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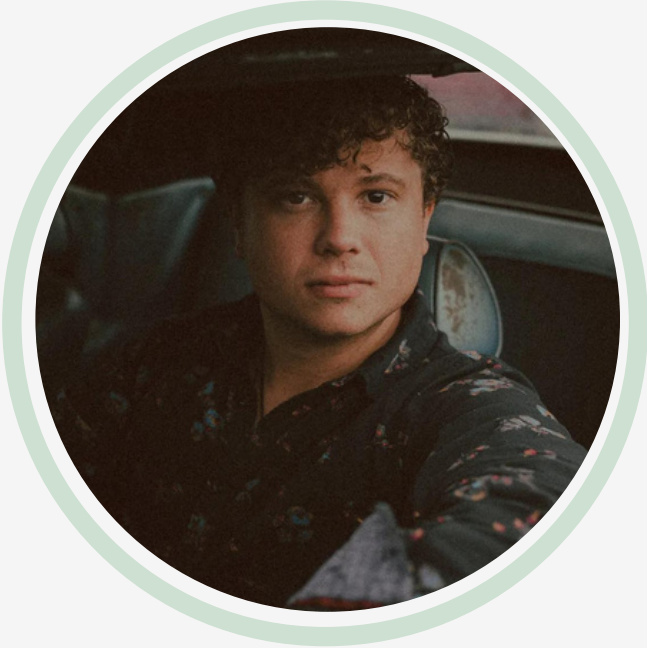
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CHARLIE ARGO

Charlie was born and raised in Selma, Alabama. Charlie's newest EP entitled "In the Name of Love" is a collection of musical stories, mostly written in Nashville by Argo, and based on the struggles and trials he faced leading up to his move to Music City. "In the Name of Love" debuted #1 on the itunes 'Blues' chart and reached the Top 150 of the itunes 'All Genres' chart. The E.P.'s first single 'Tennessee Will,' written by Charlie's friend and hit songwriter Adam Hood, as well as legendary Pat McLaughlin, reached #1 on the itunes 'Blues Singles' chart.

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Terri Jo Box is a songwriter from Nacogdoches, Texas. Terri Jo is a signed writer at Jonas Group Entertainment. Terri Jo has written songs on four Grammy nominated albums, a CMA nominated Album Of The Year and her song "Dear Old Sun" was on Miranda Lambert's 2018 ACM Album Of The Year. She has also written songs recorded by Eric Church, Cody Johnson, Ashley McBryde, Lainey Wilson, Trisha Yearwood, Patty Loveless, and many more. Terri Jo owns, hosts, and books Nashville's most popular writers showcase, Music Row Freakshow.

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MARLA CANNON-GOODMAN

Marla Cannon-Goodman is a songwriter from Kingston Springs, TN. Marla has songwriting in her blood, as she is the daughter of Buddy Cannon. After her nursing career, Marla began using her natural talents in the music industry. Her #1 hit songs include "The Fool" by LeeAnn Womack, "Ten Rounds of Jose Cuervo" by Tracy Byrd, and "Cleaning This Gun" by Rodney Akins. She has worked with George Strait, Billy Currington, Blake Shelton, Eric Church, Kenny Chesney, and many more.

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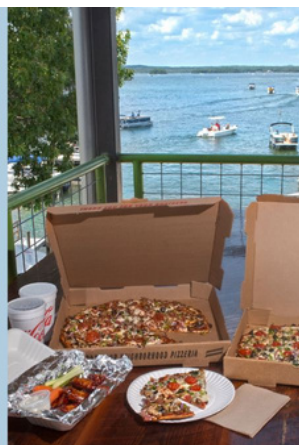
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Kensie Coppin is a traditional country singer/songwriter from Texas. Kensie started performing at age 6 and hasn't stopped since.

This Texas Top 40 artist has toured many miles, written countless songs with Curly Putman, Bernie Nelson, Barrett Baber, Terri Jo Box, Blue Foley, Trick Savage, Pete Sallis, and many more. She has been named the Texas CMA Artist Of The Year for 2022. She sang at the Grand Ole Opry when she was 11 and 12. Kensie enjoys performing acoustic to showcase her songwriting and style, and with a full band any chance she gets.

CLARE CUNNINGHAM

Clare Cunningham is a singer and songwriter hailing all the way from Ireland. Her Grand Ole Opry debut in March of 2023 was a sold-out show and an accomplishment that's extremely rare as an independent artist. Clare has performed with Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, and Steve Earle. Cunningham was crowned "Artist of the Year" in 2022, "Vocalist of the Year" in 2021, and "Folk/Americana Artist of the Year" in 2020 from The Josie Music Awards. Clare moved to the US as the lead singer of ThunderMother, an all female Swedish quintet.

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DILLON DIXON

Dillion has written songs for George Jones, Restless Heart, Natalie Cole, Ronnie Milsap, Neil McCoy, Steve Holy, Alabama, Josh Gracin, and Rodney Atkins among countless other American artists as well as songs for blockbuster films.

Traveling frequently to Europe writing for the pop and EDM markets, he has had top ten hits with likes of Andrea Berg (Germany), DJ Boho (Switzerland), and FTampa (Brazil), and many others.

CJ FIELD

CJ Field, Massachusetts native, is a true American singer songwriter with a soulful and honest voice. CJ has performed on stage with Ashley McBryde, Aaron Lewis, Trent Tomlinson, Delta Blues legend Lil' Sammy Davis, and many more. He co-wrote "Home Sweet Highway" with Ashley and Blue Foley, which put her on a Grammy, ACM and CMA nominated album. He continues to travel the world playing at different venues including FreshGrass Music Festival, Nashville Nights International Songwriters Festival, NASCAR events, and NCAA football games.

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GOLDPINE

Ben and Kassie have been offering their own brand of raw Americana to audiences large and small. They have opened for performers such as Rickie Lee Jones, the Indigo Girls, Cory Marrow, and many more. Goldpine was the winner of the 2022 Rocky Mountain Songwriters Contest and Finalists in the Kerrville Folk Fest 2021 New Folk Competition. They were presented the "Discovery Award" in 2018 by Robert K. Oermann. This husband-wife duo declared performance as their love-share to the world, and since then, have maintained the love and commitment they put into their shows.

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HARPER GRACE

Harper Grace is a Texas native with dreams the size of her home state. The rising country star's initial experience in the spotlight came at just 11 years old when her first public performance of the National Anthem didn't go as planned. Seven years later, the "American Idol" alum redeemed herself by returning to the same stadium and nailing a version of the patriotic song. Now residing in Nashville, Harper Grace is set to release brand new music in 2023, including the recently released "Sparkle", and "Oh Say Can You See", an autobiographical track she penned for her 11-year-old self, on May of 2023.

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Singer and songwriter Adam Hood is a native of central Alabama growing up in Opelika, where he began his music career playing local restaurants and dives. As his vocal talents developed, so did his songwriting. Now, he is writing songs for the big names like Whiskey Myers, Cody Jinks, Little Big Town, Miranda Lambert, and more. His Southern roots inspire the songs that celebrate the beauty of the small town, blue-collar lifestyle with hits like "Keeping Me Here" and "Real Small Town." His countenance and resignation to be honest with himself in all facets of life led to the rawest lyrics of his career.

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KYNDAL INSKEEP

Kyndal Inskeep's "We're in this together" approach to songwriting and performing is a breath of fresh air. Her hauntingly rich vocals are medicine for the soul and have listeners experiencing emotions they had long since forgotten. Kyndal's debut single "Honest", has accumulated over 25 million streams, as her Spotify monthly listeners have grown to over 500,000. Kyndal has continued to release music throughout 2023, including her new singles, "If You Know You Know" and "Friends That Kiss". Her songs are a real and raw reminder that we all have similar journeys that may take different paths.

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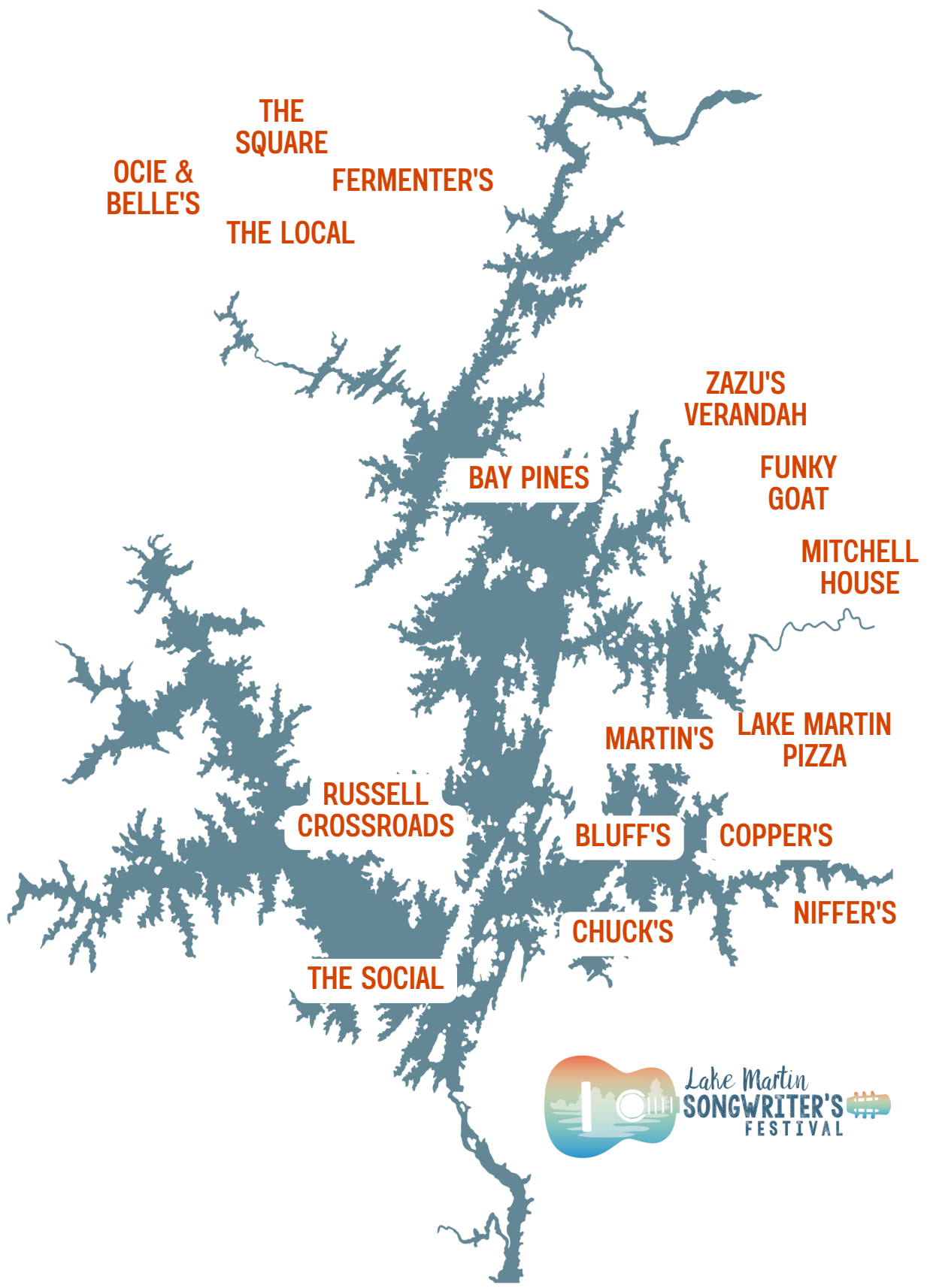
KRISTEN KELLY

Kelly was born and raised in small-town Lorena, Texas. ARISTA signed with Kelly, brought in award-winning producer Tony Brown and Grammy-winning songwriter Paul Overstreet to oversee her debut. She released her first single, "Ex-Old Man," which broke the TOP 30 on Billboard charts. Kristen has also toured with big names in country music like Little Big Town, Rascal Flatts, Brad Paisley, Montgomery Gentry, Jake Own, Gary Allan, and many more. Kelly has been touring to support the release of her SOMETHING WORTH SAYING 2 part project (2021) and latest singles "Smoke" (November 2022) and "The Devil" (February 2023).

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CASEY LEVASSEUR

Casey Levasseur is no stranger to the music industry. This songwriter spent much of her childhood in the crowds of local dives, studios, and publishing houses learning and practicing her craft from some of the very best producers, managers, and writers, including her father Jeffrey Steele. Today, she is the head of A&R/ Artist Management at 3 Ring Music. She has played an active role and in many song placements for Miley Cyrus, Keith Urban, and Eric Church. Levasseur and Steele also jointly own and instruct The Jeffrey Steele Academy, a teaching community for aspiring songwriters.



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WILLIAM MICHAEL MORGAN

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William Michael Morgan is a Mississippi native with a love of country music that is deeper than The Big River itself. After signing to a major record label at 19, William began hitting the top of radio charts with his Gold Certified song "I Met a Girl". He released his debut album "Vinyl" not long after and earned a spot on the Billboard Top 5 in 2016. He has performed over 50 times at the Grand Ole Opry stage and was featured by the Country Music Hall of Fame as a highlighted artist in their 2017 American Currents exhibit.



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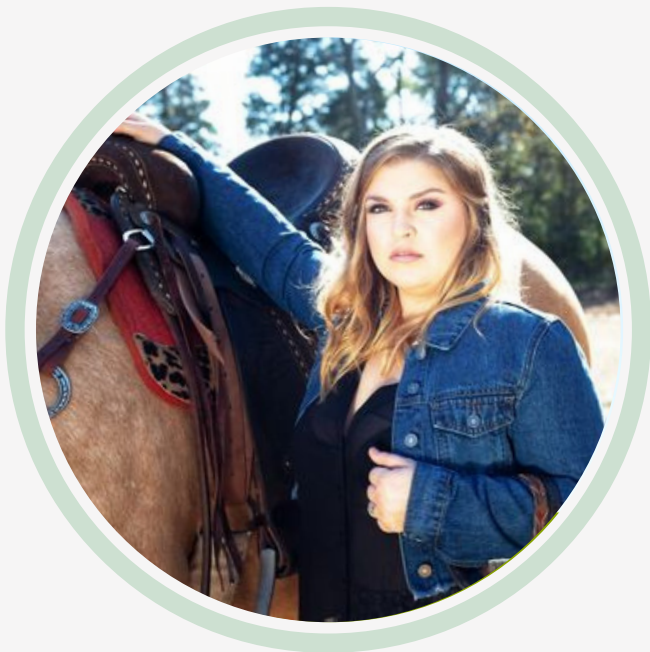
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CHANCIE NEAL

Chancie Neal is a Nashville-based country artist from Calhoun, Louisiana. She is a platinum-selling songwriter and a World Champion Barrel Racer. Chancie was able to go on tour with Luke Bryan at just 13 years old and did this for the next 7 years. She has worked with wrote a song for Duck Dynasty and and recorded a song with Luke Bryan that went platinum. Chancie has opened for Jake Owen, Chris Janson, Florida Georgia Line, and Pat Green, who was part of the official CMA Fest lineup. Chancie put down background vocals for Luke Bryan's album "Born Here, Live Here, Die Here" that was nominated for Album Of The Year.

TRICK SAVAGE

Trick Savage is a lifetime music professional born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As a songwriter he's had cuts with country artists Eric Church, Ashley McBryde, Cody Johnson, Trisha Yearwood, and more. He has had cuts on Ashley McBryde's 2018 Grammy nominated "Girl Going Nowhere" album and her 2020 Grammy nominated "Never Will" album. Both nominated for Country Album of the Year. Savage has experience in composing and producing music for advertising clients that include ESPN, WGN, TBN, Levi's, Sonic Drive In, and even presidential candidates.

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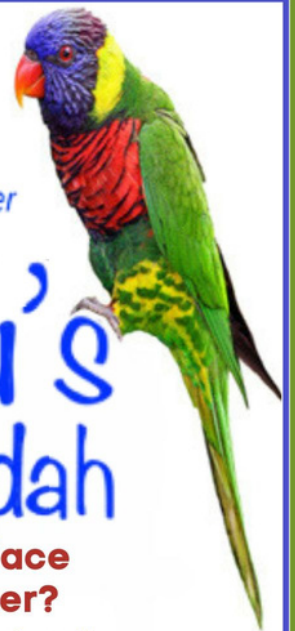
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JEFFREY STEELE

Five time Grammy Nominee, Jeffrey Steele has been recognized by BMI for over 65 million airplays for hits he penned for artists including Keith Urban, Eric Church, Zac Brown Band, Jimmy Buffett, Montgomery Gentry, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Cher, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, Trace Adkins, LeAnn Rimes, Rascal Flatts, and many more. Jeffrey Steele has been named Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. He has won over 35 BMI Country and Pop awards, was nominated for a Golden Globe and Critic's Choice Award for Best Original Song. Jeffrey Steele has also performed by Miley Cyrus and John Travolta.

BRIDGETTE TATUM

Bridgette Tatum is a Florence, South Carolina native who co-wrote the Most Played song on Country radio stations across the United States. "She's Country" recorded and released by Jason Aldean, held the #1 position on the chart for two weeks, reaching 1+ million plays. In 2010, Tatum's song, "Loud" was selected as the Official Theme Song for ACC Football's 2010 Season. Bridgette recently launched SoNash Publishing (with partner T-Ray) and has signed Emma Zinck and Seth Michael as their flagship Artist/Writers.



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MEET THE SONGWRITER



BRIAN WHITE

Brian White is passionate about writing songs. His work has earned him Sixteen #1's, 2 Dove Awards, SESAC Song of The Year, as well as ACM, CMA, and Grammy Nominations. His songs have been recorded by such artist as Rascal Flatts, Trace Adkins, Jason Aldean, Gary Allan, Rodney Atkins, Danny Gokey, Mandisa, and many more.

Obviously, White's passion has been rewarded with great success. He currently resides in Nashville with his wife Karyn Williams, an award winning Christian Recording artist.

MEET THE SONGWRITER



KARYN WILLIAMS

There are many words that describe Karyn Williams but it all can be summed up in one: REAL. A dynamic woman with a powerful life story, Karyn is a #1 songwriter, a 9-time marathoner, author of the best selling book, "The Takeaway" and was named by Billboard Magazine as a "Best Bet" for new music in the CCM industry. Karyn has toured the past 6 years and recently released and recorded her third album "Blame It On The Hope". She has toured and shared a stage with Third Day, Mandisa, Mark Shultz, Chonda Pierce, and many more. She is an artist representative for Food For The Hungry as well as staying involved with The Nashville Rescue Mission.



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D. VINCENT WILLIAMS

Over the course of D. Vincent Williams remarkable songwriting career, he has landed on cuts on albums that have sold more than 15 million copies. This includes "I'm Movin' On" by Rascal Flatts, Ty Herndon's "Hand Of A Working Man", and James Otto's "Just Got Started Lovin' You." He has had songs recorded by esteemed artists including Kenny Rogers, Randy Travis, Reba McEntire, Ronnie Milsap, Jason Aldean, and Lee Ann Womack. With the undeniable talent as a gifted songwriter, backed by years of performing experience, this hit-maker is ready to take center stage in every way.

MEET THE SONGWRITER



KYLE WILSON

Kyle Wilson is a singer/songwriter/guitarist from Alexander City, Alabama. He has shared the stage with many national and regional acts including Wayne Mills, Montgomery Gentry, John Rich, Joe Dee Messina, Riley Green, and many more. Kyle has had his songs recorded by many artists including Drake White and Wilson Brothers Band. He released a solo record, "Look At Me Now" which gained national exposure and opened the doors for his sophomore album to be released in 2022. Kyle, one of the front men with the Wilson Brothers Band, landed #1 video for three weeks on CMT.

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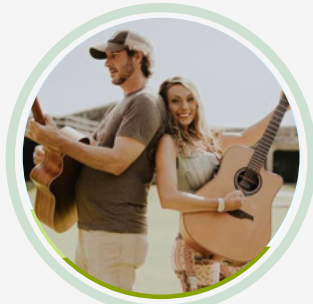
MEET THE SONGWRITER



EMMA ZINCK

Emma Zinck is a powerhouse singer/songwriter. Armed with her guitar, vocals, and dynamic presence, she captivates downtown Nashville and Broadway bars night after night. The 26-year-old from Fredericksburg, Virginia has been in Nashville for the past 5 years writing with hitmakers Anthony Smith, Jason Duke, Mark Nesler, Marty Dodson, Mark McGuinn, Trent Tomlinson, and Trey Bruce. Emma is currently in the studio with Grammy Winning producer, Blake Chancey (Dixie Chicks, Waylon Jennings, Little Big Town, and more) and consulting with EM.Co (Tim McGraw's Marketing and Management company.) She plans on releasing new music soon.

MEET THE LOCAL SONGWRITERS



THE BROWN BARNES DUO

The Brown Barnes duo is composed of husband and wife, Buddy Barnes and Brooke Brown. They fill a room full of harmonies, guitar picking, and storytelling with a unique blend of Country and Americana. The duo that started in 2019 has already achieved significant recognition, winning the prestigious Josie Music Award for "Song of the Year" and Nappier Award for "Best Country Band". Presently, they are working on producing their debut album, comprising entirely of original compositions, as the Brown Barnes Band!



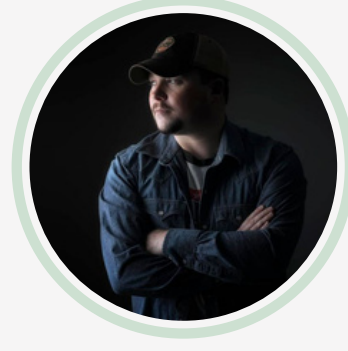
KEVIN ADAIR

Kevin Adair is a singer/songwriter from Tuskegee, Alabama. An Americana artist, his roots are deep in traditional country, blues, and Southern Gospel. Kevin has performed at many different venues around the Lake Martin area and the state of Alabama. He recently signed with AHERO Records, and related his first single "Pretty Thing", available on ALL platforms now!



HALEY HAWKINS

Haley Hawkins is a songwriter born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. She relocated to Lake Martin in the fall of 2021 after graduating college. At just seven years old, she began writing songs on the piano and soon after picked up a guitar. Throughout the years, she played music in church, open mic nights, talent shows, and occasionally made appearances playing her original songs with her dad's band. Her playful mix of pop folk has been inspired by artists and writers such as Julia Michaels, Gregory Alan Isakov, and Colbie Caillat.



SID PHELPS

Hailing from Bullock County, Alabama at an early age, Sid Phelps has had a love for music; from singing in church to learning songs on the radio with his sister, there has always been music. When Sid was eight, his father brought home his first guitar, and by the time he was thirteen, the guitar became part of his daily routine. In 2008, Sid began playing shows locally around Troy, AL., and other local markets. During this time, he honed his craft in small bars, restaurants, and parties' night after night. Sid Phelps won a local competition, "Kowaliga Idol", in the Lake Martin, AL area.



JOSIAH RODDA

Josiah Rodda is a singer, songwriter, and guitarist from Childersburg, AL. Josiah has performed at multiple different venues, recorded numerous singles, and made several appearances on local television and radio stations. He enjoys writing music that people from all walks of life can relate to. Josiah is humbled to have gained so much fans across the state of Alabama who he considers family. Josiah's goal is to continue putting everything he has into writing more songs that his fans will love and promote his music across different platforms.

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THE SHORELINE OF SONGWRITING



MAGIC, MUSIC & LAKE MARTIN

BY: KATELYN COTTEN

The annual Lake Martin Songwriter's Festival is an event many locals and tourists alike look forward to all year long. For five days, this event spotlights the songwriters behind many big-name artists, while also highlighting some of Lake Martin's finest restaurants and music venues. Lake Martin, a songwriter's sanctuary, is an area that has come to celebrate the history and magic of the music industry.

HOW DID LAKE MARTIN BECOME THE 'SHORELINE OF SONGWRITING?'

In 1952, country music legend Hank Williams strummed his way into Alexander City after months of life in the spotlight and personal affairs gone awry. For Hank, Lake Martin was an escape; and, thanks to a man named Darwin Dobbs, Williams had a place to stay to get the rest and relaxation he desperately needed.



It was on the shores of Lake Martin that Hank drew inspiration for his hit "Kaw-Liga." After he took residency in the Dobbs cabin, the lapping shores and old knotty pinewood flooring spoke to Williams. Hank began to capture the essence of Lake Martin through song. He sings of Indian Chief "Kaw-liga," who longs for a woman in his tribe, making the knots in the cabin's pinewood a metaphor for knots of the heart. Maybe Hank reflected his own personal longing for peace and serenity through his hit song.



Williams called Lake Martin home the last months of his life. During this time, Hank, and local legends alike, laid the foundations of Lake Martin shoreline songwriting. 70 years later, that foundation still stands strong with songwriters from all over the world traveling to Lake Martin. The 2023 Lake Martin Songwriters Festival celebrates everything Hank loved about Lake Martin. and we celebrate Hank's 100th Anniversary.

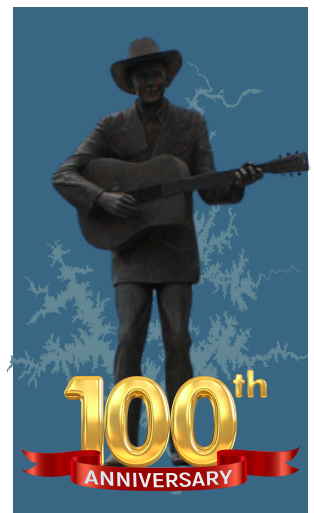
Like Williams, many songwriters featured in the festival lineup crave the beauty and intimacy of small-town life. The lake, and its community, offers a chance for artists to 'take a beat' and write catchy radio hits like "My Wish" or "Watching You."

Undoubtedly, times have changed since Hank and the Drifting Cowboys. Artists not only come to perform and play at different venues, but also to gather with other musicians and local professionals to network, collaborate and create. Streaming services and other online platforms of today's music industry can make it difficult for songwriters to profit from their talents. The songwriters festival provides an opportunity for these artists to do what they love without compromising their livelihood- and the beautiful shores of Lake Martin make it all the better.

You can expect to see some new and familiar faces performing this year. Many of the songwriters are native to the South, while others are traveling across the globe to experience Lake Martin.

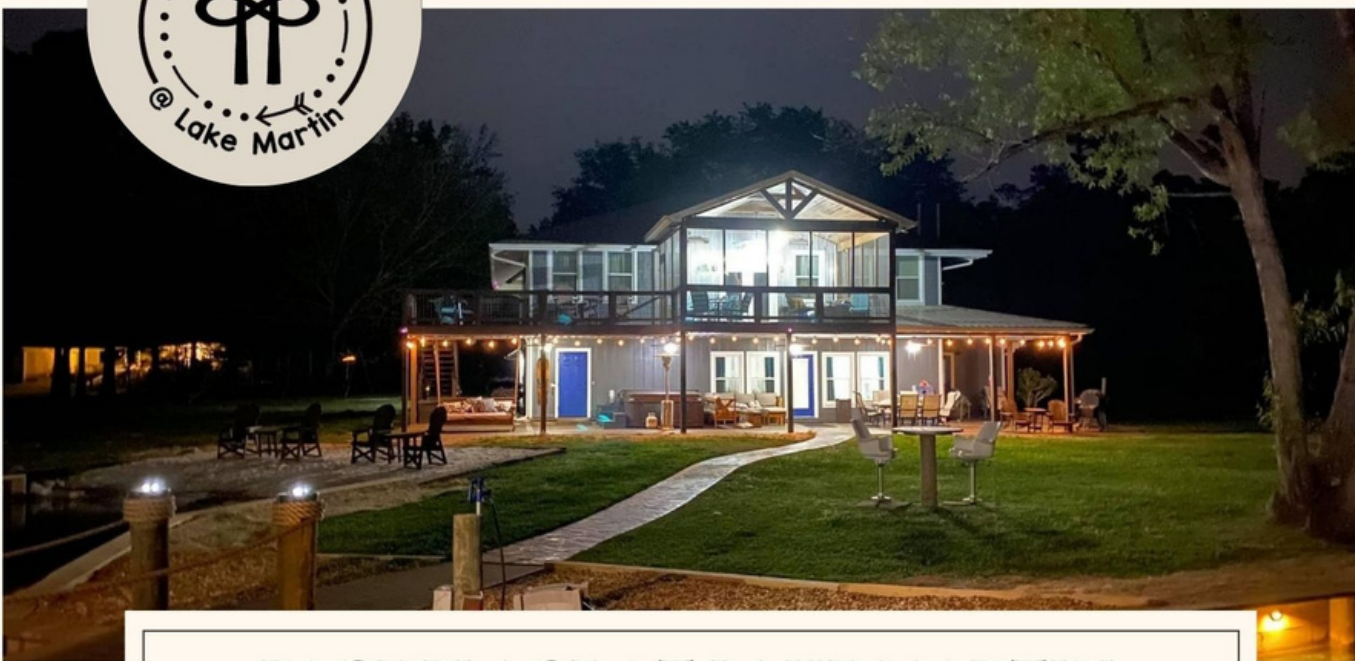
Perhaps, like Hank, one of these artists will craft another #1 song from there time on the shores of our beautiful Lake Martin. Maybe they, like Hank, are longing for the serene sound of the shoreline to inspire their next hit.

So, let's celebrate the magic of music-making on Lake Martin and share the song of our beautiful shoreline.





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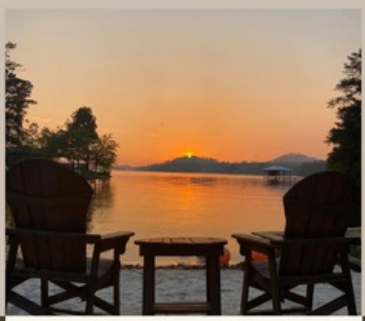
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