





JUSTIN MOORE with special guests HEATH SANDERS and STEPHEN PAUL SET TO PERFORM IN PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ!

PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ – February 8, 2022 — <u>Justin Moore</u>, the PLATINUM-selling entertainer, will hit the stage in Prescott Valley at <u>Findlay Toyota Center</u> on Sunday, March 13th, 2022 joined by Pandora's 2021 Country Artist to Watch, Heath Sanders, and Spotify's New Music Nashville standout, Stephen Paul. Tickets for the show are available at <u>www.ticketmaster.com</u> and the Findlay Toyota Center Box Office.

Justin hits the road on the heels of his sixth studio album, STRAIGHT OUTTA THE COUNTRY, which includes the single, "We Didn't Have Much." With 1.6 billion streams, Moore's latest album follows chart-topping, LATE NIGHTS AND LONGNECKS, with its two #1's, "Why We Drink" and Justin's heartfelt tribute to fallen soldiers, "The Ones That Didn't Make It Back Home."

For more info on the event go to the <u>Justin Moore event page</u> on the Findlay Toyota Center website. For additional information about Justin Moore, visit <u>Justin Moore Music.com</u>.

ABOUT JUSTIN MOORE

Justin Moore wanted to go back: back to tradition, back to basics, back to the beach.

"Before I ever had a record deal, my producer and I used to pop down to the beach in Florida and write for three or four days at a time," the country star remembers. "I wanted to reconnect with that spirit on this new album, so I said, 'Let's go work down there again like we used to ten, twelve years ago.""

Moore has grown from an aspiring songwriter into a chart-topping powerhouse in those years, but his stellar new album, 'Late Nights and Longnecks,' is proof positive that he's still the same country boy at heart. Tipping its cap to Alan Jackson and George Strait, the record is Moore's most traditional-sounding collection to date, a no-frills portrait of small-town life and big-time dreams that's not afraid to let its hair down and party at the end of a hard day's work. Equal parts celebration and reflection, the album is a showcase for Moore's evocative storytelling and unforgettable voice, complemented here by an all-star

band featuring GRAMMY and CMA Award-winning guitar icon Brent Mason ACM-winning pedal steel hero Paul Franklin among others.

"I've never worked with those guys before, but they've played on some of my favorite albums of all time," says Moore. "We thought it would be really cool to bring them in and record the whole thing at The Castle, this historic studio just south of Nashville where a lot of those legendary hit records were made."

Moore knows a thing or two about hit records himself. After signing to The Valory Music Co., an imprint of the Big Machine Label Group, he landed his first country #1 with "Small Town USA," the breakout single off his 2009 self-titled debut. The record went platinum, as did its 2011 follow-up, 'Outlaws Like Me,' which yielded yet another #1 single with "If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away." In 2014, Moore landed the coveted New Artist of the Year trophy at the ACM Awards after releasing his critically acclaimed third album, 'Off The Beaten Path,' and in 2016, he dropped 'Kinda Don't Care,' his third consecutive #1 record. The New York Times hailed Moore as proof that "old forms can stand even stronger with injections of new ideas," while Billboard celebrated his "down-home personality and wry sense of humor," and Rolling Stone praised the "upbeat mix of contemporary country and honest twang that he perfected." Moore's songs racked up more than a billion on-demand and programmed streams, and he performed everywhere from Kimmel to The Today Show in addition to headlining arenas and amphitheaters around the country.

Despite the stardom, Moore remained devoted to the simple things in life, treasuring his relationship with his wife and four kids and even taking time out from his relentless tour schedule to coach their basketball and softball teams. An Arkansas native, Moore grew up idolizing country legends like Dwight Yoakam and Keith Whitley, and it was those pillars of his life—home, family, tradition—that he found himself compelled to return to with 'Late Nights and Longnecks.'

"I stepped out of my comfort zone and did things a little differently on the last album," explains Moore. "We recorded some songs that became big hits for me that I probably wouldn't have cut earlier in my career. It was a lot of fun to try something new like that in the studio, but afterwards, I really just wanted to just get back into writing songs and make the most traditional sounding record I could."

With that in mind, Moore headed back to the beach where it all began (a little easier now that he owns his own house there), and this time, he invited some of his favorite Nashville collaborators to join him. The writing sessions were loose and raw, just a bunch of friends hanging around the table drinking beers and telling stories. They let song ideas take shape naturally, pouncing when lightning struck and sometimes completing songs from start-to-finish in as a little as an hour.

"I'm not a 'Make an appointment and come in at 10am' kind of guy," Moore laughs. "My style is more, 'When it hits you, write it.'"

The resulting tracks exude the same blend of laidback cool and incisive intuition that marked the writing sessions, mixing playful tales of small town joy and family pride with more introspective musings on broken hearts and hard times. Raucous album opener "Why We Drink" kicks things off with a wry smile, as Moore rattles off a seemingly endless list of justifications for cracking open a cold one: "Cause the sun's up / Cause it's sundown / Cause my wound up needs a little unwound / Cause we've been working all day, but we're done now / Yea that's why we drink." Alcohol is a constant companion on the record, but Moore paints a complex picture of his characters' relationship with it. Sometimes it's medication ("Never Gonna Drink Again"), sometimes it's escape ("Airport Bar"), sometimes it's a memory you'd rather forget ("Jesus and Jack Daniels").





"Drinking has always been a part of country music on both sides of the coin," says Moore, "out of sadness and out of fun. There's no shortage of either on this record."

It's not all journeys to the bottom of the bottle, though. The tender "That's My Boy" explores the timeless bond a father shares with his son, while the driving "Small Town Street Cred" celebrates the uncomplicated joys of rural living, and the emotional "The Ones That Didn't Make It Back Home" honors the soldiers, nurses, first responders, and teachers who've made the ultimate sacrifice in order to help make the world a better place for the rest of us.

"Every night onstage when I would introduce 'If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away,' I'd dedicate it to the ones who didn't make it back home," explains Moore. "One night it hit me that that needed to be its own song. It's fun to have hit records and all that, but the thing I'm most proud of as an artist is when I hear from people that the songs I sing helped them get through a difficult time in their life. I hope this song can have that kind of impact on folks."

That desire for comfort and connection is what 'Late Nights and Longnecks' is all about. Some characters find it at the bar, some find it at home, some don't find it at all, but at the end of the day, they all share the search in common, asking the big questions and facing down the future in the process. For Justin Moore, moving forward meant going back to where it all began, and he couldn't be happier about it.

"Not only is this my best album, it was the most fun I've ever had making a record," he says. "That's the whole reason I got into this business in the first place."

ABOUT <u>HEATH SANDERS</u>

Arkansas native Heath Sanders spent nearly a decade working on natural gas wells before his passion for music proved too strong to resist as a career. It all started after Heath posted on Facebook his cover of Chris Stapleton's "Either Way" in early 2018. The video filmed in his living room would quickly transform his life as millions watched and re-shared, making Heath an overnight viral sensation among the working-class communities in the Midwest and Rust Belt.

After seeing the online swell, Heath sold one of his deer hunting rifles and used the money to buy a PA system to play in bars around the region. His buddies in the oil fields encouraged him to dream bigger as he worked on his craft and continued to upload covers, write his own music, including the first song he ever wrote – only five months before – called "Bloodline." But it was his momma's final push in the form of a hand-written letter listing the reasons why he should seriously consider a new career that prompted Heath to give the gas company his two weeks notice.

Heath was invited to Nashville shortly thereafter for an opportunity that would ultimately solidify his path — an appearance on The Bobby Bones Show. During the trip, an industry executive asked Heath for his opinion of today's Country music. He chose his words wisely but didn't hold back knowing this was an opportunity to speak for more Country fans that just himself.

"It made me nervous, but I said, 'man, we still admire those Country voices that sing about our way of life, but there sure ain't enough of them anymore. We know the difference. We know if the feller talking about dirt roads and blue-collar living has ever run a chainsaw, if he's ever put on a pair of steel-toed boots, if he's ever really worked a 12-hour day," Heath recalls. "You don't think we know, but we know."



Heath was just being honest. The natural gas-worker-turned-songwriter knows no other way. And it's that realness that informs the songs he's about to release to Country fans who are just like him — folks who identify with hard work and have the sore backs and tired feet to show for it. Signed to The Valory Music Co., Heath draws upon a lifetime of early mornings and long days in his music to emerge as the new voice of the workingman.

ABOUT STEPHEN PAUL

A singer-songwriter from the Louisiana Bayou - West Monroe, LA, Stephen Paul's music is inspired by his Cajun roots and classic country. Combining a traditional country style with a modern country sound, Paul offers a refreshing voice to country music and its fans.

Paul began his musical journey at the early age of three when his father gave him his first drum kit. After years of being involved in the music scene at church, he began playing guitar and along the way decided to try his hand at songwriting. Paul graduated from the University of Louisiana-Monroe (ULM) in 2013, during which he spent time performing with a variety of local bands. Shortly after, in the fall of 2014, Stephen traded the local scene of Louisiana for the streets of Music City to pursue his music career.

Stephen Paul has since spent time writing, creating, touring across the country and rapidly growing his fan base playing over 150+ shows in 2021 and has shared stages with Dylan Scott, David Lee Murphy, Chris Lane, Jon Wolfe, Jon Langston, Trey Lewis, Neal McCoy, Morgan Evans, Sean Stemaly, Pat Green & Mark Chesnutt. He currently has over 3.3 million+ streams across all streaming platforms with a 65k social impact. He's not only found success as an independent country artist, but also as a songwriter. Paul has had several independent cuts, including, "Runnin' From My Roots," performed by Janelle Arthur (December 2018). The tune became the title track to the Silver Linings Picture, Runnin' From My Roots.

Known for his relatable lyricism, vocal depth and sincere delivery, Stephen Paul released his breakthrough EP, 'Off My Chest' at the end of 2019. This is Paul's second EP release - the first was Louisiana Heat in 2017. Off My Chest, produced by Lalo Guzman, features six tracks, including singles, "Leaving Louisiana," "Lookin' For Me," and title track, "Off My Chest."

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