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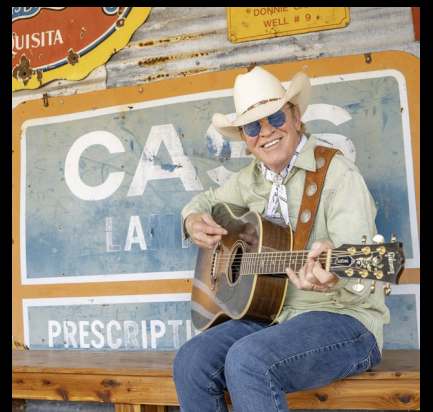
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ARTIST OF THE WEEK



HIGH DEBUT THIS WEEK



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SHINING BRIGHT IN THE TEXAS MUSIC SCENE – THESE 5 ARTISTS ARE IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



FEATURED ARTIST
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MAL SMITH & THE SINNERS CHOIR



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HIGH DEBUT OF THE WEEK

This week's Texas Music Chart features an impressive debut with "Hold You To It," a dynamic collaboration between Joey Green and Payton Howie. The track showcases the unique blend of Green's seasoned artistry and Howie's fresh perspective, resulting in a compelling country tune. Joey Green, a Texas native, has been a staple in the regional music scene, earning a nomination for Top Male Artist of the Year at the Texas Music Chart Awards. Payton Howie, known for her energetic performances, expressed excitement about the collaboration, sharing behind-the-scenes glimpses of their work together. "Hold You To It" has already made waves internationally, climbing to number five on the UK charts.



FEATURED ARTIST

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MAL SMITH & THE SINNERS CHOIR

Mal Smith & The Sinners Choir: Texas Grit, Gospel, and the Sound of Something Real

Somewhere between the neon hum of a Texas honky-tonk and the shadowy corners of a whiskey-drenched dive, Mal Smith & The Sinners Choir have carved out a reputation that's as raw and unapologetic as the music they play. Their sound isn't just heard—it's felt. A collision of outlaw country, blues, and gospel-drenched Americana, it's the kind of music that grips your soul and doesn't let go.

And now, with their latest single "Just Kids" making waves and set to land a coveted spot on the Texas Country Countdown, it's clear that their music is more than just a passion project—it's a movement.

From Barroom Hymns to Ballads of Truth

At the heart of it all is Mal Smith, a songwriter who doesn't just tell stories - he lives them. With a voice that carries the dust of every backroad he's traveled and lyrics that cut deep like a switchblade, Smith is quickly becoming one of Texas music's most compelling figures. His journey into music reads like a classic outlaw tale: cutting his teeth in roadside bars, drowning heartbreak in whiskey, and pouring every ounce of lived experience into songs that feel both intimate and universal. Over the years, he's surrounded himself with a band that matches his fire—The Sinners Choir, a rowdy, soul-stirring collective that blends blues swagger, folk poetry, and gospel harmonies that could shake the walls of a southern church.

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Written by Brian Sprague



RADIO STATION OF THE WEEK



**TEXAS MUSIC CHART APPRECIATES JENERAYTE'S
ONGOING BACKING OF RADIO STATIONS AND
MUSICIANS WITHIN THE TEXAS MUSIC AND
AMERICANA SECTORS.**

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'Just Kids' and the Next Big Step

With their latest single “Just Kids,” Mal Smith & The Sinners Choir prove they aren’t just making music—they’re capturing moments in time. Steeped in nostalgia, longing, and the haunting realization that youth is fleeting, the song is both a love letter and a reckoning.

Built on a foundation of rocking guitars, knife edge lyrics, and harmonies that send chills up your spine, “Just Kids” feels like it was made for late-night drives and quiet moments of reflection. And now, it’s poised for something bigger. With airplay on the Texas Country Countdown, the song is reaching ears far beyond the dive bars and dancehalls where it was born.

For a band that’s spent years winning over audiences one show at a time, this is more than just another milestone—it’s a turning point.

A Sound That’s Built to Last

What sets Mal Smith & The Sinners Choir apart isn’t just their musicianship—it’s their authenticity. Their music pulls from the best of Texas storytelling: the poetic grit of Townes Van Zandt, the rebel spirit of Steve Earle, and the soul-stirring fire of Chris Stapleton. But this isn’t imitation—it’s reinvention.

Every song is a confession, a sermon, a glimpse into a life lived without shortcuts. Whether they’re belting out a barn-burning anthem or stripping things down to a quiet, aching ballad, the band’s music never feels forced. It’s music for the restless, the heartbroken, the hopeful. It’s music that means something.

What’s Next for Mal Smith & The Sinners Choir?

With “Just Kids” climbing the charts and momentum on their side, Mal Smith & The Sinners Choir are just getting started. A full-length album is on the horizon, and rumors of a Texas-wide tour are swirling.

For the fans who’ve been with them since the beginning, this moment feels like a long-overdue breakthrough. For those just discovering their sound, it’s the start of something unforgettable.

One thing’s for certain: Mal Smith & The Sinners Choir aren’t just another band passing through. They’re here to stay, to tell their stories, and to remind the world that real music—the kind that shakes you to your core—is alive and well in Texas.



POS LW	POS TW	ARTIST	SONG TITLE	SPINS TW	SPINS LW	STA TW	STA LW
1	1	GREAT DIVIDE, THE	WRONG IS OVERRATED	4198	4231	205	207
2	2	RECKLESS KELLY	WHAT'S LEFT OF MY HEART	4081	4107	205	225
4	3	AARON WATSON	BUY THE WORLD A ROUND	3934	3436	178	170
3	4	WILDER BLUE, THE	PASS IT ON DOWN	3681	3714	187	190
7	5	KYLE PARK	HILL COUNTRY HOME	3614	3312	174	159
5	6	JON STORK	NEVER SEEN	3552	3413	168	159
6	7	BRIAN MARS	SHE GOES GOOD WITH TEQUILA	3398	3410	160	162
10	8	BILLIE JO JONES	WHOSE TEQUILA ARE YOU DRINKIN'	3357	3051	171	157
9	9	WILLIAM BECKMANN	BORDERLINE CRAZY	3222	3057	162	162
12	10	JAKE BUSH	HER WAY AIN'T THE HIGHWAY	3023	2866	158	157
11	11	FLATLAND CAVALRY	LUBBOCK	3017	2945	161	157
14	12	CASE HARDIN	ARE YOU WITH ME	2892	2561	129	124
13	13	RYDER GRIMES	ONE MORE FOR THE RIDE	2705	2695	135	134
16	14	JASON BOLAND & THE STRAGGLERS	DRIVE	2676	2394	182	172
15	15	HUDSON WESTBROOK	5 TO 9	2660	2400	166	153
18	16	BART CROW	STAINED YOUR CROWN	2454	2348	139	138
21	17	KELLER COX	GOOD AGAIN, AMEN	2371	2266	138	133
23	18	CODY JINKS	THE WORKING MAN	2350	1990	166	155
22	19	GRANT GILBERT	WEST OF FORT WORTH	2321	2092	164	149
8	20	MIKE RYAN	GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING	2290	3210	157	178
19	21	CLAY HOLLIS & JESSE RAUB, JR.	BEER'S BETTER ON A BOAT	2176	2322	111	120
17	22	JOSH WARD	SAME OL' COWBOY, DIFFERENT RODEO	2094	2370	123	124
24	23	TORI MARTIN	ABILENE	2056	1846	121	120
25	24	BRANDI BEHLEN	AUSTIN ANYMORE	1756	1734	103	99
32	25	BEN MCPEAK	PUT IT IN REVERSE	1627	1416	103	94
27	26	MAL SMITH & THE SINNERS CHOIR	JUST KIDS	1590	1630	99	103
41	27	TRISTAN ROBERSON	SOMEWHERE IN TEXAS	1526	1208	100	95
31	28	MARK POWELL & RICO GONZALEZ	IN-LAW FAMILIA	1502	1435	81	80
28	29	GABE CHOATE	LOOK AT THE MESS WE'RE IN	1490	1509	112	116
30	30	CHASE RICE	HEY GOD, IT'S ME AGAIN	1445	1439	97	102
34	31	CALEB YOUNG	BUCKLE OR THE BRIDE	1423	1382	86	87
33	32	CALAMITY JANES	ROLLIN' ON	1398	1392	88	87
26	33	KAITLYN KOHLER FT. JAMIE RICHARDS	THIS COULD BE LOVE	1306	1730	62	94
49	34	JESSE RAUB JR.	WHAT I CAME TO DO	1280	1077	78	78
47	35	JAMES LANN	I DON'T APOLOGIZE	1270	1088	89	74
38	36	FINIS SMITH	YOU'RE ONLY LONELY	1217	1283	69	77
37	37	BUBBA WESTLY	DAMN BABY	1196	1295	79	85
39	38	STATESBORO REVUE, THE	THAT'S WHY WERE LEAVIN'	1176	1256	73	75
44	39	LARISSA BOYD	NO ONE ELSE TO LOSE	1170	1187	97	98
55	40	JOEY GREEN FT. PAYTON HOWIE	HOLD YOU TO IT	1142	966	95	86
45	41	49 WINCHESTER	MAKE IT COUNT	1141	1182	54	55
50	42	JESSEE LEE	DIVE BAR SUPERSTAR	1106	1064	65	64
40	43	JASON GROVE	I'D LOVE TO BE BURT REYNOLDS	1099	1242	60	65



ARTIST OF THE WEEK



TIONA CAMPBELL

POS LW	POS TW	ARTIST	SONG TITLE	SPINS TW	SPINS LW	STA TW	STA LW
48	44	HOWARD COUNTY	COWBOY CRY	1088	1079	66	51
53	45	LOWDOWN DRIFTERS, THE	IN TIME	1078	992	78	80
43	46	ASHLEY EWING	321	1076	1187	89	91
20	47	DAVID ADAM BYRNES	MORE AFRAID OF LIVING	1062	2299	89	147
52	48	DOS BORRACHOS	MARGARITA MAN	1057	1008	63	58
42	49	BRITT HOFFMAN FT. JERROD MEDULLA	CALM AFTER THE STORM	1053	1190	37	41
51	50	KC JOHNS	BREAK FROM THE HEART	1022	1015	59	55
61	51	DAVID LEWIS	AIN'T GONNA CHANGE ME	988	888	78	70
46	52	MADAM RADAR	JUST LET GO	981	1129	68	72
54	53	JAMES COOK	IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT	976	982	60	59
56	54	VINNY TOVAR FT. AUBRY RODRIGUEZ	PASS ME BY	951	960	69	69
59	55	DERRYL PERRY	DESPERADA	943	906	74	73
57	56	BRI BAGWELL	DON'T TELL DADDY	930	927	65	64
62	57	ALLIE RAE	CINDERELLA FOR A NIGHT	874	879	65	65
58	58	JOHN SWAT SWANTNER	COWGIRL	869	910	47	49
29	59	GHOSTS OF HILL COUNTY	HOME FOR A HOTEL	861	1453	64	83
60	60	JORDAN RAINER	KEEP WALKIN'	852	900	30	31
63	61	SUMMER DEAN	SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'	822	839	51	52
85	62	BRI BAGWELL & TIMBER WILDE	AIN'T THAT LOVE	808	640	43	32
65	63	SUNNY SAUCEDA	HOT SAUCE	807	813	40	40
64	64	TY SMITH & THE MINOR OFFENSES FT. KC JOHNS	LOST & FOUND	798	817	70	72
72	65	KATIE BETH MIHM	HERE I GO	754	715	60	58
81	66	DANIEL JOHNSON	SOME HORSES	742	663	54	52
78	67	HOLLY TUCKER	TRAILERPARKIN'	728	689	54	53
107	68	BROOKE GRAHAM	ROLLIN' ON	713	481	62	43
74	69	UNCLE RYANO	WAYLON 4 CASH	707	704	53	53
75	70	KYLE RICHARDSON	RYALS ROAD	699	702	41	42
109	71	JOSH WEATHERS	WHO'S HANGING THE MOON	688	430	51	30
89	72	JUNIOR GORDON	GRAVES INTO GARDENS	676	617	45	43
76	73	BUBBA WESTLY	FEELS SO GOOD	673	699	47	43
80	74	RANDY C MOORE	BIG BERTHA	670	664	50	49
82	75	MARCY GRACE	HEAVENS TO BETSY	669	661	40	33
79	76	CHARLEY CROCKETT	LONESOME DRIFTER	665	684	64	65
84	77	TYLER HALVERSON	BEATIN' AROUND THE BAR	658	650	56	58
35	78	JARED DECK	THE AMERICAN DREAM	655	1334	53	90
87	79	MAGGIE ANTONE	MESS WITH TEXAS	655	630	62	60
83	80	BROKEN ARROW	YOU DIDN'T HEAR IT FROM ME	651	653	39	38
36	81	JENNA PAULETTE	RUN THE DAMN BALL	641	1321	57	109
77	82	DUSTY MOATS	SHE COMES TO ME	615	690	57	60
91	83	MICK CRUZ	WAITIN' TO DANCE	613	602	38	36
110	84	CLAY AERY	TIME FOR THAT	606	426	46	35
71	85	JAMES ROBERT WEBB	RIDE OR DIE	602	717	58	61

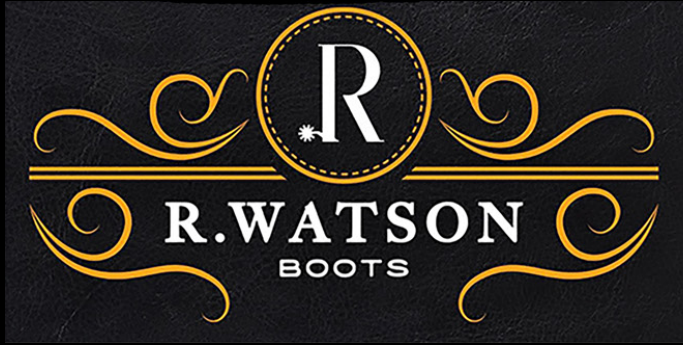


SINGLE OF THE WEEK

**JAMES
COOK**

Is That All You've Got?

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67	86	SARAH HOBBS	DELTA DAWN	593	750	51	56
90	87	MACKYNSIE MCKEDY	HARPER VALLEY PTA	588	602	41	43
100	88	MUMFORD & SONS	RUSHMERE	582	531	49	47
86	89	JASON KYLE WICKENS	LETTER TO ME	580	632	30	33
88	90	AMANDA KATE FERRIS	ROPE THE WIND	580	620	47	50
69	91	WADE BOWEN	FRIDAY NIGHT	572	734	50	56
94	92	BRIT KERR	REALLY CAN'T COMPLAIN	562	561	40	35
102	93	CHASER CROUCH	JUST A DREAM AWAY	559	528	49	46
95	94	AUBREY LYNN	IT DON'T MAKE NO MIND	547	541	35	34
92	95	JESSIE BLAKE	GHOSTS AND ANGELS	542	598	31	32
97	96	RUSTIC ROSE	IT AIN'T EASY	541	535	43	43
106	97	WHITEY MORGAN & THE 78'S	LET ME ROLL	536	497	49	47
105	98	DREW MORELAND	HIGHWAY THROUGH THIS TOWN	531	504	43	40
98	99	JASON ISBELL	BURY ME	530	534	49	52
103	100	HATTONS, THE	HELL OR HIGH WATER	507	517	22	22
73	101	JENNI DALE LORD BAND	DINNER AND A HEARTBREAK	503	710	42	51
302	102	APRIL N SMITH	BROKE MY ROSE COLORED GLASSES	502	166	31	20
99	103	JACOB RYAN MARSHALL	TOO LOW DOWN TO MEASURE	500	532	36	37
183	104	CASEY DONAHEW	GREEN IN COLORADO	499	137	51	12
116	105	JULIEN BAKER & TORRES	SUGAR IN THE TANK	489	395	49	47
130	106	SANDEE JUNE	HURRICANE	489	312	34	25
70	107	CYNTHIA RAUSCH	COMING HOME	479	733	36	61
113	108	LUMINEERS, THE	SAME OLD SONG	435	404	42	37
112	109	JESSEE LEE	THINKIN' BOUT YOU TONIGHT	428	418	33	32
118	110	DREW & ELLIE HOLCOMB	MEMORY BANK	418	383	30	31
144	111	KENSIE COPPIN	TEXAS IN ME	416	242	31	14
68	112	STEVE ANTHONY	DOWN IN TEXAS	414	738	37	60
119	113	MONTANA LANE	LIVIN' SIMPLE	404	377	31	24
111	114	PAT DALTON AMICO	8 SECONDS FROM NOW	404	420	26	26
117	115	GREG STRAWN	OLD GUITAR	402	388	32	31
115	116	JASON SCOTT AND THE HIGH HEAT	IF WE MAKE IT TIL THE MORNIN'	400	399	24	23
136	117	CHUCK PROPHET	FIRST CAME THE THUNDER	398	293	42	40
114	118	BELLAMY BROTHERS	CRAWL IN A HOLE	388	401	19	20
NEW	119	GARY P. NUNN	I WASN'T BORN IN TEXAS	388	0	21	0
108	120	MACKYNSIE MCKEDY FT. BRANDON RYLE	ONE MORE DANCE	379	466	18	22
66	121	JACK MASON	IF SHE WAS A COUNTRY SONG	369	756	18	58
124	122	BLACKTOP BLOODLINE	LOOK AT ME NOW	368	333	28	27
104	123	DREW COOPER	COMING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN	366	509	29	41
143	124	CODY WIDNER	THREE EMPTY BARRELS	362	255	26	18
123	125	DEVIL MAKES THREE, THE	SPIRITS	348	341	35	35
101	126	JASON ALLEN	COWBOY CRAZY	338	529	21	36
125	127	PAUL THORN	TOUGH TIMES DON'T LAST	332	324	40	42
175	128	CHUCK WIMER FT. JARET RAY REDDICK	1985	330	147	33	12



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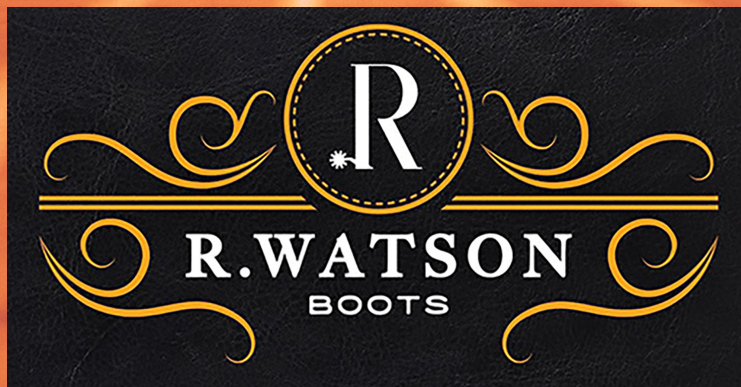
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129	129	FAMILY GATHERING, THE	WHEN TOMMY COMES TO TOWN	324	316	19	17
126	130	LARKIN POE	EASY LOVE (PART ONE)	323	320	34	37
134	131	PAIGE LEWIS	FEELS LIKE HOME	318	300	22	22
121	132	JAY ERIC	WHERE SHE AIN'T	315	350	13	15
122	133	MATT HILLYER	IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOU	308	344	30	32
131	134	RANDALL KING	I COULD BE THAT RAIN	308	310	33	33
135	135	ROBIN ENGLISH	GIVE 'EM HELL, KID	299	294	20	20
168	136	SEPTEMBER MOON	BRIDGE TO BURN	288	159	30	22
145	137	ALISON KRAUSS & UNION STATION	LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE ROAD	282	240	41	39
NEW	138	STATESBORO REVUE, THE	THAT'S WHY WE'RE LEAVIN'	279	0	19	0
142	139	OLIVIA WOLF	COSMIC APPALACHIAN RADIO	270	258	21	23
148	140	JESSE RAUB JR	WHAT I CAME TO DO	261	231	17	17
140	141	DELANEY ANN	232	259	266	20	19
146	142	SIERRA HULL	BOOM	249	235	37	38
132	143	BILLY STRINGS	GILD THE LILY	245	305	33	43
150	144	RED CLAY STRAYS, THE	I'M STILL FINE	245	226	28	26
152	145	JASON JOBST	TEXAS	232	217	14	14
149	146	SUNNY WAR	CRY BABY	229	229	32	32
160	147	MJ LENDERMAN	WRISTWATCH	225	179	26	22
153	148	A. WRIGHT	OLD CLETUS	222	215	14	14
141	149	HEAVY HEAVY, THE	FEEL	215	260	19	18
163	150	PAIGE PLAISANCE	HIGHWAY 65	203	170	20	18
329	151	WHISTLIN' DIXIE	8:13	196	23	17	2
155	152	BRODIE LANE FT. VALLEJO	RIGHT HERE WITH YOU	194	205	8	9
165	153	SHANE SMITH & THE SAINTS	1,000 WILD HORSES	193	163	16	13
147	154	HEAD AND THE HEART, THE	ARROW	190	232	24	24
128	155	RICHIE BUSTILLO	I REMEMBER THE ALAMO	190	318	22	22
154	156	DWIGHT YOAKAM	WIDE OPEN HEART	187	215	26	24
127	157	VINNY TOVAR	GATOR BOOTS	187	319	16	20
210	158	JON HOPE AND THE JACKWAGONS	FTW FAMOUS	183	96	16	10
199	159	ISAAC JACOB BAND	SPILLED WHISKEY	180	113	13	10
176	160	VALERIE JUNE	JOY, JOY!	179	147	31	26
169	161	LUKE PRATER	LEAVE THIS BEHIND	172	158	12	12
166	162	MATT DANIEL	KEEPIN ME ALIVE	170	162	12	10
139	163	AARON WATSON	HIT THE HAY RUNNIN'	167	268	25	32
170	164	GARY LOURIS	GETTING OLDER	166	157	31	28
171	165	MICK CRUZ	ALL OF YOU	163	157	17	17
167	166	KASHUS CULPEPPER	AFTER ME?	159	160	21	17
161	167	GHOSTS OF HILL COUNTY	GOOD OL' BOYS	156	176	25	30
162	168	LANCE WOOLIE	TOO DRUNK	156	171	12	12
196	169	DOOHICKEYS, THE	REIN IT IN COWBOY	155	116	16	15
180	170	PUG JOHNSON	BELIEVER	155	140	17	16
172	171	THEM COULEE BOYS	UP CLOSE	155	157	21	20

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MALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR



AMERICANA ARTIST OF THE YEAR



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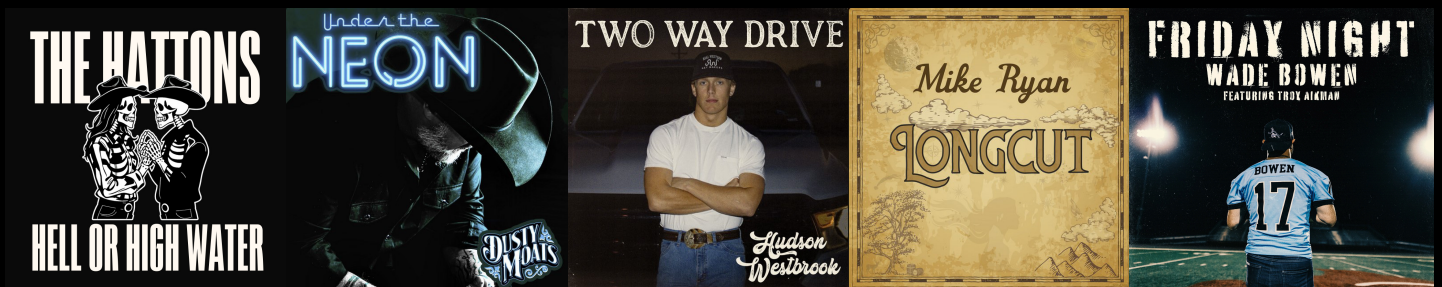
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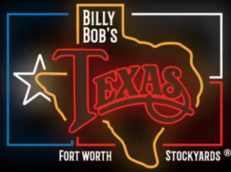
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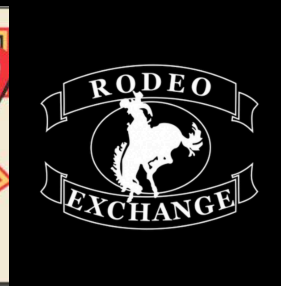
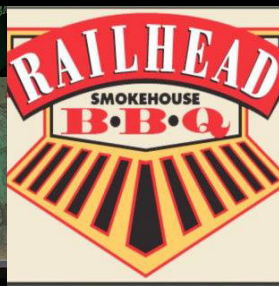
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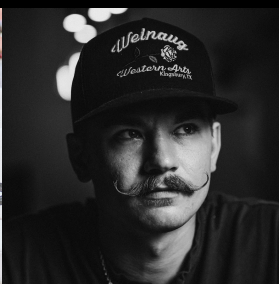
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THEATER/LISTENING ROOM OF THE YEAR



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