Row Happy Hour at CMA Fest, nodding to her upbringing with the line: "I was raised in the dirt. And now I wear rhinestones."

"The Hard Truth" arrives as Wynonna continues to navigate profound personal loss following the passing of her

mother and musical partner, Naomi Judd, in 2022. The Judds were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame just one day after Naomi's death - a moment Wynonna has described as both heartbreaking and deeply meaningful. She honored their legacy by completing what was to be their Final Tour and continues to perform for fans across the country, including select co-headlining dates with Melissa Etheridge.

With "The Hard Truth," Wynonna Judd reclaims her voice, her story, and her strength - delivering a powerful new chapter from one of Country music's most enduring and beloved artists.

Songwriters Hall of Fame Celebrates 55th Annual Induction Gala in New York City

The Songwriters Hall of Fame hosted its 55th Annual Induction and Awards Gala on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City, honoring a powerhouse class of creators whose work has shaped modern music across generations and genres.

This year's inductees include Taylor Swift, Alanis Morissette, Kenny Loggins, Christopher "Tricky" Stewart, Walter Afanasieff, Terry Britten, Graham Lyle, and Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley of KISS - a lineup representing some of the most influential voices in Pop, Rock, R&B, and Country.

Collectively, the 2026 class is responsible for era-defining hits such as *All I Want for Christmas Is You*, *Hand in My Pocket*, *Rock and Roll All Nite*, *What's Love Got to Do with It*, *Footloose*, *Single Ladies*, and *All Too Well (10 Minute Version) (Taylor's Version)*.



SHOF Chairman Nile Rodgers reflected on the significance of the evening, saying, "The music industry is built upon the incredible talent of songwriters who create unforgettable songs. Without their artistry, there would be no recorded music, concert experiences, or engaged fans. Everything originates from the song and its creator. This year's lineup not only showcases iconic songs but also celebrates unity across various genres. These songwriters have profoundly impacted the lives of billions of listeners worldwide, and it is our privilege to honor their contributions."

Catalog Highlights from the 2026 Inductees

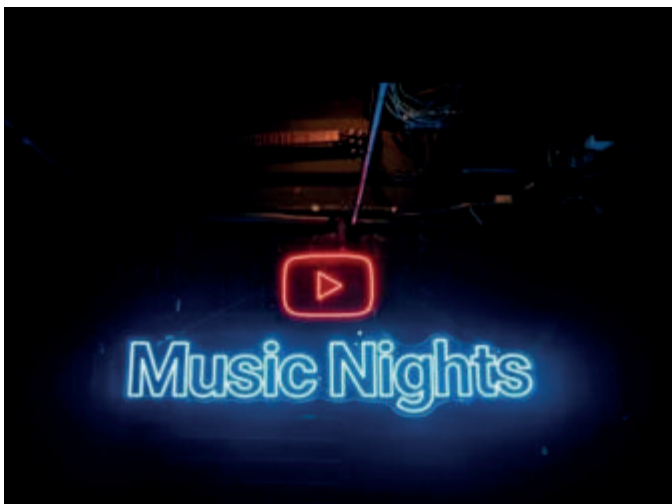
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- **Gene Simmons & Paul Stanley (KISS)** *Rock and Roll All Nite, I Love It Loud, Calling Dr. Love, Shout It Out Loud, Christine 16*
- **Kenny Loggins** *Danny's Song, Footloose, Celebrate Me Home, Return to Pooh Corner, What a Fool Believes*
- **Alanis Morissette** *You Oughta Know, Ironic, Hand in My Pocket, Thank U, Uninvited*
- **Christopher "Tricky" Stewart** *Umbrella, Single Ladies, Obsessed, Just Fine, Break My Soul*
- **Taylor Swift** *All Too Well (10 Minute Version) (Taylor's Version), Blank Space, Anti-Hero, Love Story, The Last Great American Dynasty*

Established in 1969, the Songwriters Hall of Fame remains a vital bridge between music's past and future. The organization not only enshrines the creators of history's most enduring songs but also invests in the next generation through master sessions, craft forums, scholarships, and digital initiatives. Songwriters become eligible for induction 20 years after the commercial release of their first song.

The 55th Annual Gala reaffirmed the Hall's mission: to honor the creators behind the world's most beloved music - the storytellers whose words and melodies continue to shape culture, inspire artists, and move listeners around the globe.

YouTube Music Nights Expands to Nashville with New Monthly Concert Series

YouTube Music is bringing its popular Music Nights series to Nashville, launching a new monthly showcase that spotlights rising talent, established hitmakers, and the city's diverse musical identity. The series, which has already gained momentum in Los Angeles and New York, will now host recurring performances in Music City beginning this summer.



Designed to celebrate artistry across genres - from Country and Americana to Pop, R&B, and Hip-Hop - YouTube Music Nights offers fans an intimate, high-quality live experience while giving artists a global platform through exclusive performance content on YouTube.

The Nashville edition will feature a rotating lineup of emerging voices and chart-topping acts, filmed in front of a live audience and released as part of YouTube's ongoing commitment to supporting artists at every stage of their careers. Each event will highlight the city's creative community, blending storytelling, live performance, and behind-the-scenes access.

"YouTube has always been a place where artists can build careers, connect with fans, and share their stories," said a YouTube Music spokesperson. "Expanding Music Nights to Nashville allows us to celebrate one of the most influential music cities in the world and give artists another stage to shine."

Past Music Nights performances in other cities have featured breakout artists, viral hitmakers, and Grammy-winning talent, with sessions often generating millions of views. The Nashville series aims to continue that momentum, offering a new spotlight for the city's vibrant and ever-evolving music scene.

Additional details - including venue partners, featured performers, and release dates for the first round of sessions - will be announced in the coming weeks.

Anne Wilson Announces New Album "Rebel," Releases New Single *Rain in the Rearview*, and Reveals New Book "My Jesus: A Journey of Faith"

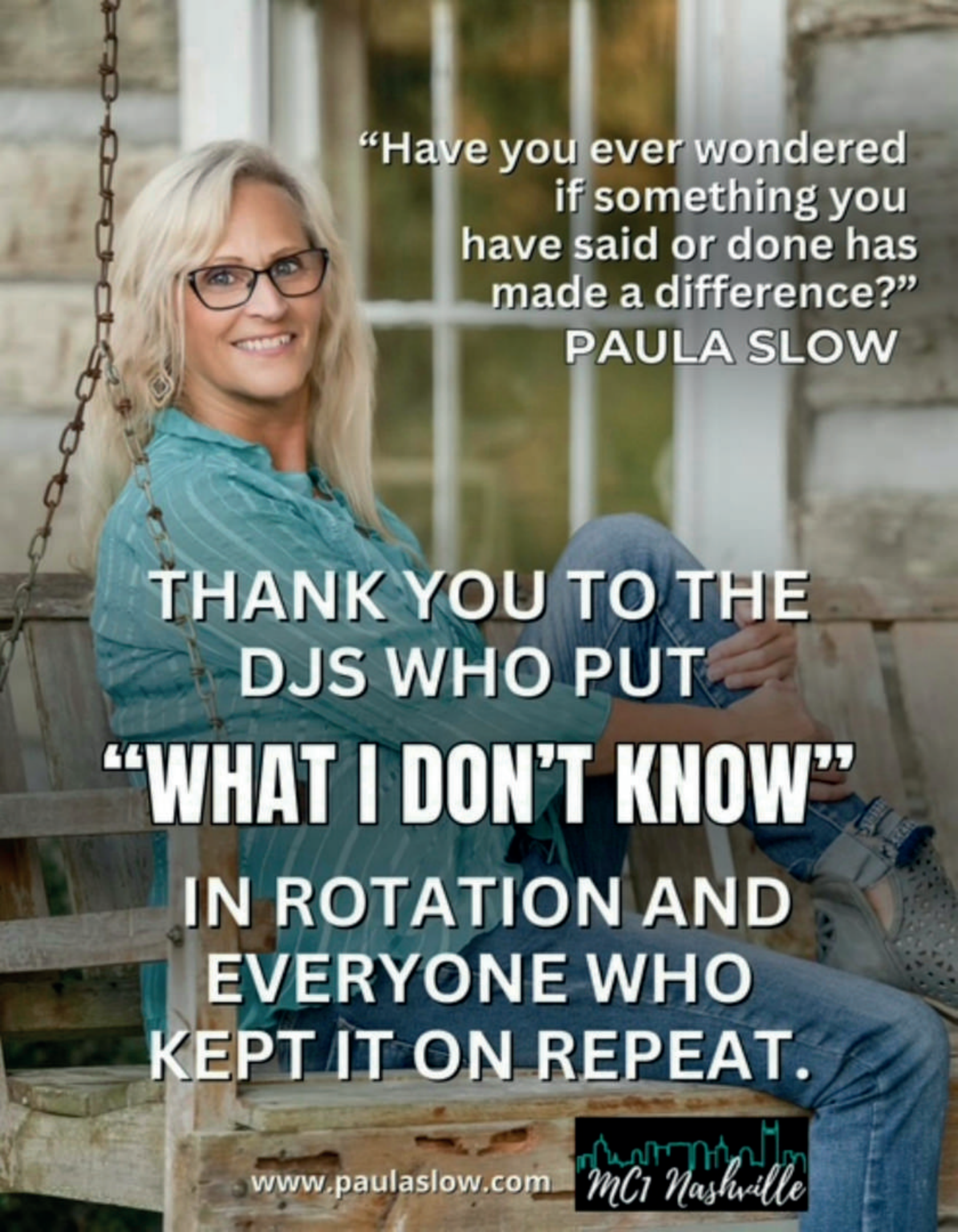
Anne Wilson continues her rapid ascent as one of Contemporary Christian and Country music's most compelling young voices with a trio of major announcements: her new album "Rebel" arrives August 16, her new single *Rain in the Rearview* is out now, and she will release her debut book, "My Jesus: A Journey of Faith," this fall.

"Rebel," Wilson's highly anticipated sophomore album, follows her breakout debut "My Jesus," which produced the multi-week No. 1 hit *My Jesus* and established her as a bold storyteller blending Country grit with faith-driven conviction. The new project expands that vision with songs that explore identity, purpose, and the courage to stand firm in a shifting culture.

"Being a rebel for the Kingdom means choosing Jesus over culture," Wilson says. "These songs are about living boldly, loving deeply, and trusting God even when the road gets hard. *Rain in the Rearview* is a reminder that we don't have to stay stuck in our past. God calls us forward."

Produced by Jeff Pardo and Jonathan Smith, "Rebel" features a dynamic mix of Country leaning tracks, worship infused moments, and soaring ballads. The album also includes collaborations with some of Nashville's top writers and musicians, further cementing Wilson's place at the intersection of two influential genres.

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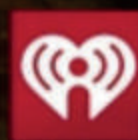
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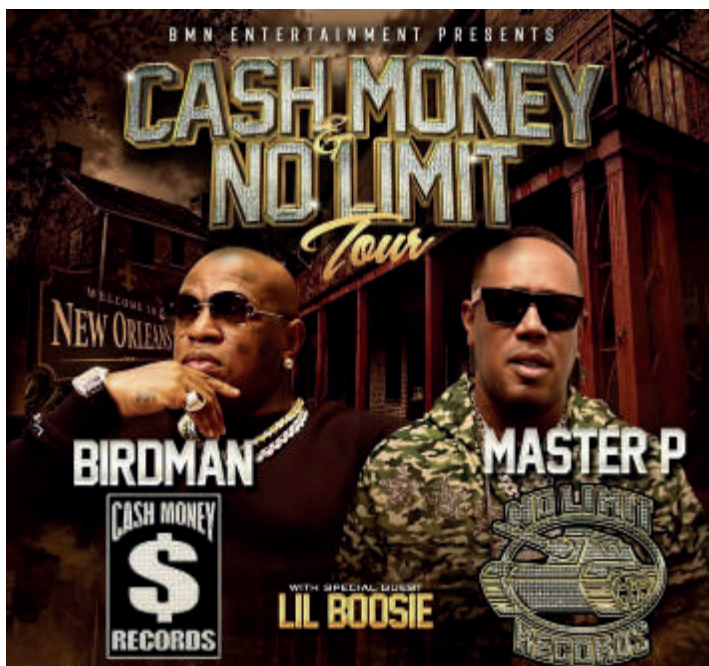


In addition to the album, Wilson will release her first book, "My Jesus: A Journey of Faith," a deeply personal memoir that chronicles her walk with God through grief, calling, and unexpected purpose. The book offers an intimate look at the story behind her breakout hit *My Jesus* and the spiritual journey that shaped her music and ministry.

Wilson will support both the album and book with a fall tour, bringing new songs - along with fan favorites like *My Jesus*, *Sunday Sermons*, and *Hey Girl* - to audiences across the country.

With "Rebel" and "My Jesus: A Journey of Faith," Anne Wilson steps into her next chapter with boldness, offering music and words that challenge, uplift, and inspire listeners to live with conviction.

Cash Money and No Limit Records Announce Joint U.S. Arena Fall Tour



Two of New Orleans' most influential Hip-Hop empires - Cash Money Records and No Limit Records - are joining forces for the first time ever on a nationwide arena tour. Led respectively by Birdman and Master P, the labels announced the 17-date run in June, confirming the tour will launch September 11 at the Toyota Center in Houston, Texas.

The powerhouse lineup brings together some of the most iconic artists from both camps, with Master P and Birdman joined by Juvenile, Mannie Fresh, Silkk the Shocker, B.G., Mia X, Mac, Fiend, Mercedes, Choppa, Mr. Serv-On, and special guests the Ying Yang Twins. The tour's subtitle - "Two Empires. One Stage. One Time." - underscores the historic nature of the collaboration.

Master P celebrated the announcement on Instagram, writing, "It's about to be EPIC! No Limit x Cash Money Tour, one more time for the streets... Salute to all of our fans. All our No Limit soldiers rock y'all camo and witness history!"

Following the Houston opener, the tour heads straight home to New Orleans for a September 12 show at the Smoothie King Center. Additional stops include Atlanta, Raleigh, Detroit, Indianapolis, Birmingham, Dallas, Washington, D.C., Columbia, St. Louis, Memphis, Sunrise, Tampa, Chicago, and Cincinnati before wrapping November 15 at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse in Cleveland.

Both labels played pivotal roles in elevating Southern Hip-Hop to national prominence. After relocating No Limit from Richmond, California, to his hometown of New Orleans in 1995, Master P built a roster that included Mystikal, Mia X, and Mr. Serv-On, while expanding into soundtracks and direct-to-video films such as *I'm Bout It*, *I Got the Hook-Up*, and *Foolish*.

Cash Money Records, founded in 1991 by brothers Ronald "Slim" Williams and Bryan "Baby" Williams, exploded in the late '90s with a roster that included B.G., Lil Wayne, Juvenile, and the Hot Boys. The label went on to earn 12 No. 1 albums on the Billboard 200 and seven No. 1 singles, including Lil Wayne's *Lollipop*, Drake's *One Dance*, *God's Plan*, and *Nice for What*, and Jay Sean's *Down*.

"The fans have been waiting for a tour like this for a long time," Master P said in a statement. "We came from New Orleans and built something the world had never seen before - movements that changed music, Hip-Hop culture, and the business forever."

The joint tour follows the labels' highly anticipated Verzuz face-off last October at ComplexCon in Las Vegas, a moment that reignited fan demand for a full-scale collaboration.

Kirk Franklin to Host the 2026 Stellar Awards

The Stellar Awards are preparing to celebrate another year of Gospel music that continues to move from the church pews to the cultural main stage. Central City Productions has announced the nominees for the 41st Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards, and this year's list reflects the full breadth of where Gospel lives today - from Sunday morning worship and choir stands to Contemporary Praise, Traditional Gospel, Holy



Hip Hop, and collaborations that stretch far beyond the walls of the church.

In the top 'Artist of the Year' category, Darrel Walls, Jekalyn Carr, Kim Person, Tasha Cobbs Leonard, and Tye Tribbett all receive nominations. The category itself illustrates how wide the Gospel lane has become, with artists representing live worship, traditional power, contemporary polish, and the kind of church grown artistry that has long shaped Black music in America.

Kim Person's "Reflections" appears across several major categories, including 'Artist of the Year,' 'Album of the Year,' Albertina Walker 'Female Artist of the Year,' 'Contemporary Female Artist of the Year,' and 'Producer of the Year' alongside Phillip Bryant. Darrel Walls' "Heart of Mine" also makes a strong showing, earning nominations for 'Artist of the Year,' 'Male Artist of the Year,' 'Album of the Year,' and 'Contemporary Male Artist of the Year.'

Tasha Cobbs Leonard, one of Gospel's most recognizable contemporary voices, is nominated for 'Artist of the Year' and 'Album of the Year' for "TASHA." Her collaboration with John Legend, Church, is also nominated for 'Contemporary Duo/Chorus Group of the Year,' underscoring Gospel's continued influence on mainstream music.

That crossover energy appears elsewhere as well. Mariah Carey and The Clark Sisters are nominated in the 'Contemporary Duo/Chorus Group of the Year' category for Jesus I Do, while Lecrae, T.I., and Killer Mike earn a nomination for Rap/Hip Hop 'Song of the Year' with Headphones. For Black audiences, these categories reflect a familiar truth: Gospel has never been one dimensional. It has always been in conversation with Soul, R&B, Hip Hop, Pop, and the lived experiences of Black people.

Traditional Gospel remains strongly represented. John P. Kee, a pillar of the genre, is nominated in multiple categories

tied to "Throwback: An Evening with John P. Kee Part I," including 'Male Artist of the Year,' 'Traditional Male Artist of the Year,' 'Traditional Album of the Year,' and 'Traditional Artist of the Year' with "New Life." JJ Hairston & Youthful Praise, Ron Carter & Ricky Dillard, Lisa Knowles Smith & The Brown Singers, and others also appear throughout the Traditional, Choir, and Special Event Album categories.

The Stellers continue to spotlight the next generation as well. 'New Artist of the Year' nominees include Ablaze, Asaun Bynum, Bishop Charles Ellis & Greater Grace Worship Choir, and United Music & Arts Conference Choir. Meanwhile, the 'Rap/Hip Hop Gospel Album of the Year' category features projects from Childlike CiCi, Mike Teezy, Lecrae, and DFG SUL.

One of the most culturally significant categories for Black higher education - 'HBCU Choir of the Year' includes nominees such as the Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University, Morgan State University Choir, North Carolina A&T Fellowship Gospel Choir, Southern University Gospel Choir, and The Fort Valley State University Choir. The category honors more than vocal excellence; it recognizes the Black college choir tradition as a training ground for musicianship, ministry, and cultural memory.

The 41st Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards, hosted by Kirk Franklin, will take place August 15 at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. For a genre that has shaped everything from civil rights anthems to chart topping Pop vocals, the night promises to be more than an awards show. It stands as a reminder that Gospel music remains one of Black America's most enduring creative foundations.

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The Inspirations Celebrate 250 Years of American Culture with New Album "Songs For Our American Culture"

"As America celebrates 250 years of freedom and liberty," says The Inspirations' Roland Kesterson, "we have to ask ourselves the question: What is American culture?" From the nation's earliest days, he notes, music has been woven into the fabric of everyday life - from fifes and drums on Revolutionary War battlefields, to parlor pianos and guitars in early American homes, to the mountain instruments that helped shape the foundation of the music we love today."

"And what would American culture be without Gospel music?" he adds, drawing a direct line to the quartet's upcoming Horizon Records release, "Songs For Our American Culture," arriving July 24.

That connection is echoed by Duane Allen of The Oak

Country-flavored moments emerge in *One More Valley*, *Resting in the Arms of a Never Failing God*, and Jewel Kesterson Scott's powerful new composition *Home Sweet Home*. Classic quartet stylings anchor *Then We'll Be Glad* and the album's opener and closer, grounding the project in the timeless sound that has defined The Inspirations for generations.

A centerpiece of the collection is the "classic quartet times two" performance of *Jesus Is Coming Soon*, featuring The Oak Ridge Boys. "Two hundred and fifty years ago," Kesterson reflects, "this country began with ministers such as George Whitefield thundering the message from pulpits in the colonies: 'Jesus Is Coming Soon.' And now today, that title embodies the message and mission of The Inspirations. How fitting that this song - first recorded in 1967 by both The Inspirations and The Oak Ridge Boys - now, so many years closer to His coming, has brought us together again, proclaiming the same message louder and stronger than ever before."

"Songs For Our American Culture," Kesterson concludes, "is a reminder of where we came from. But it is also a statement of where we are going: 'One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.'"

Previously Unreleased Charlie Daniels Band Recording *My Home* Available Now

The legacy of Charlie Daniels continues to build momentum in 2026 with the release of a long-hidden treasure from the Charlie Daniels Band archives. Blue Hat Records has unveiled *My Home*, a patriotic CDB recording that remained unreleased for more than a decade - until now.

The new single arrives amid a year of major celebrations honoring the Country and Southern Rock icon, including the inaugural Legend of Charlie Daniels show at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, on July 4, and the forthcoming "Best of the Charlie Daniels Band Volunteer Jam" compilation album.



Ridge Boys - Country Music Hall of Famers who spent their early decades as a Southern Gospel quartet and who join The Inspirations on the album's standout collaboration, *Jesus Is Coming Soon*. "When Isaac, Roland, Luke, and Wyatt sing," Allen says, "it feels like every song was written just for them. Each member 'owns' his lead, and within their harmony is The Inspirations' sound, one that has created its own identity in the history books of Gospel Music. It's a 'Culture of Music' that is as warm and satisfying as mama's home cooking, and their love for Jesus is embedded in every song and in every note."

That warmth and heritage shine from the opening notes of *O How I Love the Lord* to the ringing final line of *I Mean to Be There*, which closes "Songs For Our American Culture." Whether the selections are beloved classics or new discoveries for listeners, each carries the enduring Gospel message that has been part of American life since the country's earliest days.

The album's musical palette reflects the breadth of that history. Lilted waltz-time arrangements shape songs like *Eye of the Storm*, *In the Shadow of the Cross*, and *Lord Walk With Me*.



Originally recorded in 2014 for a Macy's Fourth of July television special, *My Home* was prominently featured during the broadcast but never made available commercially. As the Daniels organization focused on touring, new recording projects, and later the challenges following Daniels' passing in 2020, the track slipped quietly into the archives.

Last year, Daniels' son, Charlie Daniels Jr., revisited the recording and began exploring whether it could finally be released. After extensive research, conversations with songwriter Bill Schermerhorn, and a lengthy search for the final mastered version, the project was revived. The master recording was ultimately located with the help of Schermerhorn and co-writer Doug Katsaros, clearing the way for its long-awaited debut.

The timing of the release is especially meaningful as the nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of American independence. *My Home* arrives just ahead of Independence Day and coincides with the first-ever Legend of Charlie Daniels event - featuring a CDB hologram, The Frontmen, Aaron Tippin, and Eric Lee Beddingfield - at Fort Campbell. It also comes just days before the sixth anniversary of Daniels' passing on July 6.

The single serves as part of a broader celebration leading into what would have been Daniels' 90th birthday in October, the beginning of what his family calls "the tenth decade of Charlie Daniels."

My Home is available now on all digital streaming and download platforms.

The Awakening Foundation Announces MercyMe LIVE Tour for Fall 2026

The Awakening Foundation has announced the MercyMe LIVE Tour, set to hit 24 cities nationwide this fall. The tour will feature a high-profile lineup including MercyMe, Jeremy Camp, Tim Timmons, and Sam Wesley, delivering a full evening of music built for large venues and high-impact moments.

MercyMe will headline the tour with fan favorites such as *I Can Only Imagine* and *Even If*, songs that have become staples of modern Christian music. Jeremy Camp will join with hits including *I Still Believe* and *Dead Man Walking*. Tim Timmons and Sam Wesley will open the night together, performing songs such as *Starts With Me* and *Holding Onto Me*.

Tour information is available at awakeningevents.com.



Since the breakthrough success of *I Can Only Imagine*, MercyMe has achieved nearly 30 No. 1 singles and more than 65 multi-format chart-toppers, earning GRAMMY® nominations, multiple GMA Dove Awards, K-LOVE Fan Awards, American Music Award nominations, and a Billboard Music Award. The band has sold out major venues including Radio City Music Hall and Red Rocks Amphitheatre and has appeared on national platforms such as Good Morning America, TODAY, CBS This Morning, FOX & Friends, ABC News, CNN, and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

MercyMe's landmark single *I Can Only Imagine* became the first Christian song to be certified Platinum and double-Platinum in the digital era, later inspiring the 2018 feature film of the same name. The sequel, *I Can Only Imagine 2*, centered on the story behind *Even If*, premiered February 20, 2026, via Lionsgate. The film stars J. Michael Finley, Milo Ventimiglia, Dennis Quaid, Trace Adkins, and Sophie Skelton. Ahead of the film's release, the band issued their 12th studio album, "Wonder & Awe" (August 8, 2025), featuring the No. 1 single, *Oh Death*.

Jeremy Camp has released twelve albums between 2002 and 2025, five of them RIAA-certified Gold, with more than 6 million albums sold and 45 No. 1 singles across all formats. His accolades include five GMA Dove Awards, four ASCAP Songwriter of the Year Awards, multiple American Music Award nominations, and a GRAMMY® nomination. His life story was depicted in the 2020 theatrical film *I Still Believe*, which opened at No. 1 at the box office.

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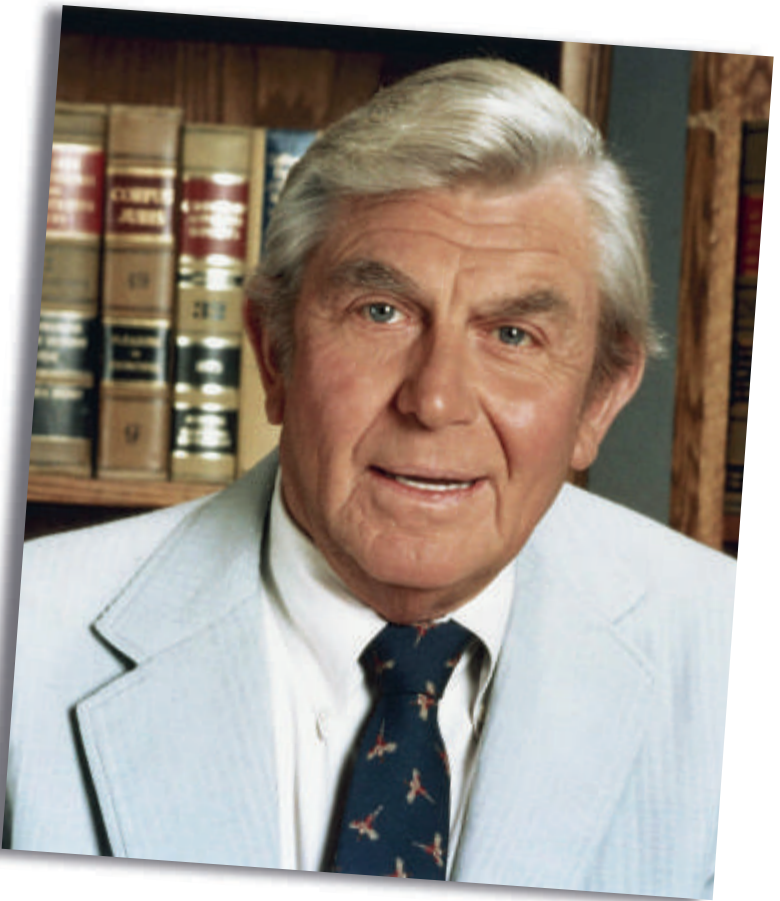
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Christian Recording Artist Johnathan Bond Remembers Andy Griffith, The Gentle Voice of American Television

By Cory Parker with Johnathan Bond



For Christian recording artist Johnathan Bond, Andy Griffith was never just a television star. He was a familiar presence, a moral compass, and a gentle voice woven into the fabric of his childhood. “As a child, I remember watching *The Andy Griffith Show*,” Johnathan recalls. “I grew up feeling like I knew all the people on that show, because it truly was one of the very few we were allowed to watch.”

That sense of closeness - of knowing Andy Taylor, Barney, Aunt Bee, Opie, and the whole town of Mayberry - was shared by millions of Americans. But for Johnathan, it became something far more personal.

Andy Griffith’s story began long before Mayberry. Born on June 1, 1926, in Mount Airy, North Carolina, he grew up in modest surroundings that would later inspire the warm, down-to-earth characters he portrayed. Originally trained as a music teacher, Griffith’s natural storytelling ability and gentle humor soon pulled him toward the stage.

He first gained national attention in the early 1950s with his comedic monologue “What It Was, Was Football,” a homespun piece that showcased his wit and charm. His breakout acting role came in the 1957 film “A Face in the Crowd,” where he stunned audiences with a dark, dramatic performance. But it was television that would make him a household name.

In 1960, Griffith stepped into the role of Sheriff Andy Taylor on “*The Andy Griffith Show*.” Set in the fictional town of Mayberry, the series became one of the most beloved sitcoms in American history. Griffith embodied calm wisdom, quiet authority, and moral clarity - qualities that resonated deeply with viewers during a time of cultural change.

For Johnathan Bond, those qualities were more than entertainment. They were formative.

Years later, as an adult, Johnathan found himself standing face-to-face with the man whose voice had shaped his childhood. “I had the opportunity of meeting Mr. Andy Griffith in his hometown of Mount Airy - or as some still call it, Mayberry,” he says. “I truly counted it an honor as he showed us, Young Harmony, around the town.”



February 10, 2010 - Johnathan Bond and Andy Griffith at the Fox Theater in Atlanta, Georgia

It was a moment that felt almost surreal: the fictional world of Mayberry suddenly becoming real, guided by the man who had made it famous.

But the story didn't end there. Just a few years later, Johnathan was invited to be part of a talk panel with Andy Griffith at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, Georgia. "It was definitely an honor to meet him and to learn how similar his real-life personality was to his TV personas," he says. "He was the same gentle, kind, wise man off-screen that he was on-screen."

That authenticity - that rare alignment between character and person - is what made Andy Griffith so beloved. Whether as Sheriff Taylor or as the folksy attorney Ben Matlock in the hit series *Matlock* (1986-1995), Griffith portrayed men guided by integrity, compassion, and common sense. He reminded audiences of the power of kindness and the beauty of simple wisdom.

Andy Griffith passed away on July 3, 2012, at the age of 86. This year, he would have turned 100, a milestone that prompts reflection not only on his career, but on the lives he touched.



Andy Griffith as Sheriff Andy Taylor on "The Andy Griffith Show"

For Johnathan Bond, the memories remain vivid and cherished. The child who once watched Mayberry from a living-room television grew into the man who walked its streets with Andy Griffith himself. The artist who once admired a character grew to respect the man behind it.

And in remembering him, Johnathan offers a tribute not just to an entertainer, but to a gentle soul whose presence shaped generations.

Andy Griffith's legacy endures - in reruns, in recordings, in the quiet moral clarity he brought to American television, and in the hearts of those, like Johnathan Bond, who were blessed to know him both on-screen and in person.

A promotional graphic for Ken Mobley's music ministry. The background is a scenic landscape at sunset with a cowboy in a hat and patterned shirt walking away on a dirt road. In the top left, there is a logo for "Dirt Road Gospel Records" featuring a guitar. The main text reads "Ken Mobley - The Singing Cowboy -" in a large, stylized font. Below this, a central message says "THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT ME AND MY MUSIC OUT WHERE THE PAVEMENT ENDS." To the right, a wooden signpost lists several songs: "OLD CHURCH SONGS", "WHERE ARE YOU NOW", "I'VE GOT A FRIEND", "I KNOW JESUS", and "JESUS IS THE KING". At the bottom, a banner contains the email address "mobleymusicministry@gmail.com".

Where Are They Now?

A Retrospective Glimpse at Yesterday's Rising Music Stars
Who Became Icons and Where They Are Today

THIS EDITION: Cory Hart

Staff, Cashbox

Corey Hart remains one of Canada's most enduring Pop voices - a singer, songwriter, and cultural figure whose impact stretches far beyond his breakout era in the 1980s. Best known for the global smash *Sunglasses at Night*, Hart has built a career defined by emotional honesty, artistic independence, and a refusal to chase trends.

Corey Hart has sold over 16 million records worldwide by amassing 9 consecutive US Billboard Top 40 Hits, while scoring an impressive 32 top 40 singles in his native Canada (Including 12 Top 10 Hits). He's Grammy Nominated as well as an ASCAP, multiple Juno and Quebec ADISQ award winner. Corey's video *Sunglasses at Night* became a staple on MTV during the summer of 1984 and claimed the first ever Juno awarded in the 'Video Of The Year' category that same year.

His iconic debut single was an international sensation propelling young Hart to the summit of the Pop world. His brooding good looks and James Dean persona became larger than life during the 80s.

His sophomore album "Boy In The Box" achieved Diamond status certification (1 million plus sales) faster than any other Canadian artist in history by spawning four hit singles lead by his classic anthem *Never Surrender* which spent nine weeks at number one in Canada, winning 'Single of the Year' at the Juno Awards in 1985. Corey has performed in arenas from Montreal to Manila - from Tokyo to Toronto where he sold out the 25,000 capacity CNE Grandstand in 1985.

Throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, Hart released a string of successful albums, including "Boy in the Box," "Fields of Fire," and "Young Man Running" - solidifying his reputation as a thoughtful lyricist with a powerful, unmistakable voice.

In 1999, Corey stepped away from his recording and touring career to raise his four children with wife Quebec chanteuse Julie Masse. "All I had ever wanted or known since I was a boy was to be creating music. But I couldn't continue to record or tour if I aspired to be a 24/7 father to our children. The two worlds simply collide."

During his years away from the spotlight, Corey wrote and produced several songs for fellow Canadian superstar Celine Dion. In 2003, spearheaded by Sire Music's CEO



Seymour Stein, Hart was offered a record label partnership with Warner Music Canada which he named Siena Records.

On June 3, 2014, after a 12 year hiatus from live work, Corey triumphantly returned to stage performing at a sold out hometown Montreal Bell Centre Arena billed as 'One Night - Three Decades Of Music.' He also released his autobiography entitled "Chasing The Sun" that same evening.

In 2016, Corey was inducted onto Canada's prestigious Walk Of Fame. His longtime friend, tennis champion Chris Evert, presented him with the award and Canadian singer Nelly Furtado surprised Hart with her memorable interpretive performance of *Sunglasses At Night*.

On March 17, 2019, Corey was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall Of Fame at the 2019, JUNO Awards held in London, Ontario. This is the highest honor a musician can receive in Canada.



Cory in the early 1980s

Hart cites his greatest musical achievement not as a particular hit record or bestselling album but “from the fact that I was able to remain authentic to my artistic vision by being the sole architect of my words and music.”

He hosted a podcast for a season. “Walks With My Dog Láska” offered fans intimate reflections, stories from his career, and insights into his creative life. It’s a warm, conversational project that shows a more personal side of the artist.

Hart continues to revisit and reinterpret his earlier hits, releasing refreshed recordings and videos that bridge his past and present. Though he is not currently on tour, Hart maintains an active relationship with his audience through digital releases, social media, and special projects.

Corey Hart’s career is a testament to artistic integrity. He has never been afraid to step back, reinvent, or follow a quieter path when it felt right. Yet he remains a beloved figure in Pop music, a performer whose songs continue to resonate across generations.

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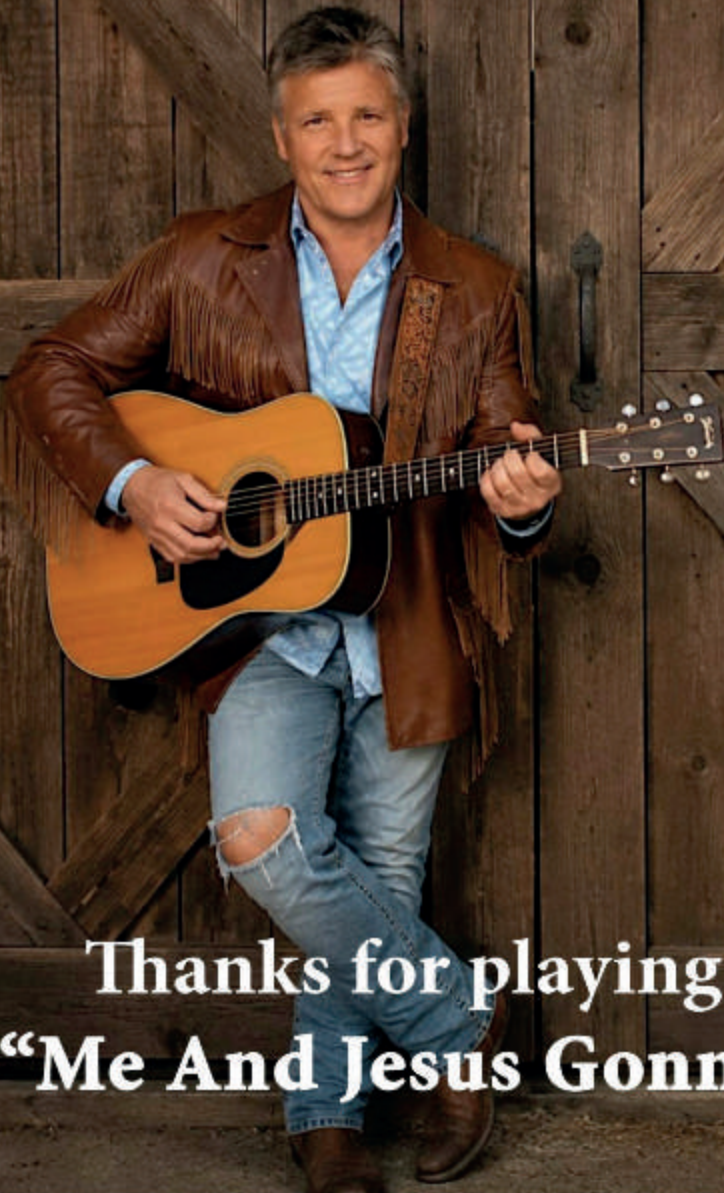
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Carrying the Torch for Traditional Country

By Cory Parker

In a Country music landscape that often chases whatever is loudest, flashiest, or most fleeting, Kile Antone stands like a front-porch light in the Carolina dusk - steady, warm, and unmistakably rooted in the traditions that raised him. His sound is carved from Bluegrass hillsides, Gospel pews, and the kind of Classic Country storytelling that doesn't just entertain but remembers. It remembers people, places, and the quiet moments that shape a life. It remembers where the music came from.

Kile's story begins in the foothills of Pickens County, South Carolina, where a fourteen-year-old boy first wrapped his hands around a guitar inside the historic Oolenoy Community House in Pumpkintown. The building itself - weathered, wooden, and humming with decades of Bluegrass - became his first classroom. "Those early experiences laid the foundation for everything I do," he says, looking back on the nights when the music was simple, the harmonies were honest, and the lessons were learned by ear and by heart.

But it was the church - a small country congregation tucked into the Carolina hills - that shaped the soul of his music. Singing Gospel didn't just strengthen his voice; it strengthened his faith and deepened his understanding of what a song could mean. "My goal has always been simple," Kile says. "To write honest songs, honor the people and experiences that shaped me, and leave every audience better than I found them." That mission has become the quiet engine behind every lyric he writes and every stage he steps onto.

Fans feel that sincerity immediately. One listener put it plainly: “Kile has a way of writing songs that feel familiar. You hear his music and immediately connect with the people and places he’s singing about.” It’s the kind of praise that can’t be manufactured, it has to be lived.

And Kile has lived it. From intimate acoustic sets to full-band festival stages, he has carried his blend of traditional Country, Americana, and Gospel across the Southeast and into Texas, where audiences have embraced his authenticity with open arms. Whether he’s performing solo, co-leading The Open Range Band, or fronting his full Country ensemble, Kile Antone & The Storm Front Band, he brings the same ingredients every time: musicianship, sincerity, and a genuine connection with the people in front of him.

His influences stretch across decades; the storytellers of the ’70s, the outlaws and poets of the ’80s, the neotraditionalists of the ’90s, and the early 2000s artists who kept the flame burning. Yet his sound is unmistakably his own, shaped by real life, real faith, and real work. Kile doesn’t write from imagination alone; he writes from experience. From the victories and the heartbreaks. From the long nights and the answered prayers. From the everyday stories that bind people together no matter where they come from.

That authenticity caught the attention of G.A.C. Records and BGJ Promotions, leading to a milestone moment in May 2026 when he signed with the independent label founded by Country icon Leon Everette. The partnership has already expanded his reach, with his single *Drink Some More* receiving independent radio airplay nationwide - a sign that traditional Country still has a powerful place in the modern world.

But Kile’s life extends far beyond the stage lights. For nearly three decades, he has served in ministry, pastoring two Independent Methodist churches in South Carolina. He is also a Nationally Registered Paramedic and the Paramedic Program Director at a South Carolina technical college, training the next generation of emergency medical professionals. These roles - pastor, educator, paramedic - have given him a front-row seat to humanity in all its forms: joy, grief, resilience, redemption. Those stories inevitably find their way into his songwriting, giving his music a depth that can’t be faked.

Now, with seven tracks already recorded and more on the way, Kile is hard at work on his highly anticipated debut

album. He’s planning additional releases, music videos, and a season of creative momentum that shows no signs of slowing. Yet even as his career grows, his compass remains unchanged. Success, for him, isn’t measured in chart positions or industry accolades. It’s measured in connection, in the quiet moments after a show when someone says a song helped them through something they didn’t know how to put into words.



Kile Antone & the Storm Front Band

Kile Antone is not chasing trends. He’s carrying a torch - one lit long ago in the foothills of South Carolina, passed down through Bluegrass pickers, Gospel singers, and Country storytellers who believed music should mean something. And as he continues forging his own path, one thing is certain: the flame is in good hands.





DON DeGRATE

By Melissa Earnest

Many artists have stories to tell regarding their life on the road, but not many artists have had such an eventful life as Donald E. DeGrate. Don has had a life full of twists, turns, disappointments and triumphs, but through it all- he has remained faithful in his calling from the Lord.

Don's story starts in the year 1942, when, on October 28th, he was received into the loving arms of his devoted parents Simpson and Ernestine DeGrate. He was one of four children, where he had two brothers and a sister. His family faithfully attended church anytime the doors were open. It was within these sacred walls that Don found his love of singing.

He got his first big break when he was just 17 years old. His grandmother lived across the street from a Hispanic family that had a band. Don instantly recognized the song as being a Black R&B song. He went over to the family's home, knocked on the door, and inquired about the song. The family didn't know how to sing this specific song, so Don showed them how. It was at this moment that he was asked by the band, Cruz Ortiz & the Flames, to become their lead singer. In 1965, he felt another calling on his life and joined The United States Airforce where he was stationed in Hampton, Virginia. During this time, he also became the Minister of Music for St. John Church of God in Christ, where he stayed from 1965-1971.

Soon thereafter, he went to work for the Christian Broadcast Network, also known as CBN, where he historically became the first Black employee of Pat Robertson. Through CBN, Don went onto host a successful show called Right On, where it started in Atlanta. However, the show was so popular; Pat Robertson was so impressed with the ratings, that he invited Don into producing the show and to take it nationwide. Right On would remain successfully on air for three years, gracing millions of television screens while touching millions of hearts and souls. It was soon after the show ended, that he formed the Don DeGrate Delegation and they began travelling the country around 1974 and even sang with The Queen of Gospel Music- Pastor Shirley Caesar. That same year, they signed with AVI, which would lead to their chart-topping hit, *I Wanna Be Ready*, which landed at number eight on the Billboard chart, and *Beulah Land* was a hit as well.


In 1980, he signed with Word Records where they had their first hit, *I Don't Want to Stay Here*. Crossing over from



Black Gospel to Southern Gospel also brought about a new name for the band - Don DeGrate & Strong Tower. They were later discovered by Bill Gaither, who invited them to attend the epic and historical Gaither Homecoming Reunion shows, where their well-known song, *Sold Out*, was featured. The musical and vocal talent doesn't stop with Don. Don and his beautiful wife, Mary Elizabeth, have three sons: DeVanté Swing and Mr. Dalvin, who are founding members of the legendary band, Jodeci, along with Derek, who is a solo artist. Between then and now, Don took a ten year and well-deserved break to spend time with his family.

Presently he has teamed up with Terry Scott of Scott Enterprises & Media, which has released Don's latest single, *Your Precious Love*, to Black Gospel and Southern Gospel radio stations nationwide. Whether on earth or in Heaven, Don wants to leave behind a legacy that follows Philippians 1:6, which says: "*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*"

Both Scott Enterprises & Media and Don DeGrate are asking that you request *Your Precious Love* at your local Gospel radio stations.

A portrait of Pastor Jonathan Ray Smith, a man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and tie. He is smiling and has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a dark, textured surface with golden light rays and sparkles.

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David Haerle

A Lifetime of Music, a Hometown in His Heart

By Jackson McKee

Some artists discover music. David Haerle was born into it.

His childhood unfolded in a home where vinyl spun like a second language and the music business was as familiar as the family dinner table. His father, Martin, had emigrated from Germany with a dream - to work in the American Country music industry. He co-founded CMH Records out of the family garage and a side room in their Los Angeles home, building an independent label that would become a cornerstone of David's world.

On his mother's side, the legacy ran just as deep. His grandparents, along with their partner Cal Young, owned WENO - Nashville's first full-time Country music radio station. It was a place where legends walked the halls, and one of them, Roy Acuff, took nine-year-old David by the hand and led him onto the Grand Ole Opry stage before a full house. It was a moment that imprinted itself on him forever.

Music wasn't just around him. It was in him.

As David grew older, he and his father shared what they called "listening sessions," trading favorites on the family Hi-Fi. Martin played Country classics. David countered with Rock; the bold, electrifying kind. He was captivated by David Bowie, and by guitar heroes who seemed to bend the laws of physics: Tony Iommi, Eddie Van Halen, Ted Nugent, Frank Zappa, Jimi Hendrix. Their sound became his compass.

At thirteen, he got his first guitar - a Fender Stratocaster - and a Deluxe Reverb amp. It was the beginning of a lifelong relationship. He played lead guitar in Four Dudes Jammin', then joined Paradise Drive, an original Alternative Rock/New Wave band that carved out its place in 1980s Los Angeles, performing at iconic clubs like Club Lingerie and Club 88.

But life has a way of redirecting even the most determined musicians. In the late '80s, David became a music agent at International Creative Management. Then tragedy struck. His father passed away suddenly, and David stepped into the role of president of CMH Label Group, a position he has held for more than 32 years. Running the label became his priority, and his own music moved quietly into the background.

Yet the guitar never left his hands. In 2009, he began vocal training. Singing rekindled something - a flame he thought had dimmed. He scaled back his schedule at CMH, built a recording studio in his home, and began writing, recording, and producing original songs. He played in the cover band Fred Harvey, performed at convalescent homes with a fiddle player, and appeared with his band Edendale at L.A.'s storytelling event Strong Words. He also became a featured online performer for Rockwood Music Hall, Jam In The Van, and Gigmore Live.

In 2011, he committed to recording his first full-length album. It took seven years, a labor of love, patience, and rediscovery. "Garden of Edendale" arrived in 2018, followed by "Death Valley" in 2020 and "El Camino Sierra" in 2023. His fourth LP is set for release this year.

And now, he offers one of his most personal songs yet.

STORY BEHIND "THE HILLS OF SILVER LAKE"

The Hills of Silver Lake is a meditation on time, on what it means to grow older in the same neighborhood where you once rode bikes, scraped knees, and dreamed big dreams.

“The song is about living your adulthood in the neighborhood you grew up in,” David explains. “I think it gives you a special view of life as it goes by.”

In Silver Lake, he has watched landmarks disappear, restaurants change hands, and waiters age into retirement. He has seen young families move into homes where he once played as a child. He has felt the sting of loss as people he knew and loved passed on. “Through all this, you realize you are also growing older,” he says.

The song is not nostalgic in a sentimental way, it is reflective, grounded, and honest. It acknowledges the beauty and the ache of staying rooted in one place long enough to witness its evolution.

“*The Hills of Silver Lake* is my attempt to capture this experience of bearing witness,” David says, “and about realizing that I, too, am just passing through.”

It is a song only someone who has lived deeply - and paid attention - could write.



A LIFE OF MUSIC, A MUSIC OF LIFE

David Haerle’s journey is not one of overnight success or sudden fame. It is the story of a man who has lived many lives inside one - guitarist, agent, label president, songwriter - and who has returned, again and again, to the place where it all began: To the guitar. To the songs. To the hills of Silver Lake.

His music is not just crafted, it is earned. And with each new release, he continues to prove that some artists don’t simply make records. They make reflections.



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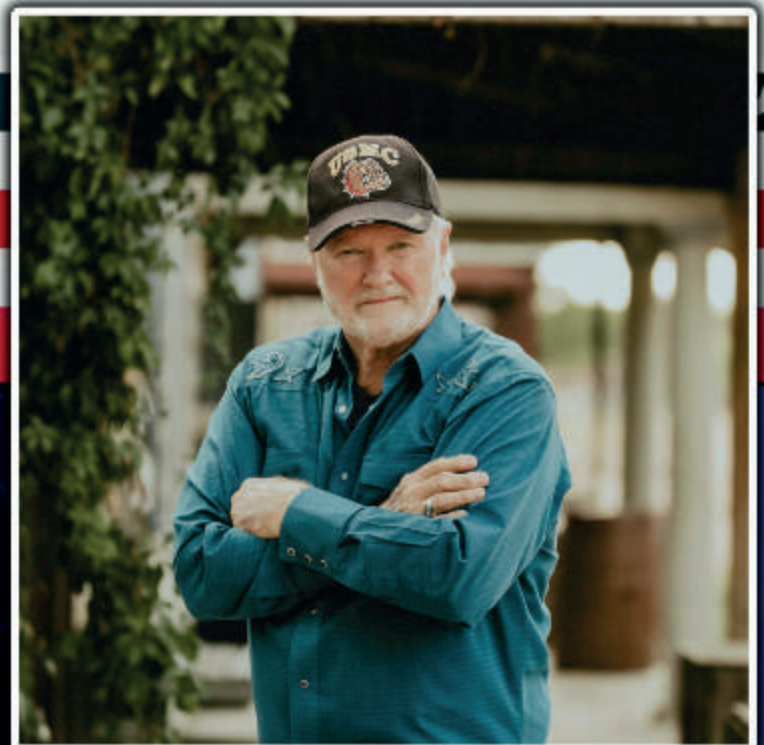
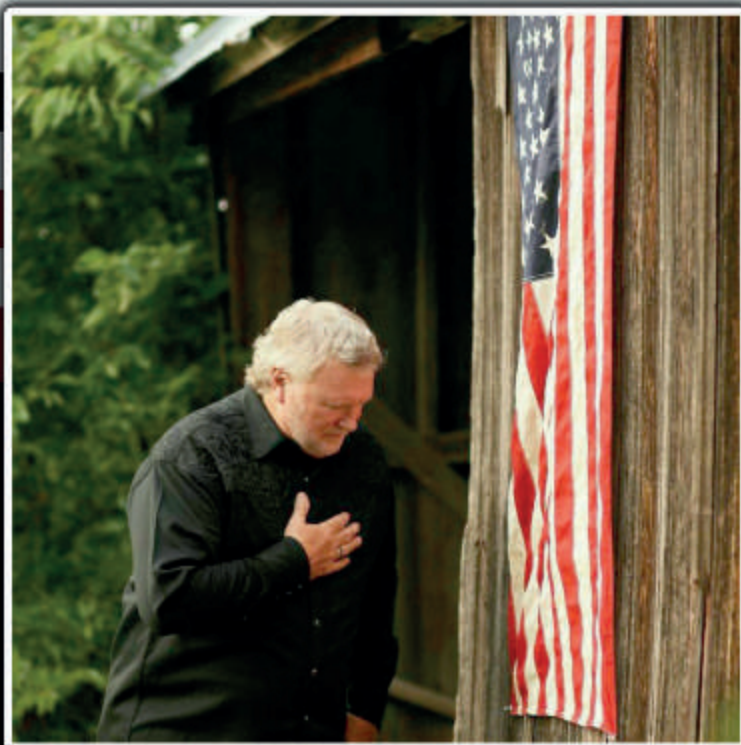
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A natural-born storyteller, she captivates audiences with sincerity and passion, creating an authentic connection whether she's performing in an intimate room or in front of a crowd. Music isn't just something she does - it's who she is.



**Dreamer, Doer,
Storyteller.
The Country
Voice of**

*Lauren
Rismiller*

By Robin Tanner

Lauren was raised in the small town of Darke County, Ohio. “I’ve built my career from the ground up, and I’m still pushing forward every day,” Lauren says, reflecting on a journey that began long before she ever stepped onto a professional stage.

“Music has always been a big part of my life, especially songwriting, she continues. “When I was younger, I carried around a notebook and wrote songs all the time. I began performing at talent shows between the ages of 9 and 13, which gave me my first real experience on stage.”

Those early years shaped her confidence and her work ethic. From open mics to booking her own shows, she learned how to build something from nothing. “Playing live has helped me develop my stage presence and build genuine connections with my audience. I take my music seriously and put in the work every day to keep moving forward. It’s my business; it’s my career. It’s who I am and what I do!”

Her influences reflect the strong women who shaped Country music’s emotional core. “I’m inspired by the extraordinary talents of Lainey Wilson, Shania Twain, Jo Dee

Messina, Martina McBride and Jennifer Nettles,” she shares. Their authenticity - whether in voice, songwriting, or stage presence - helped guide her own artistic identity.

She’s especially drawn to the emotional depth of ’90s Country, the era that blended fun, heartbreak, and real-life storytelling. “Lainey Wilson is a huge inspiration for me. I can relate to her drive and work ethic, and I live by a similar mindset: ‘if you want to be a dreamer, you’ve got to be a doer.’”

For Lauren, the heart of her career lies in connection. “Some of my biggest career highlights come from the connections I’ve built with people through my music,” she says. “Getting to take pictures with fans who genuinely support what I do and hearing them sing along to my songs is something I’ll never take for granted.”

She treasures the creative process - co-writing, exploring new ideas, and sharing different sides of herself through emotional songs and fun online content. Live shows remain her favorite part of the job. “Some of my most memorable moments include singing the national anthem at a racetrack,

which was nerve-wracking but unforgettable. Hearing my songs come to life for the first time still gives me chills.”

One milestone stands out as a turning point: earning the chance to play Country Concert. “I actually entered the contest the year before and didn’t make it, but I didn’t let that stop me,” she recalls. “I came back the next year more prepared and more determined. When they called my name on stage, it was overwhelming in the best way.” It wasn’t just a win - it was proof that persistence pays off.

Her newest single, *Heart Broke in a Bar*, marks a defining moment in her artistry. “When I wrote it, I was going through a tough break-up and to write it healed me in a way,” she says. The song blends ’90s Country influence with sass, emotion, and honesty.

“*Heart Broke In A Bar* describes me trying to figure out who I am as a person after a break-up and how to move forward with my life. It’s not just a heartbreak song; it’s about choosing yourself.”



Bars have always been part of her story. She began performing in them at seventeen, and those early nights shaped her confidence and her voice. “Writing this song made me realize there was a reason for those experiences, they helped shape who I am, both as a person and as an artist.”

A pivotal moment came when she decided to fully commit to music. “I didn’t want to treat music like a backup plan anymore. This was what I was meant to do,” she says. With her parents’ support, she took the leap. “If there’s one thing I’d share to inspire someone, it’s this: go after what you really want. Take the risk, bet on yourself, and give it everything you’ve got.”

Today, Lauren is focused on releasing new music, expanding her audience, and connecting with fans across state lines. Her “Heartbreak Country Summer Tour” marks a new chapter - one filled with momentum, growth, and purpose. Long-term, she dreams of headlining her own tours, opening for major artists, and continuing to evolve as a songwriter.

But success, to her, is defined by authenticity. “As for ‘making it,’ I don’t really define it by fame. To me, it means doing music full-time, staying authentic to my sound, and building a loyal fanbase that truly connects with what I do.”

Her live shows reflect that mission. “At my shows, fans can expect a high-energy, feel-good experience with a lot of heart behind it. My goal is that no matter what someone’s going through when they walk in, they leave feeling lifted up.” She blends energy, emotion, and storytelling, creating a space where people can feel understood and at home.

As an independent artist, she acknowledges the challenges - building everything from scratch, competing in a crowded industry, and pushing through uncertainty. But she embraces the journey. “Every artist starts somewhere. For me, the biggest challenges and the biggest opportunities is having the courage to put my music out there, trust the process, and keep developing both as an artist and as a person.”

Above all, Lauren Rismiller leads with honesty. “The most important thing I want to convey through my music is honesty. I want my lyrics to reflect real-life experiences. At the core of everything I do is storytelling and authenticity.” Her goal is simple yet profound: to make music that connects, comforts, and leaves a lasting impact.

Lauren isn’t waiting for her career to happen. She’s building it, shaping it, and living it with heart, grit, and unwavering belief. And with every song, every show, and every story she shares, she’s proving that her dream isn’t just possible - it’s already unfolding.



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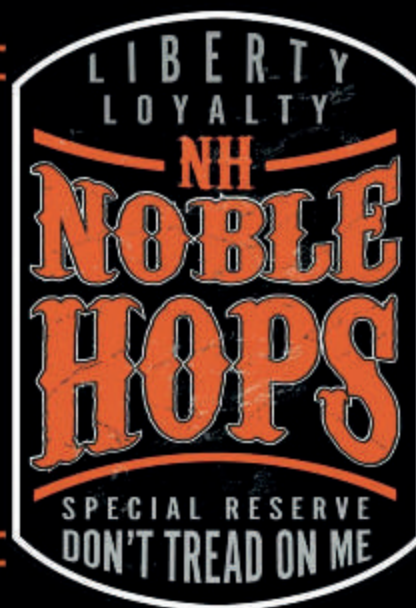
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Bringing Country Back to Its Roots



By Maren Blake

In a world where Country music often feels pulled between nostalgia and noise, Fred Winston steps forward with a quiet conviction that speaks louder than any trend. He isn't here to reinvent the genre. He's here to restore it.

With roots stretching from Oklahoma's red dirt to Tennessee's storied stages, Winston carries the grit, honesty, and heart that built Country music in the first place. "My music reflects real Country sound," he says. "I'm dedicated to keeping Traditional Country music alive, while introducing my own voice to a new generation of listeners."

That voice - warm, lived-in, and unmistakably authentic - was shaped long before he ever stepped onto a stage. At thirteen, long before he ever imagined himself as a recording artist, Winston developed a deep respect for Country music. His uncle handed him a guitar, and something clicked. He began playing in local bands, absorbing the sounds of Merle Haggard, George Strait, Alan Jackson, and George Jones. "I'm not chasing trends," he says. "I'm focused on honoring and preserving Traditional Country music through my own voice."

But music wasn't his only passion. Before the spotlight, there was the racetrack. Fred spent years competing in

motocross, earning trophies and qualifying for elite events like the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship at the Loretta Lynn Ranch, the GNC Nationals in Texas, and the NMA Nationals in Ponca City. The sport demanded grit, discipline, and resilience - qualities that would later define his music career. After a series of injuries and the realities of balancing racing with his welding career, he made a life-altering decision: he stepped away from motocross and stepped fully into music.

Oklahoma became his training ground. In the college town of Tahlequah, he immersed himself in the rising Red Dirt scene, performing with local bands and eventually joining The Messenger Dogs. That connection led him to the Red Dirt Rangers and opened doors to Country clubs throughout the Tulsa area. The stages got bigger, the crowds louder, and the music deeper.

A new chapter began when he met his wife and moved to Tennessee. Nashville sharpened him. Songwriter nights, late-night sessions, and the humbling grind of Music City

shaped his artistry. He auditioned for the first season of Nashville Star, advancing through the early rounds and earning a feature in Country Weekly Magazine. “After my performance I was eliminated,” he recalls, “but while leaving through the lobby a media representative stopped me and wanted a short interview. They even used a picture from my performance.” It was a small moment, but a defining one. Proof that he belonged.

Today, Winston stands on the edge of a breakthrough. His debut EP, “Home Away From Home,” is set to introduce him to the world. “Bringing my first project to life is very personal and exciting,” he says. “I can finally share my music with an audience.” The title track, his debut single, is already making waves. “Home Away From Home” puts Fred Winston on the map as a new voice for Traditional Country music,” his press release declares - and it’s right.

The song is a portrait of real life, built on themes listeners can feel in their bones. It’s the kind of Country music that doesn’t just entertain, it reminds. Reminds people of who they are, where they come from, and what matters.

“The ability to create music that reflects who I am and to connect with an audience who want to hear the traditional sounds they miss is rewarding,” Winston says. But the road isn’t without challenges. “The challenge is the same as other artists face: staying true to my sound and navigating an industry that shifted away from the traditional sound of Country music.” Still, he remains grounded. “Being able to connect with the listeners is a great feeling.”

His accomplishments are growing: performances with a full six-piece band, expanding his fan base, live shows across multiple states, and a growing online presence through livestreams. He is currently working with Faye Baldwin management, opening doors to performances in Branson and Oklahoma casinos. And now, with his debut album released in June, he’s stepping into the moment he’s been preparing for his entire life.

But behind the music is a man shaped by lessons that go far beyond the stage. “One of the biggest lessons I’ve learned is that timing and perseverance matter just as much as talent,” he says. “Life doesn’t always take you where you think you want to go, and sometimes the detours shape you the most.” His journey - from motocross tracks to honky-tonk stages - is proof of that. “You don’t have to rush it,” he adds. “But you do have to stay true to who you are, never give up, and keep going.”

Winston believes Country music still has a job to do. “Country music has always been about real life and real struggles,” he says. “Right now, people want something real again, to eliminate all the noise in the world. Music can bring people back to what matters: family, faith, hard work, and connection to something or someone real.” His hope is simple: “If people can see themselves in my music while having fun and feeling comfort, understanding, and courage, then I’m doing what I intended to do.”



His mission is clear. “My mission is to keep traditional Country music alive while making it relatable and fun for the audience,” he says. “I want to create songs that will live on, songs people can come back to because they feel real.” At his live shows, fans can expect exactly that. “It’s about the music, the stories, and the connection. I want people to feel like they’re part of something. It’s going to be real Country.”

From Oklahoma roots to Tennessee stages, Fred Winston isn’t just stepping into the spotlight, he’s carrying a legacy. He’s a reminder of what Country music was, what it still is, and what it can be again. He’s not just making music. He’s making Country.

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Johan Smits (aka John Smyths) was born in March 1961 in the old town of Nijmegen and was introduced to the world of music by his parents and older brother. Although it wasn't the kind of music he liked, it was music.

When his wild years were over, he got more and more into country music and listened to Conway Twitty, Hank Williams, Waylon Jennings, Kenny Rogers, Tammy Wynette and so on. Moving to Germany, he would go to the studio regularly to record covers of some well-known country songs, even recorded three of his own songs and was on stage several times, mostly in Germany and Belgium. While he might have only started releasing music on digital platforms under the moniker John Smyths, Johan Smits has been sharing singles for years – so he's not all that much of a newbie on the scene.

Raised on a diet of Kiss, Van Halen, Iron Maiden and AC/DC, Smyths found a base in the oldschool rock scene; however, he's not afraid to saunter across different genres and found himself wading through country music with Hank Williams, Kenny Rogers and Waylon Jennings.

For 2025, John Smyths was on stage in Viechtach (Bavaria), Gerolstein, Stolberg, Wolfhagen, Nijmegen (NL) and many more. He has been awarded for his song “Loving You Makes Me A Better Man” at the Red Carpet Show International in Wageningen (NL) where he also was on stage. Another nomination was done by “the Elite Music Awards” in the States. He released his single at the end of August, called “Now I'm Wiser” which got great critics all over the world. And now getting back with “Last Night” which is a beautiful Country ballad.

A NEW ERA FOR MIDDY & THE CREW



Coming off a Top 100 song on the charts almost exactly one year ago, "Pass Me By" climbed all the way to #91 last July before the wheels came off and the whole thing crashed and burned on the Music Row Country Chart Magazine. But the story didn't end there. Last week, the title track off "Get Ready" hit #6 in the Top 100 Indie Chart for Cashbox Magazine.

The music video for "Pass Me By" was written and produced by Middy Carouthers and edited by Jacob Vi, who has since taken over all guitars, pianos and keyboards for The Crew as the band rebuilt itself from the ground up. Since last year, Middy & the Crew have been filming and recording in St. Louis, Missouri at the legendary Shock City Studios on the historic South Side.

Following Middy's split with Freddy Vail and the closing chapter of Treasure Isle in Berry Hill next to Blackbird Studios, the band returned home determined to make something bigger, stranger and more honest than ever before.

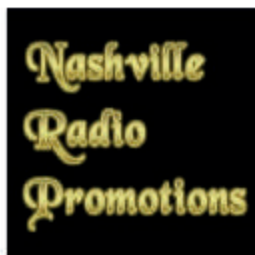
Now The Crew is putting the final touches on album number five: "EXOTICA." Since the hit single 'Pass Me By,' off of the 'Get Ready' album, Middy decided to produce his new album entirely himself.

The original Godfather of Demo Rock has even customized his Caterpillar 316 EL Excavator and now incorporates it into live performances at his new venue "Queen Arena" in Eureka, Missouri next to Brookdale Farms.

The arena itself carries deep family roots. Middy's father, Middleton M. Carouthers IV, helped shape the entertainment legacy connected to KWRE in Warrenton alongside Roy Queen. The walls echo the history of legends who once performed for Big Middy and his partner Roy Queen — Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette, Crystal Gayle, Ernest Tubb, Stringbean Johnson, among many others.

Middy & the Crew are preparing to release a single from their new album "EXOTICA" very soon. 'Red River Bed.' is a real beauty. We're sure all Country music fans out there will enjoy.

And to top it all off, a new Non-Fiction Novel written by Middy himself about the Life & Times of Middleton Miller Carouthers V. "The Nashvillians" is action packed from some of St. Louis's meanest Mobsters, Stan Musial, West Pointe Military Academy, Jimmy Hoffa the Teamsters to the FBI. Fast women, fast cars and Formula Racing to Las Vegas, Middy and Da Bears Chicago Style, New York and the Kennedys to a Beauuuuuutiful summer night with Joannie Rivers to Beverly Hills and time spent with Candice Bergen and Steve McQueen at the Brown Derby, to the penitentiary and 21 trips 'Head'n Back 2 Nashville' (see music vid on YouTube) and KWRE FM, Queen Arena Warrenton Mo. and 5 albums later in the last 10 years. Watch for it at your favorite book stores. And as always, "Stay tuned."



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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

MIKE McCARRELL

By Malik Riaz

Born and raised in Edinburg, Texas, Mike McCarrell discovered his love for music at an early age. His passion for singing and songwriting led him to perform wherever he could, refining his craft with each opportunity. Starting in middle school choir, he learned to read music, which became the foundation of his musical journey. However, his path to professional success was anything but conventional.

After high school, McCarrell took a detour from music to serve in the Marine Corps. It was during his time in the military that he picked up the guitar, which reignited his passion for songwriting. Stationed on the East Coast, he joined The Super Grit Cowboy Band, where he played alongside talented musicians. One of the most influential figures in his journey was Clyde Mattocks, the bandleader, who would later play a crucial role in McCarrell's breakthrough in the Country music scene.

Returning to Texas in 1990 after serving eight years in the military, McCarrell received an unexpected call from legendary Country artist Vern Gosdin. Initially, he dismissed it as a prank and hung up, only to have Gosdin call back and explain that Clyde Mattocks had recommended him.

"The next morning, I caught a plane to Nashville, auditioned, and got the gig. That was about the time Vern's hit song *Chiseled in Stone* had won 'Song of the Year,' so we hit the road immediately, and I never looked back," McCarrell recalls.

Life on the road had its challenges, including long periods away from family and exhausting schedules, but the rewards far outweighed the difficulties. Traveling alongside national artists opened doors to new opportunities and lifelong friendships. Throughout his career, McCarrell has had the privilege of working with Beverly Gosdin Jenkins, whom he considers a dedicated advocate for real Country music. "It's an honor to be a member of her A-team," he says. "She really cares about real Country music."

One of the most memorable highlights of McCarrell's career was serving as the opening act for Collin Raye at George W. Bush's gubernatorial inauguration in Texas. Such experiences have solidified his place in the Country music industry and reinforced his belief in perseverance and dedication.



McCarrell's latest single, *Some Kinda Fire*, has made its way onto the Cashbox Independent Country Chart Top 40, further establishing his presence in the industry. His journey serves as an inspiration for aspiring artists, and he has a simple yet powerful piece of advice for them:

"Never stop just because it seems like you're at a dead end or facing a roadblock. Don't listen to others more than you listen to yourself. Go for it, you only live one life!"

A versatile musician, McCarrell writes across multiple genres, including Christian, Country, R&B, and Blues. He believes in the power of music to bring people together and always seeks the positive in every song he creates. His journey from a small-town musician to sharing stages with legends is a testament to the impact of perseverance, passion, and authenticity in music.

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RED, WHITE & BLUEGRASS

The Kody Norris Show

★ SPIRIT of AMERICA ★

By Robin Tanner

In a year when America celebrates its 250th birthday, few sounds ring truer to the nation's heart than Bluegrass music. It's honest, it's handmade, and it's rooted in the hills that shaped generations. That's exactly where The Kody Norris Show stands, right at the crossroads of tradition, patriotism, and pure American joy. With their rhinestone suits, high-powered picking, and down-home humor, this award-winning group has become one of the brightest voices in modern Bluegrass.

Their albums "All Suited Up" and "Rhinestone Revival" climbed the Billboard charts, and their live shows have lit up stages from the Grand Ole Opry to the Ryman Auditorium. As they release their new patriotic concept album "The Spirit of America, the band is carrying their love of Country to fans across the nation.

Kody Norris grew up in Mountain City, Tennessee, a place he still calls "one of the greatest places on earth." He remembers the slow pace, the tobacco fields, and the lessons that shaped him. "It gave me a very strong work ethic. It also taught me the value of a family and the value of loving one another. We were all a team and we all worked together."

Church was the center of life for the Norris family, and it was there that young Kody first fell in love with singing. "I just loved to sing when I was a little kid," he recalls. "There's a lot of people that stick out in my mind along the way that played a part in shaping me and who I am today."

Music grabbed hold early. At four years old, he was already fascinated by the sounds he heard at festivals and church gatherings where he went with his daddy. By nine, he

had his first mandolin, bought by his dad from a church member, and he took to it instantly. But the instrument that truly shaped him was the banjo. "I have my Uncle Jack's banjo," he says. "I'd get it out, being 13 years old, and just drag it through the house making noise on it. I don't know how they put up with it." Riding around with Uncle Jack, listening to the Stanley Brothers, he learned harmony, tenor singing, and the heart of mountain music.

By thirteen, Kody was playing in regional bands, performing three nights a week and at two churches every Sunday. That \$50 a night meant something to a kid who knew how long it took to earn that in a tobacco patch. He even considered the Air Force, but fate stepped in when he spent time with Dr. Ralph Stanley and The Clinch Mountain Boys. "If I want to give this music thing a whirl, right now is the time," he told himself. At eighteen, he started his own band, despite everyone telling him he'd never make a living at it.

But he did. And he built a life along the way. For eight years he had Kody Norris and the Watauga Mountain Boys, playing covers and sharpening his craft. During that time, he



hired a young mandolin player named Mary Rachel Nalley, never imagining she would one day become his wife. "I never in a million years dreamed when I hired a mandolin player that God had in mind me spending the rest of my life with," he says. Today, Mary Rachel is not only his partner in life but also a driving force behind the band's modern success. "She's one of the smartest people when it comes to technical things in today's world," Kody says. "I gave her the vision I had for The Kody Norris Show, and she was able to help me take that to the masses."



Together, they rebranded the band, added the now-famous rhinestone suits, and created a show that blends tradition with showmanship. Their lineup has grown and evolved, including longtime member Charlie Lowman, and now a new young banjo prodigy, fourteen-year-old Jim Hensley. "He is tearing it up," Kody says proudly. "He's sharp as a tack and a good kid and a joy to be around."

Their new album, "The Spirit of America," is their first concept record, something they approached with great care. "We tried to truly embody everything about the American spirit and this wonderful country that we live in," Kody says. "This is the most excited I have been about a record in a long time." The project includes American ballads, 1940s-style patriotic tunes, feel-good songs, and brand-new material.

The title cut of the album, *Spirit of America*, was originally written by the late Aubrey Holt of Boys From Indiana fame and first recorded by Aubrey's son Tony Holt and the Wildwood Valley Boys. *Spirit of America* is a powerful salute to the industrious people who have shaped our nation. The Kody Norris Show delivers a stirring performance that feels especially timely as the country approaches the America250 celebration. "As we celebrate America250, *Spirit of America* was one of the first songs we knew we had to record," shares Kody. "The hardworking hands behind this country are the very ones that have kept our nation moving forward for 250 years, and we hope to honor a few of them with this song."

One standout is *Good Ole USA*, a co-write with Larry Chun of the Grand Ole Opry. Larry has been a part of the Opry square dancers for over thirty years. "I just really wanted to write a feel-good American song," Kody explains. "If they're an American, it should put them in a happy mindset." The opening line sets the tone: "*The stars and stripes and the lady liberty watch on this land from sea to shining sea...*"

The Power and Glory finds The Kody Norris Show reimagining a classic American Folk anthem through their own distinctive Bluegrass style, and featuring lead vocals

from Mary Rachel Nalley-Norris. "When the idea of an America250 celebration album came about, we had a pretty good idea what most of the material would be," shares Mary Rachel. "However, we still wanted to look at outside songs that may have slipped by us throughout the years. This was one of those as it dates back to the mid-sixties by Phil Ochs! When we sat down to rehearse this album, I envisioned this song in a little different format with me singing lead and then hopping

to the harmony line on the chorus. Kody put the arrangement to it and bam! - we had us another song for the album!"

Kody's patriotism runs deep. "I'm sitting here looking at the front window and I've got American flags on each column on the front of my house," he says. "That just warms my heart, seeing Old Glory waving and knowing that we can celebrate that in the most wonderful country."

Touring the nation has only strengthened that love. The band has been traveling by SUV instead of bus so they can explore the country more freely. "We are really soaking up the culture where we're at," Kody says. "The majority of things in our country to get out and see don't even cost you anything. Our national parks and our monuments, I think that's a wonderful thing."

One of the greatest honors of Kody's life has been performing at the Grand Ole Opry. "I've never had a feeling like that in my life," he says. "To stand where so many have come before you and know that you're standing on hallowed ground." He still gets nervous every time, and he hopes he never loses that feeling. "It's one of the greatest American institutions in the world."

Awards have followed - IBMA honors, SPBGMA wins, and five consecutive 'Entertainer of the Year' titles. But Kody doesn't take any of it lightly. "The fact that the fans and your peers could bestow something like that on you, it just means the world to me."

Looking ahead, he dreams of performing at Carnegie Hall and expanding the band's reach even further. But he keeps his focus on faith, humility, and purpose. "It's so important in the world we live today that you try to be an example," he says. "Being yourself, being humble, and being as God would expect you to be, that takes you a long way."

With "The Spirit of America," The Kody Norris Show isn't just making music, they're celebrating a nation, honoring their roots, and carrying Bluegrass proudly into the future. And in true American fashion, they're doing it with heart, hard work, and a whole lot of sparkle!

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2	11	Fire Sign	S.G. Goodman	Slough Water Records/Thirty Tigers
3	7	Human Mind	Mavis Staples	Anti-
4	17	Like The Passing Clouds	Alex Krawczyk	MTS Records
5	14	Pocket Change	Sophie Gault (ft. Mando Saenz)	Torrez Music Group
6	19	When The Truth Comes Out	Kathleen Edwards	Dualtone/MNRK
7	23	Honeydew (No Light)	Josh Ritter	Pytheas Records /Thirty Tigers
8	25	Good Luck To Ya	Melissa Carper & Theo Lawrence	Bee & El/Warner Records
9	21	Kentucky Too Long	Charley Crockett	Lone Star Ride/Island/Republic
10	29	1800 Miles	Colter Wall	La Honda/RCA Records
11	22	Another Dimension	Daniel Donato & Elle King	Retrace Music/Red Light Management
12	31	If She's Lonely	John Hollier & The Reverie	WhollyABar/Thirty Tigers
13	24	Mockingbird	Larkin Poe	Tricki-Woo Records
14	1	Fall Moon	St.Paul & The Broken Bones	Oasis Pizza Records/Thirty Tigers
15	35	Drive	Clay Street Unit	Leo33
16	37	Vengeance and Grace	Benjamin Tod	Benjamin Tod/Thirty Tigers
17	27	Warning You Whiskey	Brit Taylor	Ridgetone Records/Cut A Shine Records/Thirty Tigers
18	30	Buzzkill	Jobi Riccio	Yep Roc Records
19	36	Me and You	Lance Roark	Tenkiller Records/Thirty Tigers
20	41	A Friend Like You	The Milk Carton Kids	Far Cry Records/Thirty Tigers
21	9	Big Money	Jon Batiste	Verve/Interscope
22	44	Donnie Takes The Bus	Fantastic Cat	Missing Pierce Records
23	5	Division	West Texas Exiles	Floating Mesa Records
24	42	Piece Of Mind	Amanda Shires	ATO Records
25	45	Indigo Park	Bruce Hornsby	Zappo Productions/Thirty Tigers
26	58	Straight At The Sun	Midnight Sky	MTS Records
27	40	Take The Cake	The Band Of Heathens	BOH Records
28	2	Cold At Night	The Mountain Goats	Cadmean Dawn/Thirty Tigers
29	18	Fire Season	John Craigie	Zabriskie Point Records
30	6	Cowboy Dreams	Boy Golden (ft. Cat Clyde)	Six Shooter Records
31	3	Hey Ah Nothin'	John Prine	Oh Boy Records
32	57	In The Middle Of It	Hiss Golden Messenger	Chrysalis Records
33	50	The Pharmacy Chronicles	The Black Crowes	Silver Arrow/Red Light
34	13	Keeper	Courtney Marie Andrews	Loose Future Records/Thirty Tigers
35	46	True Black	Jay Buchanan	Sacred Tongue Recordings/Thirty Tigers
36	8	One Shot Away	Micky & The Motorcars	Micky & The Motorcars Music
37	10	Ain't No Grave	The Curse Of KK Hammond	MTS Records
38	60	I Did It For Love	The Lone Bellow	Burly Bellow Music/Soundly Music
39	15	Brand New Heartache	Yonder Mountain String Band	Frog Pad Records/Thirty Tigers
40	68	Heavy Foot	Mon Rovia	Netwerk Music Group
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44	82	Old Gravel Road	John Michael Ferrari	Millennium Music Group
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48	87	Great River Road	Chicago Farmer	LoHi Records
49	76	In Your Ocean	Iron & Wine	Sub Pop Record
50	56	Millionaire	Big Richard	Signature Sounds



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51	75	Back Home	Garrett Boys (ft. Steve Earle)	Pond Ridge Records
52	66	Love A Little Bigger	Steve Poltz	Compass Records
53	78	Ballad Of The Texas Gentlemen	Ryan Bingham	The Bingham Recording Co./Thirty Tigers
54	64	Returning To Myself	Brandi Carlile	Interscope /Lost Highway
55	59	Hold Steady	Queen Esther	EL Recordings
56	89	Man's World	Cat Clyde	Concord Records/Concord
57	86	Livin' In Shame	Emily Nenni	New West Records
58	63	It's Alright	Sons Of The East	Metropolitan Groove Merchnts
59	77	This One Don't	Eric Bibb	Repute Records
60	70	The Flood	Ye Vagabonds	Rough Trade Records
61	85	When I Was Saved	Eddy Mann	MTS Records
62	38	Never Comin' Back	Flatland Cavalry	Lost Highway Records
63	83	Agua Caliente	Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers	Soundly Music
64	79	On Fire	Langhorne Slim	Dualtone/MNRK
65	74	Did We Forget About Love	Taylor Hunnicutt & John Moreland	Soundly Music
66	88	Man Of His Word	Kashus Culpepper	Big Loud Records
67	99	Fault Lines	Calder Allen	Calder Allen Music
68	72	Before You Hit The Ground	Dean Johnson	Saddle Creek
69	92	Mary Singletary	Deer Tick	ATO Records
70	97	Here	Mumford & Sons with Chris Stapleton	GOTR/MCA Nashville/Glassnote
71	43	Dirtbag Saloon	Emily Scott Robinson	Oh Boy Records
72	-	Whip The Wind	Son Little	Anti Records
73	54	While We Still Have A Chance	Todd Snider	Lightning Rod Records/Thirty Tigers
74	91	Situation	Johnny Blue Skies & The Dark Clouds	Atlantic Records
75	-	Willie Waylon And Whiskey	Dale Watson	Forty Below Records
76	95	Rita Ballou	Margo Price	Truly Handmade Records
77	81	Penny In The Lake	Ratboys	New West Records
78	32	You Don't Have To Stand	Ken Holt	MTS Records
79	-	Slow Growth	Caleb Caudle	Handplow Records/Thirty Tigers
80	96	Diggin' In The Coal	Leah Blevins	Easy Eye Sound/Concord
81	90	Texas Swagger	Paul Cauthen	Velvet Rose Records/Thirty Tigers
82	-	That Kind Of Summer	Pam Ross	MTS Records
83	94	Matter Of Taste	Tyler Ballgame	Rough Trade Records
84	-	Say It Now	Needtobreathe	Foundations/MCA Nashville
85	98	Stubborn and Remains	William Clark Green	Bill Grease Records
86	-	Love Of The Song	Joni Riccio	Yep Roc Records
87	100	Dry Spell	Kacey Musgraves	Lost Highway Records
88	-	Music Man	Noble Hops	MTS Records
89	-	So This Is Heartache	Teddy Thompson	Royal Potato Family
90	-	Lost & Alone	Aaron Lee Tasjan	Blue Elan Records
91	-	Last American Waltz	Old Crow Medicine Show with Molly Tuttle	Hartland Records
92	-	These Are The Days	Michaela Anne	Georgia June Records
93	-	Doghouse Flowers	Monte Warden And The Wagoneers	Break A Leg Records
94	-	American Dream	Alabama Shakes	Island Records
95	-	Down To Houston	Duane Betts	Sun Records
96	-	Time	Taj Mahal & The Phantom Blues Band	Resonatin' Records/Thirty Tigers
97	-	Future Soul	Tedeschi Trucks Band	Concord Records/Concord
98	-	Tiger Blood	Houndmouth	Dualtone/MNRK
99	-	No Springtime	Allison Russell (ft. Joy Oladokun & Julie Williams)	Concord Records/Concord
100	-	Come On Up To The House	Sweet Megg	Sweet Megg Music



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1	2	Live Breathe Fight	Tamela Mann	TillyMann
2	7	Give You All My Worship	Marvin Dexter Moore (ft. Leon McCrary)	Give Me Moore/Never Stop
3	14	Better Afterwhile	Donnie McClurkin	Camdon / Fair Trade
4	16	Work It Out For Me	Zacardi Cortez	Blacksmoke
5	20	Trust And Obey	Erica Campbell	My Block/MNRK
6	17	Blessings	Tanya Nolan	ArtSessionz
7	15	Vessel Of Mercy	Jennifer Harris Gray	Grace Records Nashville
8	1	Lift Me Up	Blessing Offor	Sparrow/Capitol CMG
9	19	God Has A Plan For Your Life	Michael B Kirksey	Babysyn
10	4	Make A Way	Vashawn Mitchell	Fair Trade / Columbia
11	26	He Was There	Marvin Sapp	ELEV8/Thirty Tigers
12	18	God's Prodigy	Jackee H	Millennium Music Group
13	29	I Can	Marcus Jordan	Marcus Jordan
14	9	On The Way	Adia	Rock City
15	25	Worthy Of It All (Worthy)	CeCe Winans	Pure Springs/Fair Trade
16	34	The Love I Have For You	Colton Dixon	Fair Trade/Atlantic
17	28	Rescue Me	Dr Leon Thompson	VSC Promotions
18	27	Church	Tasha Cobbs Leonard (ft. John Legend)	Motown / Capitol CMG
19	37	Divinely Tailored	Michele Mundy (ft. Tee Mogano)	Michele Mundy
20	8	I'm A Child Of The King	Micahel Gi	D & D
21	5	Praise In The Choir Stand	Brent Jones	JDI
22	36	The Way	Jon Reddick	Gotee
23	38	Nobody Knows	Prophet Yoshua	VSC Promotions
24	35	Your Glory 2 C U	Earnest Pugh	Black Smoke
25	30	Right On Time	Fantastic Spiritual Voices	VSC Promotions
26	6	Church Medley	John P. Kee	Kee/Tyscot
27	23	Confident	Bri Babineaux	Tyscot
28	12	In The Room	James Fortune	Fiya World / Mnrk
29	33	Misfits	Keylosophy	VSC Promotions
30	3	Unspoken	Jackee H	Musgrove
31	39	I'm A Soldier	Lady Reba & Redemption	MTS Records
32	46	Give Me You	Me' Kayla	Capitol CMG
33	40	Read Your Bible	Mighty Peacemakers Of Tallahassee Florida	Millennium Music Group
34	42	Building Bridges Instead of Walls	Frozene Hayes	VSC Promotions
35	41	Testimony	Terrian	Gotee
36	45	Voices	Mack Holland	Octiive
37	-	Breathe On It	Tauren Wells	Sparrow/Capitol CMG
38	50	The Return	100 AKA The Messenger	MPACT
39	21	Nobody But Jesus	Josh Copeland	RNU/Anointed
40	10	Your Name	Jovonta Patton	Newton Street
41	11	God Did It	Kenny Lewis & One Voice	Puresound / Waynorth
42	24	I'm A Child Of The King	Michael Gi	D&D
43	44	Pentecost Sunday	LaShanda Elliot	Millennium Music Group
44	48	You Chose Me	Renee Spearman with Montell Jordan, Kim Burrell	JDI
45	31	Do It Again	Kirk Franklin	Fo Yo Soul /RCA Inspiration
46	49	God Are You Up There	Suisun New Intl Choir	Ehustl
47	-	Holy You (Freligious)	Tye Tribbett	Freligious
48	-	Good News	PTTheGospelSpitter	Serving The Peace
49	47	Let The Church Sing	Tauren Wells	Sparrow/Capitol CMG
50	-	Praise The Lord	Micah Tyler	Fair Trade/Columbia

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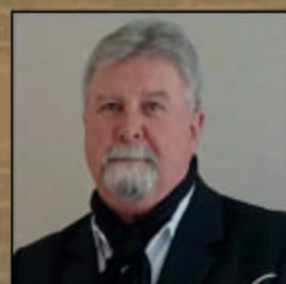
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1	3	Glory Land Is Just In Sight	Gospel Plowboys	Morning Glory
2	7	Nora McNally	Greg Blake	Turnberry
3	14	Old Rueben No. 1	Seth Mulder & Midnight Run	Rebel
4	20	I Can Pray	Daryl Mosley	Pinecastle
5	10	Virginia Girl	Balsam Range	Mountain Home
6	9	My Runaway	Kenny & Amanda Smith	Farm Boy
7	15	All Trains Come To Pass	Darren Nicholson	Mountain Home
8	16	Honey Babe Blues	Jason Burleson	Jason Burleson
9	13	Highland Rim	Andy Leftwich	Mountain Home
10	29	Christmas Time Back Home	High Fidelity	Rebel
11	31	Bully Of The Town	Benson	Mountain Home
12	5	The Song Of The Mountains	Burnett Sisters Band	Pinecastle Records
13	22	Love Through Time	Amanda Cook	Mountain Fever
14	6	New Camptown Races	Deanie Richardson & Kimber Ludiker	Mountain Home Records
15	57	Two Story Shack	Green River Revue	Mighty Cord
16	35	The Lamb, The Lion, And The King	New River Bluegrass	Sound Biscuit
17	1	Cost Of Living	Authentic Unlimited	Edisonic
18	36	I'm Leavin'	Jim Hurst	Pinecastle
19	25	Angels From The Realms Of Glory	Rrinaco	Rebel
20	40	Let's Get Out Of Here	Alison Brown & Steve Martin	Compass
21	33	King Of Tripoli	Jeff Autry	Huckleberry
22	48	Need To Get Some Highway In	Newfound Road	Billy Blue Records
23	4	Leave A Light On	Volume Five	Mountain Fever
24	2	Working Man Blues	Bryan Sutton w/ Doc Watson	Mountain Home
25	32	You Took All The Ramblin' Out Of Me	David Parmley	615 Hideaway
26	62	Dear Departed	Gena Britt (ft. Jason Carter)	Mountain Home
27	54	West Dakota Rose	Wyatt Ellis (ft. Christopher Henry)	Knee High Records
28	50	You Don't Come	Big Richard	Independent
29	53	Killing Frost	Richard Bennett	Oakway Music House
30	49	Next Big Thing	Throwdown Thursday	Mountain Fever
31	60	We Look At Things In Different Ways	Jim Lauderdale & The Po' Ramlin' Boys	Sky Crunch
32	75	Pardon Me	Po' Ramblin' Boys	Turnberry
33	64	Ruby	Dailey & Vincent	Pillar Stone Records
34	88	Afraid To Say Goodbye	Nick Dumas	Skyline
35	28	The Road Back To You	Songs From The Road Band	Charles Humphrey III
36	42	Choo Choo Coming	Wyatt Ellis	Knee High Records
37	92	Dead Man Walking	Infamous Stringdusters	Americana Vibes
38	76	Tucson	Trey Hensley	Pinecastle
39	19	Soldiers Of Heaven	Ashleigh Graham	Pinecastle
40	90	Castlerock Turnpike	Daniel Grindstaff & The Uptown Troubadours	Bonfire
41	81	Bend In The River	Grascals	Billy Blue Records
42	58	This Weary Road	Larry Cordle	Mighty Cord
43	79	Hell Broke Loose In Georgia	Appalachian Road Show	Billy Blue
44	17	The Hills Of Carter County	Southern Legacy	Pinecastle Records
45	72	The Man I Want To Be	Jackson Harris	MJH Records
46	26	Come On Home	Lakeside	Independent
47	27	Way Back When	Larry Sparks	Rebel Records
48	77	Looking For Yourself	Jaelee Roberts	Mountain Home
49	30	That's What Kentucky Means To Me	Hammertowne	Independent Records
50	37	Alabama Sugar	Haven Slay	Buckshot Records



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TM	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST	LABEL
51	66	Telluride	Caroline Owens	Billy Blue Records
52	63	Streets Of Boulder	Shelby Means (ft. Molly Tuttle & Kyle Tuttle)	Shelby Means Bluegrass
53	85	Gas and Oil	Travelin' McCourys	McCoury Music
54	82	Finding Your Way Home	Red Camel Collective	Pinecastle
55	34	Just A Holler Over	Sister Sadie, The Po' Ramblin' Boys	Mountain Home
56	38	Coal Dust	Irene Kelley w/ Kruger Brothers	IRK Records
57	24	Above The Clouds	Eighteen Mile	Mountain Home Records
58	-	Ground Speed	Anthony Howell	Anthony Howell
59	73	Needle In The Heart Of West Virginia	Rebekah Speer	Turnberry
60	86	People	Chosen Road	Independent
61	93	Family Tree	Della Mae	Compass
62	74	Gentle On My Mind	Tony Trischka (ft. Billy Strings)	Down the Road
63	-	Company Man	Unspoken Tradition	Mountain Home
64	52	Down Life's Road	Olivia Jo	ATS
65	83	Your Love	Retro 78	Retro 78
66	84	In The Clear	Billy Strings	Billy Strings/Reprise
67	97	My Last Name	Brad Kaylor and Mineral Bluff Revue	Huckleberry
68	56	Along The Shenandoah	Crandall Creek	Copper Mountain
69	59	Uncle Jake	Dale Ann Bradley	Pinecastle
70	80	A Brand New Whippoorwill	Junior Sisk	Turnberry
71	71	Muddy Shoes	Blue Highway	Down The Road
72	46	Bear Creek Clay	Pitney Meyer	Curb
73	47	One Tin Soldier	Bibelhauser Brothers w/Sam Bush	Independent
74	-	Bend In The Road	East Nash Grass	Mountain Fever
75	43	What's The River Running From	Eddie Sanders	True Lonesome
76	-	Gone	Buddy Melton	Melton & Miller Music
77	45	Ridin' My Thumb To Mexico	Jeff Brown & Wayne Taylor	Turnberry
78	-	Maybe It's You	Benson	Mountain Home
79	-	Richmond On The James	Alison Krauss & Union Station	Down The Road
80	89	Walkin' Back To Georgia	Carson Peters & Iron Mountain	Billy Blue
81	-	Pretty Little Widow	Lonesome River Band	Mountain Home
82	91	The First Time I Heard About Heaven	Cox Family	Will House Records
83	94	Never Cross A Crow	Milan Miller	Melton & Miller Music
84	-	Steal My Today	Chris Jones & The Night Drivers	Mountain Home
85	-	The Last Thing On My Mind	Jackson Harris (ft. Rhonda Vincent)	MJH Records
86	95	Easy Come, Easy Go	Burnett Sisters	Pinecastle
87	-	Hurricane	Kristy Cox	Billy Blue
88	96	Rosalee McFall	Appalachian Road Show	Billy Blue
89	87	Columbus Stockade Blues	Tony Trischka (ft. Del McCoury & Ronnie McCoury)	Tony Trischka
90	98	Let's Sing Our Song	Jason Carter and Michael Cleveland w/ John Cowan	Fiddleman
91	-	Take A Drink On Me	Jesse Smathers	Mountain Home
92	99	Soldier's Joy 1864	Shawn Camp	Truly Handmade
93	67	She's Heavenly	Del McCoury Band	McCoury Music
94	-	Brand New Heartache	Yonder Mountain String Band	Frog Pad Records
95	-	Jet Airliner	Jody King w/Larry Cordle	Mighty Cord
96	100	Spitfire	Sierra Hull	Sierra Hull
97	-	Stokes County Buck Dancing Man	Ashby Frank	Mountain Home
98	-	Good Ol' USA	Kody Norris Show	Rebel
99	-	Hold On Heart	Carson Peters & Iron Mountain	Billy Blue
100	-	Big Daddy Rabbit	Michael Cleveland And Flamekeepers w/Nathan Livers	Yeah Man Records



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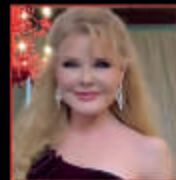
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1	4	When I Get There	Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out	Independent
2	6	Master Carpenter	Lincoln Mash & Heather Alley	ASMR Grass Records
3	16	The Lamb, The Lion, And The King	New River Bluegrass	Sound Biscuit
4	11	In The Shadow Of The Cross	Right Side	Independent
5	13	You Know What I Need	Authentic Unlimited	Billy Blue Records
6	18	I Can Pray	Daryl Mosley	Pinecastle
7	19	I Found It All In The Blood	Bama Blu-Grace	FMG Bluegrass
8	14	Little White Church	Crandall Creek	Copper Mountain
9	15	That Eternal Home	Eagle's Wings	Independent
10	1	How Can You Refuse Him Now	Rhonda Vincent	Upper Management
11	17	Angels From The Realms Of Glory	Rrinaco	Rebel
12	26	Can't You Hear Jerusalem Moan	Hammertowne	Independent
13	22	The Outlaw	Becky Buller (ft. Becky Isaacs Bowman)	Dark Shadow
14	10	That Sweet Land Of God Somewhere	Primitive QT	Independent
15	5	I Am The One	Jeff Tolbert & Primitive Road	Independent
16	24	Touchdown Jesus	My Brother's Keeper	Robust Records
17	23	You Don't Knock	Darin & Broooke Aldridge w/ John Cowan	Billy Blue Records
18	25	I'm Just A Nobody	Eric Horner	Sermon Song Records
19	2	No Empty Chairs In Heaven	David Parmley	615 Hideaway
20	31	Journey On	Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers	Billy Blue
21	9	Rock Pile	Dave Adkins	Billy Blue Records/New Day
22	41	Jesus Sweet Jesus	Mark Houser & Bluegrass Drive w/ Rhonda Vincent	Mark Houser
23	33	No Need To Doubt Him Now	Ren Rochester	Independent
24	7	Heaven Is Your Hometown	Wilson Banjo Company	Pinecastle
25	36	No Need To Doubt Him Now	Ben Rochester	Independent
26	3	When Jesus Calls My Name	Don Rigsby	RBR
27	35	Walk In The Way	Pitney Meyer	Curb
28	34	Are You Praying Hard	Gospel Plowboys	Mountain Fever Records
29	38	He Took Your Place	Tidalwave Road	Pinecastle Records
30	21	These Old Burdens	Williamson Branch	Pinecastle
31	45	My Lord Is Taking Me Away	High Fidelity	Independent
32	12	There's A River	High Road	New Day Records/New Day
33	48	Learning To walk With Him	Kristy Cox	Billy Blue Records
34	27	On The Battlefield For My Lord	Larry Sparks	Rebel
35	39	A God Thing	Chosen Road	Thoroughbred Records
36	44	Jesus Satisfies	Danny Roberts	Independent
37	40	Blue Collar Gospel	Jerry Salley & The Oak Ridge Boys	Independent
38	50	More Than A Hollow Hallelujah	The Isaacs	House Of Isaacs
39	30	It'll Be Good To Be Home	Journeys	Independent
40	43	Call Me	Eddie Sander	Independent
41	42	On My Father's Side	Carson Peters and Iron Mountain	Billy Blue
42	32	Get A Transfer	King James Boys	Pinecastle Records
43	46	Jubilee's-A-Coming	Little Roy & Lizzy Show	Independent
44	49	I Will Someday	Newfound Road	Billy Blue
45	28	In Spite Of My Yesterday	The Kapples	SGH Promotions
46	37	Come On Home	LakeSide	Independent
47	-	How Do I Know	Jessica Horton	Independent
48	-	Rank Stranger	Ralph Stanley II And The Clinch Mountain Boys	Stanley Family
49	-	Angel At The Crossroads	Adalyn Ramey	Dreamland Entertainment
50	-	Living Waters	Eighteen Mile	Mountain Home



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1	13	Looking For The Light	Delnora	Canyon Creek Records
2	5	Hannah Whooped The Devil	Jason Welch	Nashville Christian Country
3	17	Let Me Tell Ya' Bout My Faith	Kali Rose	Canyon Creek Records
4	6	Song For My Son	Walker Hayes	Independent
5	16	Jesus Is The King	Ken Mobley	New Beginnings Music Group
6	23	It'll Be Good To Be Home	The Journeys	Canyon Creek Records
7	34	When I Hear His Name	Victoria Steelman	Millennium Music Group
8	9	It's Time, Lord	Eddy Mann	MTS Records
9	20	Wish You Were Here	Johnathan Bond	Canyon Creek Records
10	50	The Last Song	Terry and Debra Luna	Canyon Creek Records
11	54	The Bridge	Daryl Baker	Millennium Music Group
12	30	What I Don't Know	Paula Slow	MC 1 Nashville
13	25	My God Can	Valerie Ellis Hawkins	Canyon Creek Records
14	1	New Man	Chuck Day	Millennium Music Group
15	1	Three Nails And A Cross	George Strait	MCA Records
16	42	Saving Grace	Krystina B	CDX Records
17	28	Whiskey Road	Michael Tetrick	Grace Records Nashville
18	38	This One's For You	Rocky and Tamie Smith	Grace Records Nashville
19	52	Preacher Man	David Timms	Millennium Music Group
20	8	What I Got (La-De-Da)	Caleb Deramus	Canyon Creek Records
21	32	Why Me	Jenny Dean	Grace Records Nashville
22	36	My Tiny Soul	JW Jackson	Millennium Music Group
23	31	Somebody Bigger Than You And I	David Smith	Millennium Music Group
24	1	Greatly To Be Praised	Melissa Evans	Millennium Music Group
25	15	Jesus Loves Me	Dierks Bentley	Capitol Records Nashville
26	37	He Lives	Ed Bruce	Canyon Creek Records
27	12	Get Out Of The Boat	Felicia Deramus Paul	Canyon Creek Records
28	43	That's The Way Mama Raised Me	Luke Hendrickson	Canyon Creek Records
29	65	If I'm Guilty	Thomas Brown	Canyon Creek Records
30	35	In The Morning	Hunter Logan	Canyon Creek Records
31	41	Picture This	Jessie Ritchie	MMG/New Beginning Music Group
32	67	Heading Home With Jesus To Be	Lizzy G And Jeff Naper	Grace Records Nashville
33	53	There's Power In The Name Of Jesus	Jonathan Ray Smith	Canyon Creek Records
34	55	Somebody Here	Linda Lanier	Canyon Creek Records
35	47	Jesus Is The Way	Rachel Taylor	Millennium Music Group
36	11	He Made It All	Dust And Grace	MTS Records
37	77	Healer	Allen Frizzell	Millennium Music Group
38	21	Make Heaven Crowded	Cole Swindle	CDX Records
39	24	Why Me Lord	Richard Lynch	MTS Records
40	56	The Good In Bye	Small Town Sunday	Millennium Music Group
41	1	Say Hello To Heaven	Steve Warren	Millennium Music Group
42	49	Tell Me That There Ain't A God	Jon Brennan	CDX Records
43	85	Let's All Go Down To The River	Steve Bruce Band	Canyon Creek Records
44	60	God's Great	The Messengers	SGH Promotions
45	69	The Turn	The Pauls	Canyon Creek Records
46	33	Meanwhile Back At The Cross	Ron Hemphill	Millennium Music Group
47	66	Snowy Sunday Morning	Biscuits and Gravy Band Indiana	Canyon Creek Records
48	61	Wayfaring Stranger	Debbie Bennett	Grace Records Nashville
49	63	River Of Life	Sonshine Road	Canyon Creek Records
50	27	The Most Perfect Gift	Clare Cunningham	Canyon Creek Records



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51	73	At War With Myself	Cyndi Reynolds	Canyon Creek Records
52	75	I Was There	Jerry Weatherly	Millennium Music Group
53	76	Soldier Of The Cross	John Penney	Millennium Music Group
54	26	I've Been Thinking	Waymasters	Millennium Music Group
55	70	God Is Good Ya'll	Wings of Love	New Beginnings Music Group
56	58	Jesus To The Rescue	Beverly Brown Simms	Millennium Music Group
57	18	Warrior Of God	Mark Umfleet	Millennium Music Group
58	74	Cherished Memories	Jeff Hamilton	New Beginnings Music Group
59	29	Take Over Me	Rex Robards	Canyon Creek Records
60	40	Honey In The Rock	Mary James	Canyon Creek Records
61	94	Georgiana Alabama 1939	Michael Ray Fain	Grace Records Nashville
62	-	America I Will Stand Up For You	Mike Leichner	Canyon Creek Records
63	80	Getting Back Up	Troy Richardson	Millennium Music Group
64	-	Piano For Sale	Chris Golden	Canyon Creek Records
65	88	A Little More Like Jesus	Dave Edwards	Canyon Creek Records
66	97	Angels Among Us	Dale Rochell	Millennium Music Group
67	84	Edge Of Heaven	Scott Peacock	Red Country
68	-	Old Gravel Road	John Michael Ferrari	Millennium Music Group
69	-	How Much Grace	Liam Tysinger	Rhythm Road Records
70	72	Beverage Of Choice	Brother Daniel	Canyon Creek Records
71	87	The Promise	Charity Hamilton	SGH Promotions
72	62	The Crossroads	Richard Sprayberry	Canyon Creek Records
73	81	Someday Things Are Gonna Get Better	Johnny Jones	Millennium Music Group
74	93	Real Good Day	Kevin Morris	Lota Bull Records
75	90	I'm From The US Of A	Roger Barkley Jr	Chapel Valley Music
76	92	Strength Of A Survivor	Aaron Justice	Canyon Creek Records
77	59	God Talks To Me	Dawson Road	Nashville Christian Country
78	-	Empty No More	Marty Denton	Coltrain Records
79	-	Me And Jesus Gonna Get It Done	Norman Lee Schaffer	Millennium Music Group
80	91	You Got It	Royal Clark	Canyon Creek Records
81	98	Chandelier Angel	Danny Mullins	New Beginnings Music Group
82	96	Green Pastures	Brayden Mullins	New Beginnings Music Group
83	95	House of Fire	Lonnie Hardy	Red Country
84	99	The Journey	Joe Land	SGH Promotions
85	-	The Storm	Jan Harbuck	Canyon Creek Records
86	-	Squeeze Your Guts Out	Jimmy R. Price	Canyon Creek Records
87	-	Jesus On My Mind	Bruce Hedrick	Canyon Creek Records
88	-	Rocks	Heather Thomas Van Deren	Canyon Creek Records
89	-	The Eastern Gate	Ava Kasich & Martha Lambert	Millennium Music Group
90	-	I Know A Carpenter	Michael Knight	Canyon Creek Records
91	-	Love Is All You Need	Joy LaVallee	Canyon Creek Records
92	100	Sunday's Best	Shellem Cline	Red Country
93	-	Leading Me Home	Melissa Garner	Canyon Creek Records
94	-	Drinking From The Fountain	Daryl Branson	Grace Records Nashville
95	-	Man Down At The River	Gary Herd	Heartsong Pigeon Forge Music Group
96	-	We All Need Jesus	J'Lee	Canyon Creek Records
97	-	Far Side Banks Of Jordan	Julie Reese	Canyon Creek Records
98	-	Stand Up For The Flag Kneel At The Cross	Ray Epperson	Canyon Creek Records
99	-	High Tower	The Epps Family	GAC Records
100	-	I'm Yours	The Murphys	Canyon Creek Records

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1	7	I Believe You	Megan Woods	Fair Trade/Columbia
2	8	The Love I Have For You	Colton Dixon	Fair Trade/Atlantic
3	9	Goodbye Yesterday	Elevation Rhythm & Gracie Binion	Elevation Worship
4	6	Mighty Name Of Jesus	Hope Darst & Josh Baldwin	Fair Trade
5	13	How Good It is	Chris Tomlin	Sparrow/Capitol
6	12	Live Breathe Fight	Tamela Mann	Tillymann
7	29	Worthy Of It All (Worthy)	CeCe Winans	Pure Springs/Fair Trade
8	3	That's Who I Praise	Brandon Lake	Provident/Sony
9	14	Finished	Caleb & John	Fair Trade/Columbia
10	17	Where Would I Be	Peter Burton & Matthew West	Integrity
11	1	Praise In The Choir Stand	Brent Jones	JDI
12	26	I'd Do It Again	Andrew Ripp	Holly Street
13	19	Is This The Thanks I Get	Ashley Collins	Grace Records Nashville
14	15	Desperate	Jamie MacDonald	Capitol CMG
15	23	Unashamed	Matthew West	Reunion / PLG
16	21	God's Prodigy	Jackee H	Millennium Music Group
17	20	Praise The Lord	Micah Tyler	Fair Trade/Columbia
18	24	God Has A Plan For Your Life	Michael B Kirksey	Babyson
19	25	For You	Ashes Awaken	MTS Records
20	27	Nobody Knows	Prophet YOSHUA	Prophet YOSHUA
21	11	God Did It	Kenny Lewis & One Voice	Puresound/Waynorth
22	28	Counting My Blessings	Seph Schlueter	Essential/PLG
23	46	Hard Fought Hallelujah	Brandon Lake & Jelly Roll	Provident/Sony
24	33	Still Waters (Psalm 23)	Leanna Crawford	Reunion / PLG
25	16	Homesick For Heaven	Phil Wickham	Fair Trade / Columbia
26	38	Voices	Mack Holland	Octive
27	10	No Survivors	Jeremy Camp	Sparrow/Capitol CMG
28	37	Let It Be A Hallelujah	Lauren Daigle	Centricity/Atlantic
29	35	Rescue Me	We The Kingdom	Sparrow/Capitol CMG
30	40	The Return	100 AKA The Messenger	MPACT
31	18	Heaven On My Mind	TobyMac	ForeFront/Capitol CMG
32	43	Thankful	Forrest Frank	River House
33	41	Testimony	Terrain	Gotee
34	39	Divinely Tailored	Michele Mundy (ft. Tee Mogano)	Michele Mundy
35	48	The Way	Jon Reddick	Gotee
36	45	Lift Me Up	Blessing Offor	Sparrow/Capitol CMG
37	31	Oh Death	MercyMe	Fair Trade/Columbia
38	50	God Are You Up There	Suisun New Intl Choir	Ehustl
39	36	Get Behind Me	Emerson Day	Fair Trade
40	12	Unspoken	Jackee H	Musgrove
41	-	When I Fall	Katy Nichole	Centricity
42	47	Better Afterwhile	Donnie McClurkin	Camdon/Fair Trade
43	-	God I'm Just Grateful	Elevation Worship (ft. Chandler Moore)	Elevation Worship
44	-	Place In This World	For King & Country	Word-Curb
45	-	Wait For Me	Zach Williams & Ben Fuller	Essential/PLG
46	49	Demons	Josiah Queen	PLG/Capitol CMG
47	-	Let The Church Sing	Tauren Wells	Sparrow/Capitol CMG
48	-	Holy You (Freligious)	Tye Tribbett	Freligious
49	-	Nothing Else	Forrest Frank & Thomas Rhett	River House
50	-	I'm Coming	Eddy Mann	MTS Records



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1	7	Got No Reason Now For Going Home	Cody Winkler	Colt Records
2	5	Never Told Me	Andrew Dean and Georgette Jones	BGJ Promotions/MMG
3	13	Just Go To Church	Gary Grant Chamberlain	Colt Records
4	15	Can't Stop Loving You	Hammond Brothers	Millennium Music Group
5	14	Good Kind Of Crazy	Paula Slow	MC1 Nashville
6	16	Whiskey Road	Michael Tetrick	Grace Records Nashville
7	47	Making Good Time	Old Dominion	Three Up Three Down/Sony
8	59	The Flag	Kenny Lee	KLP Records
9	33	My Man	Rose Angelica	Big Bear Creek Music
10	20	Memories	Adam Grant	BGJ Promotions/MMG
11	41	You & I Tonight	Drew Taylor	T&L
12	24	Back When We Were Young	Webb Dalton	BGJ Promotions/MMG
13	29	Goodbye	Jenny Dean	Grace Records Nashville
14	60	South Of Sanity	Zach Top	Leo33
15	43	Shady White Lies	Mission Road	779 Music
16	4	Have A Good Time	Pam Ross	MTS Records
17	30	Country Roots	Brian Shartzter	BGJ Promotions/MMG
18	51	Never Call Again	Gavin Adcock	Warner Nashville
19	46	Buzzin'	Gary Pratt	MTS Records
20	8	Walk Me To The Door	Mike Hughes	Big Bear Creek Music
21	12	Mended Fences	Christine J. Scott	Major Record Distribution LLC
22	40	Cowboy Killer	Macy Tabor	MC1 Nashville
23	55	I'll Still Go On Lovin' You	Nora Dickerson	Midland Records
24	42	For You Girl	Robert Ross	MTS Records
25	57	Clinton County	Colton Bowlin	State Line Records/Thirty Tigers
26	45	Watching You	Dennis Dichario & WNO	Colt Records
27	53	Lead Me Home	Leon Everette	MMG/GAC Records
28	56	High Roller	Brendan Kelly	Independent
29	3	Silver Eagle	J.K. Coltrain	Colt Records
30	39	Set 'Em Up	John Landry	BGJ Promotions/MMG
31	64	Stand In	Kerr Donnelly	K.D.M.I. Records
32	1	This Time	Billy Payne	BGJ Promotions/MMG
33	2	He Made It All	Dust And Grace	MTS Records
34	37	If I Could See Tomorrow	Ethan Lake	BGJ Promotions/MMG
35	21	Bait A Hook Cast A Line	Kish Moody	Century II Records
36	9	Honor Bound	David Wills	BGJ Promotions/MMG
37	25	Wish You Were Here	Johnathan Bond	Millennium Music Group
38	6	Get Ready	Middy And The Crew	Formula Records
39	54	Glow	Ryan Bodine	Clarksville Creative Sound
40	88	Paradise Rd	Clover County	Undercover Lover Records/Thirty Tigers
41	67	Just One More Time	Clabe McGuire	Independent
42	69	House Again (Feat. Miranda Lambert)	Hudson Westbrook (ft. Miranda Lambert)	River House/Warner
43	65	Fighting Side Of Me	Billy Payne & Leon Everette	MMG/GAC Records
44	62	Indigo Park	Bruce Hornsby	Zappo Productions/Thirty Tigers
45	50	Sunshine In The Rain	Daniel Donato	Retrace Music/Red Light Management
46	90	Mary Singletary	Deer Tick	ATO Records
47	35	My Own Worst Enemy	Johnathan Len	Millennium Music Group
48	18	Wayfaring Stranger	Paul Williams	Colt Records
49	75	Healer	Allen Frizzell	Millennium Music Group
50	10	The Whiskey Ain't Workin'	Burt & Cody Winkler	Colt Records

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51	29	I Reckon	Eddie Johnson	BGJ Promotions/MMG
52	52	The Only Thing Missin' Is You	Jerry Weatherly	Millennium Music Group
53	22	I Got To Drunk Again Last Night	Michael Deese	BGJ Promotions/MMG
54	76	Step Outside	Cordovas	Yep Roc Records
55	72	Georgiana Alabama 1939	Michael Ray Fain	Grace Records Nashville
56	36	Show Me	Mike McCarrell	BGJ Promotions/MMG
57	66	Kentucky Too Long	Charley Crockett	Island Records
58	58	Straight At The Sun	Midnight Sky	MTS Records
59	73	That's What I Don't Want No More Of	P. J. Gilly	Midland Records
60	81	Little Country Church	Terry LeMaster	Clarksville Creative Sound
61	78	Tale Of Solace	Gary Matheny	Millennium Music Group
62	44	As Close As We Get To The Mountains	Robin Johnston	Millennium Music Group
63	79	Kiss My Bad American Ass	Bott Mark	BGJ Promotions/MMG
64	61	Between The Devil And Me	Billy Payne	MMG/GAC Records
65	86	The Good In Bye	Small Town Sunday	Millennium Music Group
66	89	Millionaire	Big Richard	Signature Sounds
67	63	Last Night	John Smyths	BGJ Promotions/MMG
68	70	High Road	Koe Wetzel & Jessie Murph	YellaBush/Columbia
69	32	Slow Dance	Lyndel Lucas	BGJ Promotions/MMG
70	23	Show The World What Love Is	Markey Blue	MC1 Nashville
71	68	Old Man In The Corner	Dennis Lowery	BGJ Promotions/MMG
72	-	Ain't Enough	Jessie Blake	Millennium Music Group
73	71	Diggin' In The Coal	Leah Blevins	Easy Eye Sound/Concord
74	95	Whitley On Vinyl	Rylee Austin	Grace Records Nashville
75	82	Forgive My Shadows	Traylee Oglesby	BGJ Promotions/MMG
76	-	My Dream Lover	Carol Stevens	Colt Records
77	80	Warning You Whiskey	Brit Taylor	Ridgetone Records/Cut A Shine Records/Thirty Tigers
78	100	Vengeance and Grace	Benjamin Tod	Benjamin Tod/Thirty Tigers
79	-	Another Saturday	See Your Shadow	MTS Records
80	-	Lonesome Road	Chris Mabb	Colt Records
81	87	I Stand The Tallest	Little David Wilkins	Grace Records Nashville
82	93	Man's World	Cat Clyde	Concord Records/Concord
83	77	That's All I Had To Do	Denis Element	BGJ Promotions/MMG
84	97	Great River Road	Chicago Farmer	LoHi Records
85	85	On Fire	Langhorne Slim	Dualtone/MNRK
86	92	Rita Ballou	Margo Price	Truly Handmade Records
87	83	Cowgirl Swing	Trevor Carlesi	Bongo Boy Records
88	-	Stuff About You	Sofia Renee	Millennium Music Group
89	94	Cowgirl	Parmalee	Stoney Creek
90	91	Bottle Of Survival	Duane Parker	BGJ Promotions/MMG
91	-	Wild Mustang	Abby Laine	Clarksville Creative Sound
92	-	The Letter	Lynne Taylor Donovan	Pacific Records
93	99	Drive	Clay Street Unit	Leo33
94	-	Daddy's Mountains	Sheila And The Caddo Kats	KI.P Records
95	98	Fault Lines	Calder Allen	Calder Allen Music
96	-	Empty No More	Marty Denton	Triple Jet Records
97	-	Lonesome	Big Guy	BGJ Promotions/MMG
98	-	Let It Be Me	J.K. Coltrain & Colene Walters	Colt Records
99	-	Should I Be Doing This	Brian Moon	Clarksville Creative Sound
100	-	Blackslider Come Home	Stephen Patrick Ak	KI.P Records

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TM	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST	LABEL
1	5	South Of Sanity	Zach Top	Leo33
2	4	Days Like These	Luke Combs	Columbia Nashville
3	6	Making Good Time	Old Dominion	Three Up Three Down LLC/Columbia Nashville
4	11	Dream Come True	Carly Pearce	Big Machine Records
5	9	I Ain't Coming Back	Morgan Wallen (ft. Post Malone)	Big Loud Records
6	10	Turn This Truck Around	Jordan Davis	MCA Nashville
7	8	Beautiful Things	Megan Moroney	Columbia Nashville
8	3	Time's Ticking	Justin Moore	The Valory Music Co.
9	20	Burned Down Heaven	Chase McDaniel	Big Machine Records
10	32	Change My Mind	Riley Green	Nashville Harbor/Big Machine Label Group
11	59	Woman	Kane Brown	Sony Music Nashville
12	26	All My Exes	Lauren Alaina (ft.Chase Matthew)	Big Loud Records
13	27	Two Hands	Pat Green & Corey Kent	Greenhouse Records Inc.
14	22	Life's Highway	Soul Circus Cowboys (w/Andy Griggs)	Kismet Nashville
15	37	Let Him In Anyway	Blake Shelton	Wheelhouse (BBRMG)
16	1	Drink With You	Brett Young	BMLG Records
17	13	Straight Line	Keith Urban	Capitol Records Nashville (UMGN)
18	36	Gary	Stephen Wilson Jr	Big Loud Records
19	33	Boots Off	Jon Pardi	Capitol Records Nashville
20	46	McArthur	Hardy (ft. Eric Church,Morgan Wallen, Tim McGraw)	Big Loud Records
21	14	Wrong Hearts	Locash	Galaxy Label Group
22	34	The Hell You Are	Ashley Cooke	Big Loud Records/Back Blocks Music
23	16	After Midnight	Nate Smith (ft. Tyler Hubbard)	RCA Nashville(SMN)
24	57	Hate How You Look	Josh Ross	Mercury Nashville/Universal Music Canada
25	50	Painted You Pretty	Hudson Westbrook	Warner Music Nashville/WAR Radio/River House
26	63	Ride, Ride, Ride	George Birge (ft. Luke Bryan)	Records/MCA
27	42	Make A Liar	Jackson Dean	Big Machine Records
28	12	Me & A Beer	Chris Janson	Warner Music Nashville/
29	49	Rocky Mountain Low	Corey Kent (ft.Koe Wetzel)	RCA Nashville (SMN)
30	38	Easy To Love	Dustin Lynch	Broken Bow
31	25	Country Song Came On	Luke Bryan	Capitol Records Nashville
32	44	Pretty Much	Marynn Taylor	Black River Entertainment
33	71	Don't Tell On Me	Jason Aldean	Macon Music/Broken Bow
34	18	Chevy Silverado	Bailey Zimmerman	Warner Music Nashville/Atlantic Records/WMN Radio
35	40	Long Live Country	Shane Profitt	Triple Tigers
36	45	Straight For The Heart	Alexandra Kay	Wheelhouse Records
37	77	The Fall	Cody Johnson	Cojo Music / Warner Music Nashville/WMN Radio & Streaming
38	17	Wish You Well	Vincent Mason	MCA Nashville/Music Soup/Interscope
39	48	What If We Don't	Ashley McBryde	Warner Records Nashville
40	24	Til The Last One Dies	Chris Young	Black River Entertainment
41	55	Holdin' It Down	Chase Matthew	Warner Music Nashville/WAR Radio
42	28	No Tellin'	Caroline Jones	Nashville Harbor Records And Entertainment
43	29	Ends Of The Earth	Ty Myers	Records Nashville / Columbia Records
44	19	Brunette	Tucker Wetmore	Back Blocks Music/Mercury Nashville
45	58	Killin' Me	Parker McCollum	MCA Nashville
46	61	Psychological	The Band Perry	Nashville Harbor/Big Machine Label Group
47	30	Rebel	Drew Baldridge	Stoney Creek Records(BBRMG)
48	75	Never Comin' Back	Flatland Calvary	Lost Highway Records
49	43	Killed The Man	Lee Brice	Curb Records
50	80	Don't We	Morgan Wallen	Big Loud Records

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TM	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST	LABEL
51	84	Dandelion	Ella Langley	SawGod/Columbia Records
52	21	The Church On Cumberland Road	Shenandoah & Nickelback	8-Track Entertainment
53	70	Back In The Bottle	Randy Houser	Magnolia Music
54	66	Too Much Lonesome	Eric Lee Beddingfield	MOTR Music/Rebel Dawg Records
55	-	Medicine	Megan Moroney	Megan Moroney/Sony Music Entertainment
56	41	Turn The Night On	Chris Kizzia	CAL Records
57	72	Found	Cody Jinks	Late August Records
58	62	Steady	Jenna Paulette	Leo33
59	74	Worth Your Wild	Russell Dickerson	Triple Tigers
60	94	If I Don't Leave I'm Gonna Stay	Carly Pearce & Riley Green	Blue Highway Records/Nashville Harbor Records and Ent
61	89	We Can Always Move On	Cole Swindell	Warner Music Nashville
62	85	Water At A Wedding	Geylan James	Big Machine Label Group/Nashville Harbor Records And Entertainment
63	35	Smells Like Whiskey	Jessie G	Jessie G Music
64	73	Kid Myself	John Morgan	Night Train Records/Broken Bow Records
65	88	American Sky	Aaron Tippin	8 Track Entertainment
66	79	Never Told Me	Georgette Jones and Andrew Dean	BGJ Promotions/MMG
67	47	Heaven Passing Through	Turnpike Troubadours	Bossier City Records/ Thirty Tigers/ Akando Music
68	-	Say So	Dan + Shay	Warner Records Nashville
69	97	If Daddy Says No	Harper Grace	Curb Records
70	78	Too Good, Too Bad	Jason Scott & The High Heat	Leo33
71	53	Fireworks	Kelsey Hart	Curb Records
72	54	Keeps Me Sane	Tyler Nance	Santa Anna/Akando
73	76	When A Cowboy Prays	Brandon Lake & Cody Johnson	Provident Label Group
74	-	Carry On	Kenny Chesney	HEY NOW Records
75	67	Somewhere Over Laredo	Lainey Wilson	Broken Bow Records
76	93	Get To Drinkin'	Zach John King	Sony Music Nashville
77	-	Dry Spell	Kacey Musgraves	Lost Highway Records
78	98	Travelin' Soldier	Cody Johnson	CoJo Music/Warner Music Nashville/WMN Radio & Streaming
79	69	Better Me For You (Brown Eyes)	Max McNown	Magnolia Music Group/Fugitive
80	-	Good Damn	Brantley Gilbert	Wheelhouse Records
81	-	God Knew Better	Parmalee	Stoney Creek Records (BBRMG)
82	-	Some Bridges	Jo Dee Messina	Dreambound Records
83	-	Exes In Texas	Porter Martin	Loveable Music
84	94	Never Call Again	Gavin Adcock	Warner Music Nashville
85	99	Warning You Whiskey	Brit Taylor	Ridgetone Records/Cut A Shine Records/Thirty Tigers
86	-	Love Is Blind	Ian Munsick	West To The Rest Records/Triple Tigers
87	92	Rise	Laura Bryna & Common Tribe	LTD Entertainment
88	90	I Saw A Miracle Today	Michael Ray Fain	Grace Records Nashville
89	-	One For The Road	Preston Cooper	Blue Highway Records
90	-	The Years Are Short	Rodney Atkins	Curb Records
91	-	Where Ya Been Girl	Chris Chitsey	Clinetel Nashville Records
92	-	What Took You So Long	Jacob Hackworth	Goat Island Sound/Jacob Hackworth/UMG
93	96	The Sand	Randy Cobb	South Sixty Five Entertainment Group
94	-	Just A Mom	Alex Miller	Billy Jam Records
95	-	Move On	Kevin Powers (Shaboozey)	American Dogwood/Empire/Magnolia Music Group
96	-	Boston	Stella Lefty	Atlantic/Atlantic Outpost
97	100	Too Close For Closure	Brett Westgrove	Brett Westgrove Music
98	-	Son Of Jolene	Belles (With Dolly Parton)	Deluge Music/East Music Row
99	-	Stubborn and Remains	William Clark Green	Bill Grease Records
100	-	Good Time Gone	Lexie Stevenson	Lexquisite Music

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1	8	Sorry I'm Here For Someone Else	Benson Boone	Night Street / Warner
2	11	Folded	Kehlani	TSNMI/Atlantic
3	13	The Emptiness Machine	Linkin Park	Warner Brothers
4	5	Golden	Huntr/x	Republic/UMG
5	10	Drag Path	Twenty One Pilots	Fueled By Ramen
6	46	Elizabeth Taylor	Taylor Swift	Taylor Swift/Republic
7	1	Band-aids	Katy Perry	Capitol
8	2	Lift	Toy Called God	Warner Brothers
9	28	Be With You	Muse	Warner UK
10	52	Run Free	Michael Patrick Kelly	Columbia
11	29	Making Love To Morgan Wallen	Limp Bizkit	Hollywood
12	4	Say It Two Times	Pam Ross	MTS Records
13	74	Yukon	Justin Bieber	RBMG/Def Jam
14	44	No Need To Try Harder	Laura Cox	VeryCords/EarMusic
15	7	Don't Click Play	Ava Max	Atlantic
16	36	Choosin' Texas	Ella Langley	Sawgod/Columbia
17	6	Out Of The Night	Luke David Carlsen	MTS Records
18	12	Love Me Not	Ravyn Lenae	Atlantic
19	67	When Did You Get Hot?	Sabrina Carpenter	Hollywood/Island
20	30	Profane Prophecy	The Black Crowes	Silver Arrow
21	3	Gabriela	Katseye	HYBE/Geffen
22	56	Die On This Hill	Sienna Spiro	Capitol/UMG
23	40	Kill Me Fast	Three Days Grace	RCA
24	23	Man I Need	Olivia Dean	Island/Republic
25	61	DTMF	Bad Bunny	OVO/Warner Brothers
26	45	Luther	Kendrick Lamar & SZA	TDE/Interscope
27	26	Lose Control	Teddy Swims	Warner
28	55	Look Out For Me	Turnstile	Roadrunner
29	37	From Disco To Disco	Alle Farben & Majestic	Universal Germany
30	97	Risk It All	Bruno Mars	Atlantic
31	39	I Had Some Help	Post Malone (ft. Morgan Wallen)	Republic
32	16	Birds Of A Feather	Billie Eilish	Darkroom/Interscope
33	14	Pink Pony Club	Chappell Roan	Island
34	19	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll	BBR/Republic
35	24	Tit For Tat	Tate McRae	RCA
36	50	Cry For Me	The Weeknd	Republic
37	82	A Bar Song (Tipsy)	Shaboozey	American Dogwood/Empire
38	69	Back To Friends	Sombr	Warner
39	51	For You	Ashes Awaken	MTS Records
40	22	Die With A Smile	Lady Gaga & Bruno Mars	Streamline/Interscope
41	49	Dracula	Tame Impala & Jennie	Columbia
42	-	American Girls	Harry Styles	Erskine/Columbia
43	48	The Trunk	Noble Hops	MTS Records
44	64	Chanel	Tyla	Fax/Epic
45	60	The Wreckage	Silversun Pickups	New Machine/UMG
46	63	Silent Divide	Alter Bridge	Napalm
47	58	Stay Here	Cello	MTS Records
48	20	Searchlight	Shinedown	Atlantic
49	76	White Horses	Wolf Alice	Columbia/Sony UK
50	79	Flowers	Miley Cyrus	Smiley Miley/Columbia



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52	91	Fever Dream	Alex Warren	Atlantic
53	32	Too Sweet	Hozier	Columbia
54	25	Coastin'	Cathleen Ireland	MTS Records
55	81	Your Favorite Toy	Foo Fighters	Roswell/RCA
56	68	Messy Day One	Lola Young	Day One/Universal
57	81	Nice To Meet You	Myles Smith	Sony UK
58	73	You Got To Lose	The Black Keys	Easy Eye Sound/Warner
59	66	Different Kind Of Love	Young The Giant	Jungle Youth/Fearless
60	38	Mutt	Leon Thomas & Chris Brown	Ezmony/MoTown
61	90	Free	Beartooth	Fearless
62	85	Even If It Kills Me	Papa Roach	New Noize/ADA Warner
63	43	Under	Sophia Mengrosso	Sophia Mengrosso
64	71	Bedroom Posters	Yellowcard (ft. Good Charlotte)	Better Noise
65	35	Someday	Novai	MTS Records
66	83	Have You Loved Like A Tree	Shweta Harve	MTS Records
67	88	The Big Goodbye	AJR	AJR/S-Curve
68	92	Broken Mirror	Architects	Epitaph
69	94	At Least We Still Got Our Rock 'N' Roll	Caster Volor	Pavement
70	78	Riptides	Death Cab For Cutie	Atlantic
71	41	Blind Love	Elvira Kalnik	MTS Records
72	75	Boots	Doug Mitchell	Doug Mitchell
73	72	Bittersweet	Madison Beer	Sing It Loud/Epic
74	70	Get The Message	The Paradox	Hundred Days/Virgin
75	80	The Great Divide	Noah Kahan	Mercury/Republic
76	100	Midnight Sun	Zara Larsson	Ten/Epic
77	54	Last Forever	Saving Phoenix	Saving Phoenix
78	-	Bring Your Love	Madonna & Sabrina Carpenter	Boy Toy/Warner
79	89	Until The Sun Explodes	Sublime	Sublime/Atlantic
80	99	Mangetout	Wet Leg	Domino
81	86	Zombie	Yungblud (ft. The Smashing Pumpkins)	Locomotion/Capitol
82	93	Dying To Love	Bad Omens	Sumerian
83	95	This Land	Des Rocs	Sumerian
84	-	The Phenomenon	Argyro	MTS Records
85	96	Tonight We Must Be Warriors	Avatar	Black Waltz/Thirty Tigers
86	-	Silent Treatment	Freya Skye	Hollywood
87	-	Cool Shades	Argyro	MTS Records
88	-	Gorgeous	Doja Cat	Kemosabe/RCA
89	-	The Ledge	Eleyet McConnell	MTS Records
90	98	Creepin'	Metro Boomin' (ft. The Weeknd and 21 Savage)	Boominati/Republic
91	-	Unbreakable	Sevendust	Napalm
92	-	One Of Those Days	Dirty Heads	Better Noise
93	-	Afterlife	Evanescence	BMG
94	-	ILoveltILoveltILovelt	Bella Kay	Atlantic
95	-	I'm Happy	Billy Ray Rock	MTS Records
96	-	Bad Habits	Ed Sheeran	Gingerbread Man/Warner
97	-	I Will Not Break	Disturbed	Mother Culture/Reprise
98	-	All For You	Atreyu	Spinefarm UK
99	-	Distant Shore	Harry Kappen	MTS Records
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2	8	Go Girl	Summer Walker (ft. Latto and Doja Cat)	LVRN/Interscope
3	7	Girl, Get Up	Doechii & SZA	TDE/Capitol
4	14	You I Adore	Ron C Walters	GT/STYLZ
5	16	I Try	Forrest Robinson's Funk Asylum (ft. Imani-Grace)	Flower Pot
6	13	Body	Don Toliver	Cactus Jack/Atlantic
7	21	I Just Might	Bruno Mars	Atlantic
8	19	Watching Us	Wale & Leon Thomas	Wale/Def Jam
9	20	Satellite Love	Nova Blu	SS Records Digital Label
10	23	Pop Dat Thang	DaBaby	SCMG/Interscope
11	17	Ever Since U Left Me (I Went Deaf)	French Montana & Max B	Coke Boys
12	5	Mutt	Leon Thomas & Chris Brown	Ezmy/MoTown
13	22	No Regrets	Novai	MTS Records
14	4	WGFT	Gunna (ft. Burna Boy)	YSL/300
15	32	Is It A Crime	Mariah The Scientist & Kali Uchis	Epic
16	3	Who's Next	BlackDiamond (ft. Compton AV)	RunAMok
17	2	Get To Know You	Omar Wilson (ft. Angie Stone)	BSE
18	25	Paid In Full	Bruce Dillon	Best Thing Going
19	27	Signed Sealed Delivered	David Ruff	David Ruff
20	9	Woe Am I	ET Boys	Wake Up!
21	30	Show Me	Taylor Ayanna	Taylor Ayanna
22	34	Friend Do Remix	Belly Gang Kushington (ft. Ykniece)	LVRN
23	39	Have To.	Brent Faiyaz	Lost Kids/Venice/Stem
24	31	It's What I'm Made For	G.Dep & Shzzy 8ando	Black Market
25	1	Wet Like The Rain	Harold Kiel	Lounge Renown
26	6	Young Hearts Run Free	Cindy Davis	The Sound Of LA
27	40	Luther	Kendrick Lamar & SZA	TDE/Interscope
28	-	Errtime	Cardi B (ft. Jeezy and Latto)	Atlantic
29	38	Time To Fly	Jalen Sky	SS Records Digital Label
30	43	WHY II	AL99	TPC
31	47	One Up	Melissa B	Melissa B
32	42	Snooze	SZA & Kendrick Lamar	Top Dawg/RCA
33	26	All This Time	Mr. B.E.I	The Parish Empire
34	46	Out The Window	Kehlani	TSNMI/Atlantic
35	41	Get In There	Lil-C	Kountry
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43	-	Chanel	Tyla	Fax/Epic
44	-	B.B.B.	Juvenile & Megan Thee Stallion	UTP/DNA/Hitmaker
45	-	She Got Da Juice	Isaac Poet	Kollective
46	-	Man I Need	Olivia Dean	Capitol UK/Universal
47	-	Father	Kanye West (ft. Travis Scott)	YZY/Gamma
48	-	Take Me Thru Dere	Metro Boomin' (ft. Quavo)	Boominati/Republic
49	-	Vacancy	Ari Lennox	Dreamville/Interscope
50	-	Boo	H3adband	Watchdatbaby/Hitmaker



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1	4	A Million Reasons	Perrys	StowTown Records
2	7	Scars	Dean	Patterson Music Group/Chapel Valley
3	12	I Just Stopped By On My Way Home	Kingsmen	Horizon/Crossroads
4	9	He's Still Writing In The Sand	Troy Burns Family	Hey Yall Media/Chapel Valley
5	3	In The Middle	Gold City	New Haven
6	8	I Went Down	Kingdom Heirs	Sonlite/Crossroads
7	29	What Is Man	Carroll Roberson	Millennium Music Group
8	15	There's Coming A Day	Common Bond Quartet	Millennium Music Group
9	5	The Only Way He Knew How	Jeff & Sheri Easter	Gaither Music/Capitol Christian
10	16	Come To The Water	Judy Kellar	Patterson Music Group
11	32	God Gives Good Answers	Karen Peck & New River	Daywind/New Day
12	18	Symphony Of Grace	Austin Glover	Patterson Music Group/MMG
13	2	He Did It All For Me	Ernie Haase & Signature Sounds	Stow Town/Provident Sony
14	26	What's It Like At Home	Mark Dubbeld Family	Big Picture Records/New Day
15	28	They're Holding Up The Ladder	Allen Baker	New Beginning Music Group
16	10	Overflowing	Kenny Keith	Millennium Music Group
17	45	I Love The Lord	Greater Purpose Trio	SGH Promotions
18	33	To God It's Nothing New	McKamey Legacy	Horizon/Crossroads
19	21	Don't That Sound Like Heaven	Porter Family	Chapel Valley
20	22	Wayfaring Stranger	Debbie Bennett	Grace Records Nashville
21	23	Saints	Kenny Evans	Millennium Music Group
22	47	Paradise	Donna Burke	Millennium Music Group
23	35	Friend Of Sinners	Derrick Loudermilk Band	Chapel Valley
24	39	Pieces	John Westling	Dwayne Castle Music/MMG
25	31	Grace Is Sufficient	Jonathan Wilburn	Daywind/New Day
26	51	God Sees Your Storm	Debra Perry & Jaidyn's Call	ARS/New Day
27	49	God Shows Up	Wings Of Love	New Beginning Music Group
28	36	Lord I Know You Are Able	Debra Schultz	Millennium Music Group
29	38	Spread The News	Greg Sullivan	Hey Yall Media
30	48	Thus Saith The Lord	Jennifer Leanna Phillips	SGH Promotions
31	1	Come Along Let's Fly	Keith Barkley & Family Tradition	Millennium Music Group
32	6	Highway To Heaven	Rick Towle	Millennium Music Group
33	14	Sea Of Forgetfulness	Inspirations	Horizon/Crossroads
34	17	Thank God For The Darkness	Barbara Jean	Millennium Music Group
35	64	He Will Carry You	Mark & Cindy Maynard	Millennium Music Group
36	61	It's What's Inside	Angela Seng	Millennium Music Group
37	52	Preach Jesus	Down East Boys	StowTown/Provident-Sony
38	11	You Can Sleep Tonight	Big Mo	Tentop Music Group
39	56	Sweet Holy Spirit	Singing Byrds	Millennium Music Group
40	25	A Work In Progress	Denise Edwards	Heartsong Pigeon Forge Music Group
41	27	Hard Trials Will Soon Be Over	Gaither Vocal Band	Spring House Music Group
42	30	Wish You Were Here	Jonathan Bond	MMG & SGH Promotions
43	62	You Are My God	Mark S Dubbels	Millennium Music Group
44	54	Rise Up	Chris Perdue	SGH Promotions
45	59	Address Change Notification	Susan Hicks	Grace Records Nashville
46	60	In The Holy Ghost	Ed Drury	Millennium Music Group
47	65	What A Glorious Day	Mark Huitt Sr	Millennium Music Group
48	97	Now I'm On My Way	Poet Voices	StowTown/Provident-Sony
49	71	You Me And Jesus	Robin Johnston	Millennium Music Group
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53	69	Miracle Working Power	Latrell Lindon Pharr	Grace Records Nashville
54	-	I Just Want To Make A Mark	New Road 2	Chapel Valley
55	41	Let Me Tell Ya	Rhapsody Praise	Millennium Music Group
56	24	He'll Never Stop Being God	Sunday Drive	Stow Town/Provident Sony
57	63	Goodbye	Jenny Dean	Grace Records Nashville
58	94	One More Testimony	Port City Quartet	Millennium Music Group
59	72	At Cavalry	Trinity Heirs	Millennium Music Group
60	44	Turn To You	Dallas Dugger	Millennium Music Group
61	-	Do You Know My Name	Melissa Evans	Millennium Music Group
62	84	Jesus Is My Beacon	Gennie Ruth	Millennium Music Group
63	68	Trail Of Tears	Dudley Evans	SGH Promotions
64	82	Outside The Gate	Mike Keller	Millennium Music Group
65	87	Don't Get Me Started	Joyce & Glenn Chastain	Millennium Music Group
66	74	I Stand The Tallest	Little David Wilkins	Grace Records Nashville
67	77	It's Not Just Another Day	Marcus Ellis	Millennium Music Group
68	81	It's Not Over	Craig Stone	SGH Promotions
69	80	For What Earthly Reason	Chuck Wagon Gang	Mountain Home/Crossroads
70	75	When I Was Saved	Eddy Mann	MTS Records
71	78	It's Never Too Late For A Miracle	The Mayo Family	SGH Promotions
72	95	You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet	Wendy Jones	Heartsong Pigeon Forge Music Group
73	90	One Nation Under God	John Westling	SGH Promotions
74	93	He's Got This	Lena Aldridge	Grace Records Nashville
75	85	End Of The Tunnel	LizzyG w/Anthony Grubbs & Rebecca Hull	Grace Records Nashville
76	98	Didn't Feel Like Faith	Todd Tilghman	StowTown/Provident-Sony
77	86	A Special Kind Of Love	Miracles	Grace Records Nashville
78	-	Count Me In	ClearVision	Chapel Valley
79	99	Three Nails Instead	Nelons	Daywind/New Day
80	-	Pentecost Sunday	LaShanda Elliot	Millennium Music Group
81	91	Had It Not Been	Melissa Couch	Heartsong Pigeon Forge Music Group
82	100	The Fall	The Massey's	New Beginning Music Group
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94	-	Don't Give Up	Amanda Rosales	Millennium Music Group
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96	-	Waiting	Buck Oxendine	Millennium Music Group
97	-	I Pray	Jeff Hamilton	New Beginning Music Group
98	-	He Walked Upon The Water	Keith Barkley & Family Tradition	Millennium Music Group
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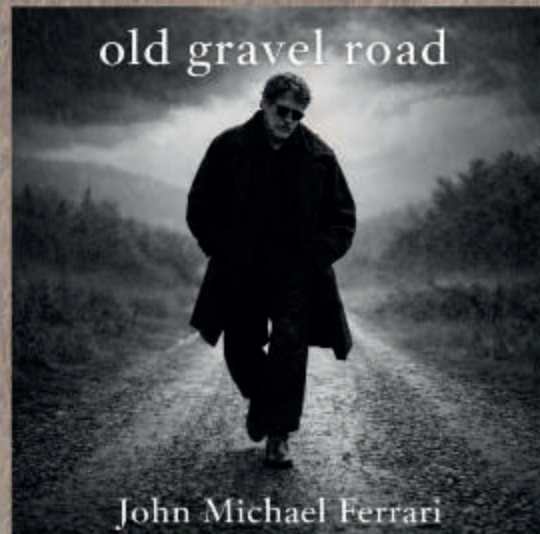
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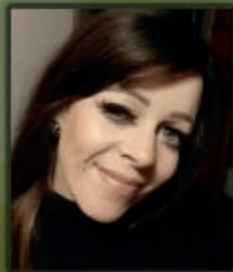
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This is the story of Keith Barkley & Family Tradition - a story of heritage, heart, and a ministry that refuses to stand still.

Roots in the holler

Long before there was a tour schedule, a radio show, or a recording studio, there was a little boy at a piano. Keith remembers it clearly. “I started playing piano at just four years old,” he shares. “We were always in church, even before Dad went into pastoral ministry.”

His father’s first church was tucked away in the holler of Scott County, Kentucky, surrounded by the rolling bluegrass hills that would shape Keith’s earliest memories. Church wasn’t an event; it was a way of life. The Barkley family lived in the rhythm of Sunday services, midweek gatherings, and the quiet, unseen work of ministry.

But in 1977, everything changed.

The family left the familiar hills of central Kentucky for the flatlands of Central Illinois. For Keith and his brothers, it was more than a move - it was a jolt. “It was culture shock to me and my brothers,” Keith recalls.

A few years later, in 1981, the Barkleys moved again - this time to Louisiana, where Keith’s father continued serving in pastoral ministry. What felt like another relocation on the map would soon prove to be a defining moment in their story.

A family sound is born

It was in Tickfaw, Louisiana, that the Barkley family’s musical identity truly began to take shape. There, Keith, his brothers Roger and Curtis, and their father, Roger Barkley, Sr., began singing together as a family group. Keith was just nine years old. What started as a simple act of worship soon became something more. Their mother would later join in, and the Barkley family sound - rooted in harmony, sincerity, and conviction - was born.

In 1983, the family moved back to Kentucky, and the doors began to open. “Everything just kind of snowballed,” Keith says. “We started singing more - homecomings, revivals, and concerts in the regional area.”

The invitations kept coming, and with them came opportunities to share the stage with some of the most recognized names in Southern Gospel music. “Over the years, we traveled and sang with some of the biggest names in Southern Gospel music,” Keith reflects.

At the time, he didn’t fully grasp what God was doing beneath the surface. He looks back now and realizes that when the family group formed in 1981, God was already laying a foundation - not just for a season, but for a legacy.

A love story in Louisiana

About twenty years after that first family group took shape in Tickfaw, Louisiana, the Barkleys returned to the very region where it all began. They were scheduled to sing in a Louisiana town not far from those early ministry days. What none of them knew was that this particular trip would change Keith’s life forever.

This is where Keith and Tabatha first met. “Oh, yes,” the story seems to say. “There is a love story here.” Laughing, Keith teases, “I walked into the sanctuary that day and Tabatha was instantly smitten!”

Tabatha remembers it from her side. After meeting during that morning worship service, something in her heart wouldn’t let the moment pass. That evening, she made the one-hour drive to see Keith and the family sing at another church. Keith wasn’t expecting her to be there.

Tabatha admits she sat strategically on the third or fourth row - close enough to make eye contact, close enough to be noticed, but not so close as to seem obvious.

“After the service was over,” she recalls, “I was like, okay, if I don’t say something, I’ll probably never see him again. I didn’t know what I was gonna say. But I walked up to him and the first thing he said to me was, ‘Well, bless your heart. Come here and gimme a hug.’ That sure broke the ice!”

That moment of Southern charm and holy boldness was the beginning of a partnership that would shape not only their lives, but their ministry.

Keith and Tabatha married in August of 2000. With Tabatha now “on board the bus,” Keith continued to travel and minister with his parents and brothers. Looking back, the couple can clearly see how God was orchestrating their future - not just as husband and wife, but as partners in ministry.

Launching out in faith

Keith had long been dedicated to the music, but there was another call on his life as well. He had surrendered to the call to preach, and doors were beginning to open. “Some opportunities were coming our way, and I sensed we were soon going to have to make some important decisions,” he mentions.

Those decisions came into focus in August of 2003. After much prayer, Keith and Tabatha departed the Barkley Family group to launch a new husband-and-wife ministry of their own. It was a step of faith - away from the familiarity of the family group and into a new season where they would lean even more heavily on the Lord’s leading.

They didn’t know then how many expressions that ministry would eventually take. They only knew that God was calling, and they were willing to go.

A new generation joins the song

Today, the ministry has come full circle in a beautiful way. It is once again a family effort, as their son, Tanner, adds a third vocal to the mix. The trio - known as Keith Barkley & Family Tradition - continues the legacy Keith’s father began decades ago.

They are more than a singing group. They are an evangelistic team, ministering in churches, conferences, revivals, camp meetings, concerts, and special events across the nation.

The name “Family Tradition” isn’t just a clever title. It’s a declaration: this is a ministry rooted in generational faithfulness.

When the world shut down

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and the world seemed to grind to a halt, many ministries were forced to rethink how

they connected with people. For Keith Barkley & Family Tradition, it became an opportunity to expand their reach in ways they hadn't anticipated.

They began webcasting on their Facebook page - singing, sharing the Word, and offering prayers and encouragement to people who were isolated, anxious, and hungry for hope. "Doing this has given us audiences beyond the United States," Keith shares. "We are humbled that people in Northern Ireland, New Zealand, Kenya, The Philippines, The Netherlands, and other parts of the world are tuning in!" What started as a necessity became a global extension of their calling.

Speaking of Facebook, Tanner has begun handling the group's social media presence, and he's doing a tremendous job. In a digital age, his role is more than technical, it's missional. Every post, every livestream, every shared clip becomes another way to carry the Gospel farther than any bus could drive.



A ministry that multiplies

The Barkley family's ministry is multi-faceted, and one of its most significant expressions is Cherith Music Group.

In addition to their social media outreach and touring schedule, the family owns and operates Cherith Music Group, which includes a record label, recording studio, and radio promotions.

"We have never signed with an outside label or recording company," Keith explains. "We are blessed to be able to do all of our own music production in house. An even greater blessing is that we have been able to assist other groups and ministries with our services at a fraction of the cost of other companies. Why pay \$10,000 or \$15,000 for a single project?"

Cherith Music Group isn't just a business venture; it's a stewardship tool. It allows them to create their own music with excellence while also lifting up other artists and

ministries who might not otherwise have access to professional production.

Tanner adds a perspective that reveals the heart behind it all. "We have also been able to minister to people in this studio, probably as much or more so than we ever have on the platform," he says. "I really think that's what has made the studio last as long as it has, is it's having a foundation of faith."

One unique service Cherith Music Group offers is their mobile studio. "If an artist can't get to us," Keith says, "we'll go to them!" It's a simple statement, but it reflects a deeper truth: this family is committed to meeting people where they are - whether that's in a church, a studio, a living room, or online.

While Keith Barkley & Family Tradition are flourishing with radio airplay success, they are equally thrilled to see some of the artists whose music they have produced appearing in various music charts, including Christian Voice charts, Cross Country USA charts, and even Cashbox charts. Their success is multiplied through the success of others. That's legacy.

A voice on the airwaves

And speaking of radio, another chapter of the story began in September of 2024. Keith launched an exciting new radio show on Christian Voice Radio. Within just a few short weeks, the show gained such popularity that it went into syndication and began airing on multiple stations across the nation.

Christian Voice Radio owner and operator, John Lanier, recalls his reaction. "I was blown away at

how quickly the show rose in popularity," he states. "It is still the most listened to program on Christian Voice Radio, and I couldn't be prouder!"

The show, titled Music, Memories, & More, features two hours of new and classic Southern Gospel, Bluegrass Gospel, and Country Gospel music. Sprinkled throughout are artist interviews and even Christian comedy. It's more than a playlist, it's a journey through the soundtrack of faith, past and present.

Through this program, Keith's voice reaches listeners who may never step into a concert venue or revival service, yet find themselves encouraged, uplifted, and reminded of God's faithfulness as they drive, work, or rest.

Vision for the next chapter

If there's one thing that defines Keith, Tabatha, and Tanner, it's that they are goal-oriented. They never stop seeking ways to reach more people with the Gospel and to minister more effectively.

Keith shares one of the visions on his heart. "One vision we have is to have a small TV studio," he says. "I want people to pray with us about this. I really believe it could happen. What we're doing on our Sunday night Facebook live could be expanded to a live studio audience. I'm thinking something like TBN's Praise the Lord program. This would also give a platform to showcase other artists and ministries."

He goes on to say he'd even like to score Christian films and television programs. It's not ambition for ambition's sake. It's a desire to steward every gift, every open door, every opportunity to proclaim the Gospel in fresh ways.

Tabatha, who enjoys baking and decorating, has her own perspective on what "successful ministry" looks like in this season of life. "As Keith and I get older," she says, "we're realizing that successful ministry doesn't necessarily mean keeping the roads hot. It's about connecting with people, meeting them where they are."

For her, that sometimes looks like something as simple - and as profound - as sharing canned goods and homemade bakery items with friends and fans. "It may seem a small gesture," she says, "but there is often more than meets the eye when I share those things. It's just my own little way of reaching out and making a connection. Like Tanner said earlier, our ministry is not always on a stage or a church platform."

Tanner sums it up with a simple, powerful truth. "We just have to be willing vessels," he says, "willing to be used in any capacity anywhere God may lead."

Keith adds with a smile and a bit of holy practicality, "Yeah, it's kind of useless to pray and ask God to open doors of opportunity if we're not going to walk through them!"

A new season of strength

For all their miles on the road and years in ministry, the Barkleys are quick to say that one of the greatest blessings in this season is something they hadn't had in several years: a strong home church life. "We currently have something we haven't had in several years - a home church life," Keith shares. "Our home church has always been a covering for us. But to return to the fellowship and renew friendships and make new connections has been so refreshing. It's imperative to have that as the body of Christ."

Tanner agrees. "Being away from church, friends and family, and missing special occasions and holidays is all part of the sacrifice made for the sake of evangelism," he says. "But it seems God has brought us to a new season at this time."

The family expresses deep gratitude for their spiritual family at New Life Church in Frankfort, Kentucky, and for their pastors, Jim and Melissa Patillo. Tabatha says, "They keep us in prayer as we travel, and they are so supportive of what we do."

"Yes, we sure appreciate the prayers," Keith interjects. "It can be mentally, physically, and spiritually exhausting as we travel from place to place, pouring out to others what God

has poured into us. But it is worth every heart touched and every life changed."

"It's so awesome to be a part of what God is doing," adds Tanner. "And this is why the anointing is so important."

Tabatha nods in agreement. "That's true," she says. "No amount of performance or theatrics could ever match or replace the anointing. It really is such a humbling experience."

Faithful at FanFair

Gospel music fans once again enjoyed the music and ministry of Keith Barkley & Family Tradition at the recent 22nd annual Gospel Music FanFair in Fayette, Alabama.

Randall Wilds, CEO of Wilds & Associates, which presents the annual event, speaks highly of their faithfulness. "Keith Barkley & Family Tradition were with us at the very first event in 2005," he says, "and they have remained faithful to serve with us every year since. This kind of commitment speaks volumes of their character and integrity."

Keith is quick to turn the honor back toward the event and its founder. "We are so grateful to be a part of Gospel Music FanFair," he says. "I'm glad Randall has been able to keep it going all these years. It's not always been easy. He has met his share of difficulties and challenges. But he sticks with it! Gotta admire a man like that!"

While they do not seek accolades and awards, Gospel music fans have expressed their admiration to the family group through various nominations, awards, and honors over the course of their ministry. This year is no exception. Keith was honored with 'Favorite Radio Personality' at the Gospel Music Fan Awards. This was followed by the news that their current single, *Come Along Let's Fly* reached the number one position in Cashbox Magazine's Southern Gospel Top 100 in June. While the group has enjoyed numerous chart hits over the years, this is their very first number one.

The family says they are beyond grateful for the love and support they have received from friends and supporters through the years.

The road ahead

And who knows? Perhaps the best is yet to come. Every now and then, Keith says, he gets a certain "gut feeling." "Here lately," he shares, "I've had that feeling again - that God is up to something. Something good, something big, and for HIS glory. I'm really feeling this in my spirit right now, and as a family, we're anticipating another mighty move of God! Get ready, church!"

For Keith Barkley & Family Tradition, legacy isn't just what's behind them, it's what they're still building. From a little boy at a piano in a Kentucky holler to a family trio touching lives across the nation and around the world, their story is proof that when a family says "yes" to God, He writes something far bigger than they could have imagined. One song at a time... One soul at a time... One generation at a time. And if Keith's feeling is right - and it often is - this is not the closing chapter. It's the prelude to whatever God is about to do next!

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When Isaiah Grass steps onto a stage, there's a spark - a mix of conviction, charisma, and compassion that feels larger than the spotlight itself. He's not just a singer or songwriter; he's a storyteller, a survivor, and a visionary who has turned every setback into a platform for hope.

Isaiah Grass

The Voice That Refuses
to Be Silenced

By Jackson McKee

From Idol to Inspiration

A former American Idol contestant, Isaiah Grass has evolved into a multi-hyphenate force: radio personality, TV host, and founder of the IGMP TV Network. His brand, anchored in the message "Wherever You Are," reminds audiences that music can meet them in any season of life. "I want people to know that no matter what they're going through, they're not alone," Isaiah says. "Music can be a bridge. It connects hearts that might never meet otherwise."

Roots and Resonance

Isaiah's journey began in church pews, where music became his refuge and release. After graduating from a performing-arts school and modeling in New York, he found his true calling in Chicago's music scene. Influenced by icons like Elvis Presley, Queen, and Josh Groban he honed a voice that blends theatrical power with emotional depth. A Juilliard-trained mentor helped him discover that his voice wasn't just entertainment. It was ministry. "My teacher taught me that singing could heal," he recalls. "That changed everything."

Defining Moments

From performing the National Anthem at major sporting events to headlining venues like House of Blues and Hard Rock Casino, Isaiah's career reads like a highlight reel. Yet his most meaningful moment came when he wrote a song



for Patton, a young boy battling leukemia. "That experience reminded me why I do this," Isaiah says softly. "Music can comfort people when words fall short."

His syndicated Isaiah Grass Show - a blend of new-music discovery, celebrity interviews, and uplifting stories - has become a beacon for independent artists and dreamers alike. Through IGMP TV Network, he's helping creators find their voice and their audience.

Challenges and Triumphs

Isaiah's path hasn't been easy. He's faced bullying, rejection, and even identity theft that nearly derailed his career. "There were days I wanted to quit," he admits. "But every time I thought about giving up, I remembered why I started - to inspire others to keep going."

He learned that talent alone isn't enough; success demands resilience, business savvy, and faith. The reward? Hearing from fans who say his music helped them survive heartbreak, depression, or loss. "That's the real trophy," Isaiah says. "Knowing I helped someone hold on."

Recognition and Reach

Ranked #1 on Chicago's ReverbNation Pop Chart and boasting over 250,000 followers, Isaiah has earned national exposure through radio, TV, and magazine features. His collaborations span from The Salvation Army to Music Beats Cancer, and his song *Wherever You Are* was remixed by the Grammy-nominated KlubJumpers, the same duo behind hits for Madonna and Mariah Carey.

The New Era

Isaiah's latest single, *Comin For Ya* - another KlubJumpers remix - is a rallying cry for courage and persistence. Already adopted by sports teams as entrance music, it's being remixed into a cyber-EDM version complete with an AI-driven video. "It's about facing your fears head-on," Isaiah explains. "No matter what stands in your way, you keep moving forward."

Meanwhile, *Wherever You Are* continues to resonate - a dance-pop anthem that carries the heartbeat of hope.



Lessons and Legacy

Through betrayal and breakthrough, Isaiah has learned to trust his instincts and protect his peace. "Every 'no' prepares you for the right 'yes,'" he says. His mantra, "Always stay hungry" fuels his creative fire.

Spiritually, Isaiah believes artists are called to be more than performers. "We're storytellers," he says. "We can be the light in someone's darkness." His work champions kindness, faith, and resilience - values that transcend fame.

The Mission Ahead

Isaiah Grass's mission is clear: to use music and media to inspire, connect, and empower. Fans can expect more music, more interviews, and more opportunities for independent voices to shine. Whether he's singing, hosting, or mentoring, Isaiah brings the same message to every platform: hope is never out of reach.

As he puts it, "I've learned that success isn't about applause. It's about purpose. And my purpose is to remind people that wherever they are, they matter."

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J KERSHAW

Over the past six months, J. Kershaw Spong has been quietly - and steadily - building one of the most meaningful creative seasons of his career. Writing, performing, and producing with renewed purpose, he has released a trio of deeply personal singles that reflect not only his musical roots, but the stories and convictions that shape his life.

His newest release, *Carolina Home*, is a heartfelt tribute to heritage, memory, and belonging. Written while driving through snow and rain in the Pisgah Mountains - heading back to South Carolina after time in Nashville - the song carries the unmistakable fingerprints of Bluegrass, Folk, and Americana. It is a musical homecoming, wrapped in Kershaw's signature warmth and storytelling. *Carolina Home* feels like a front-porch light glowing through the fog, calling listeners back to the places and people who shaped them.

Another powerful new single, *Billy Graham's Dream*, was born from Kershaw's time in western North Carolina following Hurricane Helene. Witnessing the compassion and resilience of those who stepped forward to help - including the ministries founded by Billy Graham - stirred something deep within him. The song emerged as a tribute to the legendary evangelist's life, faith, and enduring legacy.

"This song comes from a place of deep respect," Kershaw says. "Billy Graham was a man whose voice reached across generations, and I wanted to honor the peace, strength, and faith he gave to so many people, especially in times of trouble."

With soulful vocals, rich instrumentation, and honest storytelling, *Billy Graham's Dream* captures the spirit of hope, grace, and unwavering belief that defined Graham's ministry. It stands as a musical testimony to the impact he had on millions - and a reminder to carry forward the message he championed: mercy, redemption, and purpose.

But Kershaw's creative momentum didn't stop there. With America preparing to celebrate its 250th anniversary, he felt compelled to contribute something meaningful to the moment. While countless people from all walks of life have shaped the nation, he chose to focus on those who have sacrificed the most: veterans.



The result is *Thank You for Your Service*, co-written with veteran Toni Krantz. The song reflects the hardships faced in combat and the often-unspoken challenges of returning home. After recounting these struggles, the chorus offers a simple, profound response: "thank you for your service." It is a song of gratitude, humility, and national remembrance.

Kershaw's deep connection to music began long before these recent releases. Born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina, with family roots in Camden, South Carolina and Nashville, Tennessee, he grew up surrounded by the sounds

of faith and tradition. He remembers his grandmother playing piano at Belmont Methodist Church in Nashville, and even singing live opera on Sunday afternoon radio.

A largely self-taught guitarist and harmonica player, Kershaw has explored a wide range of genres over the years: Traditional, Pop, Hymns, Jazz, and Bluegrass. He spent many years playing in his church's chapel service and performing with Folk, Bluegrass, and Pop groups across the Southeast. His catalog includes two CDs of Hymns and sacred music, along with three albums of original songs.

In recent years, Kershaw has devoted himself to the preservation of Bluegrass and traditional music. He serves on the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Bluegrass and Traditional Music Association (SCBTMA), where he champions the organization's mission to pass on this musical heritage through scholarships, workshops, and instrument donations to schools, YAM programs, and children's homes. It is a cause he believes in deeply.

Today, he performs with his close friends in The Front Porch Boys, a group known for its camaraderie, musicianship, and love of traditional music. At home in Columbia, he enjoys life with his wife Wanda, their two children, and two grandchildren - the heart of everything he does.

And he's far from finished. With two more songs already in final production, J. Kershaw is poised to make 2026 one of his most impactful years yet. His music continues to honor the past, speak to the present, and inspire the future, one heartfelt story at a time.

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KING OF POP

Few figures in global history have shaped modern entertainment as profoundly as Michael Jackson. Known universally as the King of Pop, his influence permanently restructured music globally. Laying all the controversies aside, and focusing only on his phenomenal music career, there is no denying Jackson was a ground-breaking artist.

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Growing up in Gary, Indiana, under the strict, often volatile management of his father, Joe Jackson, Michael became the breakout lead singer of The Jackson 5 by the late 1960s. Signed to the legendary Motown Records and produced by Barry Gordy, the group achieved massive success with hits like, *I Want You Back*, *ABC*, *I'll Be There*, and *Never Say Goodbye*.

Jackson wanted to transition into a solo artist under Epic Records and partnering with producer Quincy Jones, Jackson delivered a trilogy of albums that redefined Pop music. These albums included: "Off the Wall" (1979): A blend of Disco, Pop, and Funk that proved Jackson could dominate as a mature solo act. Then came the ground-breaking album, "Thriller" (1982): A cultural phenomenon that broke racial barriers on MTV and shattered industry records. It remains the best-selling album of all time, with global sales estimated near 100 million copies. "Bad" (1987): A gritty, Pop powerhouse that yielded five consecutive number one singles on the Billboard Hot 100.

Jackson did not just record music; he engineered it visually. His iconic dance moves - most notably the moonwalk, debuted during the Motown 25 television special in 1983 - and his cinematic, narrative-driven music videos turned the medium into an essential art form.

Jackson's impressive list of hits was a constant sound in the '80s and '90s blaring out from the big boomboxes out on the streets to turned up loud from the car radios. These hits from his iconic albums include *Billie Jean*, *Beat it*, *Triller*, *Bad*, *Man In The Mirror*, *Smooth Criminal*, *The Way You Make Me Feel*, *Dirty Diana* and countless others.



His award record is one of the most extensive in music history: 13 Grammy Awards, including a record-setting 8 in one night (1984), Grammy Legend Award (1993) and Lifetime Achievement Award (2010). Jackson won 26 American Music Awards - the most for any male artist, and 40 Billboard Music Awards. Rock & Roll Hall of Fame - inducted twice (1997 with The Jackson 5, 2001 as a solo artist). Jackson's humanitarian work, co-writing, *We Are the World* with Lionel Richie and supported numerous global charities.

Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009, at his home in Los Angeles while preparing for his 'This Is It' comeback concerts. He was 50 years old.

Decades after his peak, Jackson's legacy is experiencing a massive cultural resurgence, fueled largely by the blockbusting release of his official cinematic biopic, "Michael."

Directed by Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day") and written by three-time Oscar nominee John Logan ("Gladiator,"

“Skyfall”), the film represents a massive \$155–\$200 million cinematic undertaking. The movie’s masterstroke lies in its casting. Michael Jackson is portrayed by his real-life nephew, Jaafar Jackson (son of Jermaine Jackson), in his feature film debut. Critics and audiences have overwhelmingly praised Jaafar's performance, noting his uncanny physical resemblance and his ability to replicate his uncle’s distinct speaking voice, mannerisms, and complex dance choreography. The supporting cast features a heavy-hitting roster: Colman Domingo as the intimidating patriarch Joe Jackson, Nia Long as the protective matriarch Katherine Jackson, Miles Teller as Jackson's longtime attorney and manager John Branca.

The narrative structure of “Michael” tracks Jackson's meteoric rise, starting with his grueling childhood rehearsals in the 1960s, moving through the explosive Thriller era, and culminating in his triumphant Bad World Tour in the late 1980s. It features hyper-detailed, spectacular recreations of his most iconic performances and music video sets.

While reviewers have criticized the film for being a "sanitized" or heavily protective tribute, the omission hasn't deterred the public. Audiences have voted with their wallets. “Michael” has become a historic commercial hit movie, grossing a massive \$932.2 million worldwide. It stands as one of the highest-grossing biographical films in cinema history and has triggered a global wave of Jackson nostalgia,

even pushing his classic 1982 single *Billie Jean* back to the top of the global music charts.



Michael Jackson is portrayed by his real-life nephew, Jaafar Jackson (son of Jermaine Jackson), in the 2026 cinematic biopic, “Michael.”

Michael Jackson’s life was complicated and full of controversy. Although the King of Pop has been in the headlines personally, there is no question, he made musical history and forever will be known as music’s most talented Icon.

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Webb Dalton is a multi-award-winning traditional Country music singer and songwriter with a career spanning over four decades. Known for his authentic sound and heartfelt storytelling, Dalton has remained a steadfast voice for Classic Country music, blending honky-tonk roots with timeless, relatable lyrics.

Throughout his career, Dalton has shared the stage with some of Country music's most legendary artists, including Randy Travis, George Strait, Dottie West, George Jones, Garth Brooks, Kitty Wells, Travis Tritt, Alison Krauss, Jerry Lee Lewis, Charlie Rich and others - experiences that helped shape his deep-rooted traditional style.

Dalton has achieved multiple #1 singles on the Indie Country Charts and has also found success on the Cashbox Indie Country Charts. His original song *Back When We Were Young* continues to connect with audiences, showcasing his gift for capturing nostalgia, love, and real-life moments through song.

Signed to Hickory Withe Records, Dalton has released multiple albums that stay true to the roots of traditional Country music. His dedication to the genre has earned him major recognition at the Josie Music Awards, held at the iconic Grand Ole Opry. There, he received 'Artist of the Year' (2023), 'Songwriter of the Year' (2024), and 'Song of the Year' (2025) honors - cementing his place among today's leading independent Country artists.

Beyond performing, Webb Dalton is the founder of the Gulf Coast Musicians Medical Fund, established in 2018 to



provide financial assistance for healthcare to musicians and songwriters along the Gulf Coast. His passion for helping fellow artists reflects the same authenticity and heart found in his music.

Whether performing solo or with his band, Webb Dalton & Friends, Dalton delivers engaging live shows filled with tradition, energy, and genuine Country spirit. With his signature cowboy hat, acoustic guitar, and unmistakable voice, Webb Dalton continues to keep real Country music alive for audiences today and for generations to come.



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A photograph of Ken Domash, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark blue button-down shirt. He is looking slightly to his right with a neutral expression. Behind him is a poster for 'DAILY DOMESTIC COUNTRY PILSNER' featuring a beer bottle and the text 'BORN IN THE...'. To the right, another poster is partially visible with the words 'THE BEER BRO' and 'STRO'.

Running His Own Race

By Robin Tanner

Ken Domash will be the first to admit that his path into Country music looks nothing like the traditional story. “I didn’t grow up with Hank Williams playing in the background while working on my dad’s truck in a barn. Far from it,” he says. “I actually grew up fascinated by magic; I was set on becoming a magician in Las Vegas. I’m not making that up.”

Instead, life led him toward architecture, marriage, and fatherhood. Music didn’t enter the picture until one unexpected moment changed everything. “One day while taking my daughter to piano lessons, I accidentally wandered into a voice class which ultimately led to a guitar lesson,” he recalls. “Suddenly, I discovered music for the first time and the romance began.”

That romance quickly turned into something deeper. His wife encouraged him to get out of the house and try performing at a local bar. “I didn’t even have songs, so I made them up on the spot,” he says. The crowd responded immediately and urged him to record. Soon he found himself in Nashville, where promoters told him he was probably done being an architect. “My first release was a silver bullet,” he says. “Since then, I’ve been recording music while juggling life. Now I feel like I have a clear runway in front of me, and I’m going full speed after a dream that’s been on the horizon and only getting stronger with time.”

Domash’s sound is shaped by influences that stretch far beyond Country. “My path is probably less traditional than most Country artists,” he explains. “Van Halen, ZZ Top, AC/DC, Nirvana, Nickelback and Jason Aldean all played a role in shaping my sound.”

He loves the tongue-in-cheek swagger and bluesy grit of ZZ Top, the explosive guitars and drums of Van Halen, and the stadium-sized punch of AC/DC. Nirvana’s raw songwriting structure shaped the way he writes, often in drop-D tuning, while Nickelback taught him the power of

tight harmonies and big Rock production. And when Jason Aldean released *She’s Country*, Domash suddenly heard Rock and Country collide in a way that made everything click. “That’s what put the puzzle pieces together for me,” he says.

Before he ever stepped onto a music stage, Domash was already a seasoned performer thanks to his early years in magic. “I performed at huge shows and competed in some of the biggest competitions, winning many of them,” he says. “That experience gave me the entertainer’s bug.” The thrill of performing never left him. He still loves the intimacy and energy of theaters, which remind him of those early magic days. More recently, he performed on the Top Shelf Country Cruise 2026 alongside Keith Urban, Lee Brice, Scotty McCreery, and LeAnn Rimes, even sharing sets with Paul Sykes. During one of his shows on the cruise, he was interrupted mid-performance and invited back for the 2027 cruise, a moment he describes as surreal and unforgettable.

Radio success has been another driving force in his career. “Radio has always been something I love deeply, so charting really fuels my engine,” he says. His first release, *Countrified*, charted at #60 on Billboard Indicator, followed by *Ding Dang Darn It*, which reached #55. After a few life detours, he returned stronger than ever, with his last five consecutive singles landing in the Top 40 on the MusicRow Chart. Yet, when asked what he’s most proud of, he doesn’t hesitate. “Truly, my biggest accomplishment... is having my family behind me every step of the journey. It’s a long road, and timing is everything. Right now, the timing feels right.”

His newest radio single, *This Beer’s Broken*, captures his playful side. “The idea is simple and fun: don’t blame your job, your relationship, or even yourself - take it up with your bartender,” he says. “Maybe the beer just isn’t doing what it’s supposed to do.” The song has quickly become a fan favorite. “The crowd usually catches onto the hook the first time they hear it, and by the second chorus they’re singing along.”

One of the most powerful moments in Domash's life came long before he ever considered himself a singer. He and his family were invited to a neighbor's daughter's wedding, where the groom's Irish family filled the reception with music. At one point, the groom's mother asked Domash to sing. "I declined and told her, 'singing wasn't my thing.' She insisted," he says. He sang the only thing he knew, a bit of Elvis. When he finished, she looked at him with striking intensity and said, "You should sing." Domash still remembers the feeling. "That moment changed something inside me. It changed my life's trajectory. It felt like she was speaking directly to my soul - and my soul heard her."

When it comes to his goals, Domash tells a story from his childhood. In middle school, he ran the 100-yard dash and came in last, despite running the fastest race of his life. "I ran to the stands excited and asked my dad if he saw the race," he says. His dad, confused, pointed out that he had finished last. "I said, 'Yeah, but did you see how well I came in last?'" He later learned the race's record was set that day. "The lesson stuck with me: winning means winning in your own lane." Yes, he'd love to headline shows, but what matters most is making people feel something. "A bigger stage simply allows that feeling to reach more people," he says. Ironically, his favorite moment on the cruise wasn't the big stage at all - it was the after-party with a small group of fans where everyone connected through the music.

Domash believes deeply that he is doing what he was meant to do. "I'm simply doing what I believe God put in me

to do," he says. Fans often tell him they've never seen anything like his show. "I'm not sure exactly what that means. It's like asking a bird how it flies. I just love connecting with an audience." He thrives on open dialogue with the crowd, letting the moment shape the performance. "When that connection happens, the audience becomes part of the show."

Being an independent artist comes with challenges - social media, streaming, radio promotion, touring, writing, producing, press, and more. "Talent, passion, and time aren't always enough. Sometimes just getting into the room is the hardest part," he says. "You can either let those barriers discourage you, or you can let them fuel you." One modern challenge he refuses to bend on is AI in songwriting. "I've chosen to stay in my lane. I write all of my own songs. I don't know exactly what intelligence gives me my songs, but I refuse to let it be a computer program. I'd rather come in last to AI every time and know I won by being authentic."

At the heart of everything he does is one simple philosophy: fun comes first. "If a crowd is having fun, everything else becomes possible," he says. He laughs on stage, cries on stage, and invites the audience to feel everything with him. "As an independent artist, my goal is simply to keep creating honest songs and bringing people together through music. At the end of the night, I hope people leave feeling something and most importantly, I hope they had FUN."

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CHIP & NIKKI HEADLEY

Still Spreading God's Word, One Song at a Time

They have introduced themselves for decades with a simple phrase - "Spreading God's Word One Song at a Time." For Chip and Nikki Headley, those words are not a slogan but a life's calling, shaped across forty years of marriage, thirty-one years of Gospel music, and a lifetime of learning how God weaves purpose through every mile, every melody, and every moment that doesn't go according to plan. Originally from Chesterfield, Virginia, and now longtime Tennesseans, they have raised four children, welcomed nine grandchildren with one more on the way, and built a ministry that has touched churches, festivals, nursing homes, conventions, and countless hearts across the country. "We've been soulmates for forty years," Nikki says, "and it doesn't seem like it's been thirty-one years in Gospel music. You can't outdo the Lord."

By Cory Parker

Their journey began long before the awards and radio singles. Nikki grew up singing, first in church and then in Country music competitions. She competed for years at the East Coast Country Music Championships in Waynesboro, Virginia, always placing in the top four but never winning. Then in 1996, the event added a Gospel category. "That year I won first place," she remembers. "I prayed backstage, 'Lord, what are You showing me?'" The next year, all first-place winners competed against each other, and she won 'Entertainer of the Year' - again in the Gospel category. "I prayed again, 'OK Lord, where do You want me?' It was then we realized God's direction was being placed before us."

Chip, who had loved music since childhood, had been told by three professional instructors that he would never be a musician. Dyslexia made learning difficult, and teachers hid him so he wouldn't be heard. But after meeting Nikki, he prayed to play guitar. "In just four short weeks, I was playing," Chip says. Years later, he would win 'Musician/Instrumentalist of the Year.' "Man said no, but God said YES."

Their early ministry years were filled with small stages and big lessons. They sang in nursing homes, assisted living centers, senior groups, fairs, festivals, churches, coffee houses, and backyard gatherings - anywhere God opened a door. One year, they had fourteen flat tires while traveling. Instead of frustration, God gave them revelation. "We became

labeled The Flat Tire Ministry," Nikki laughs. "But God was teaching us about divine appointment. We learned to look for the reason we were being detained - not the flat." That perspective would shape the way they saw every delay, every breakdown, every unexpected turn in the road.

One of the most defining moments of their ministry came at the National Quartet Convention in Louisville. Nikki had entered a showcase where the winner would sing on the main stage. After much prayer, she felt led to sing her original song *The Struggle's Over*, even though many urged her to choose something more traditionally Southern Gospel. "I felt strongly to sing it anyway because I knew it was what God wanted me to do." As she sang, Chip watched the crowd rise to their feet - hands lifted, people moved, a standing ovation. Nikki didn't see any of it. Chip took two photos, and when he showed them to her, she was stunned. "I was so illuminated that you could not see me, my face, at all. It was all a glow. That's when we learned about Shekinah Glory." She smiles when she remembers it. "We learned obedience to God was the right thing - the only thing - to do. No man's stage or platform is greater than that."

God continued opening doors in ways they never expected. As a child, Nikki dreamed of visiting the Grand Ole Opry House. Her father and a pastor friend would tell her, 'Just hold on... one day you'll get there.' She never imagined she would one day stand in the Opry circle as a singer. After

joining the Music City Christian Fellowship, she was invited to perform with The Country Chorale for the long-running Sunday Mornin' Country show. "Sure enough, I was there and would be singing on that platform," she says. She has now been honored to sing in the Opry circle multiple times, including opening the show with the National Anthem. As part of it all, Chip runs sound for rehearsals, assists with security, and gives backstage tours to VIP guests. "God is good and He works in mysterious ways."

Their ministry has always been a family story, and family always supported them. They sang and participated in several activities at the Masonic home where Chip's parents lived. Nikki's mother traveled with them often, even as she slipped into dementia. She carried a cane - part support, part playful threat toward Chip - and quickly became a celebrity at concerts. "Every stop we made, people were asking about the famous cane," Nikki says. "She was always a hoot and I'll never trade those times with her." And Chip never minded her playfulness towards him, it let him know just how much she loved him. She's with Jesus now, but those memories became part of the tapestry of their calling, the kind of stories they hope to one day include in the book they plan to write about their thirty-one-year journey.

Not every chapter has been easy. When the economy crashed in 2008-2010, they lost their business and their home. They say it was a time of learning about refining fire, "God taught us that sometimes pain is necessary for perseverance and trust in Him. It is not easy, but it is worth every battle to gain victory in God's plan for us." Through it all, they kept singing, kept traveling, kept believing. "He has promised He will never leave us nor forsake us, and in these times is where you see Him most."

There was a season when they questioned whether their ministry was making a difference. They weren't seeing the results they hoped for. Then, during a concert by another artist, Chip watched people flood the altar. "That's what we want, Lord," he prayed. The Lord answered immediately. "That's what I have him for, Chip. I have you both as encouragers. You go in and stir the church, plant the seed, and I bring him in for the harvest." That moment changed everything. They learned that music ministry was their calling, and to be encouragers is their purpose within that calling. "We no longer feel ineffective," Nikki says. "If God brings us to it, He will move. It is only our responsibility to go where He leads, do what He has called us to do, minister His word in song, and encourage others. He does the rest."

Some of their most powerful songs were born from heartbreak and holy moments. When Nikki's father passed away while they were ministering in Cleveland, Tennessee, the church surrounded their car to pray. As they drove away, she looked toward the sky. "I saw a figure of a man in the clouds on his knees with his hands up toward Heaven. I just knew it was my daddy." Within an hour, she began writing *I'll See You Later*, a song that would climb to number two on the charts. Chip explained he would joke around with his father-in-law just to have him tell him, "We don't say

goodbye, we say see you later." The song became both a tribute and a testimony of hope.

Their ministry van once broke down on a Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m., the worst possible time. A tow truck driver appeared and led them to a shop full of employees who happened to still be there, and a mechanic who was angry at God found himself in a conversation he didn't expect. An accident at the shop had resulted in a severed finger. He was the church guitar player who played in a band with his wife and his father-in-law (the pastor). Before she prayed with him, Nikki told him, "I've seen people play guitar with their toes. If God still wants you to play, that missing finger is not going to stop you." Before they left, Chip and Nikki prayed for the entire shop. The man was ready to ask God to forgive him and play again, "It wasn't the van," Nikki says. "It was the worker. Another divine appointment. And a miracle - no charge and no issue was found with the van." The drove away and never had another problem with it.



Through every mile, they have learned that ministry is not performance but surrender. Nikki, who struggled with self-esteem, remembers God telling her, "It's not what you hear, it's what I allow them to hear. That truth freed her. "I've learned that it is not us or our performance," she says. "It's our surrender to Christ as His vessel."

Today, Chip and Nikki continue to sing, pray, encourage, and share the songs God has given them. They have released approximately twenty radio singles, many charting from the Top 100 to the Top 2. They have earned numerous awards, but they hold them lightly in comparison to all God has done. "All the awards and recognition are His way of blessing us for using our talents to glorify Him," Nikki says. "Our eternal reward is most important."

In the end, their mission remains exactly what it was the day they began: spreading God's Word one song at a time.

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