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**Pianist/Singer-Songwriter John McAndrew to Release New Studio Album “Better Side of Me” on Quarto Valley Records**

***Features All Original Songs in a Mix of Americana and Blues***

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**Nashville, (May 16 th) –** Acclaimed Pianist/Singer-Songwriter John McAndrew will release his new studio album “Better Side of Me” on May 16 on Quarto Valley Records. John’s music has been heard around the world at many national events, and in several major motion picture feature films including “One Little Red Wagon” directed by David Anspaugh. His last two albums, “Forgiven” and “Souls” were in GRAMMY® consideration in the Roots Gospel, and Americana Categories. “Better Side of Me” was co-produced by Denny Seiwell (*Wings)* and Fernando Perdomo and will be available in Digital and CD Formats on all platforms: <https://jmcandrew.lnk.to/bettersideofme>.

*“This album is truly one of the best I’ve been associated with. Fernando Perdomo’s guitar artistry is also exceptional. John and I, with the help of Fernando, have completed a story that makes a difference,” says* **Denny Seiwell - Founding member of “Wings” with Paul McCartney.**

“Better Side Of Me” and its songs are about that journey we all take being human, treasuring each day, loving the best we can and trying to get better,” says John.

Known as a master storyteller, John’s songwriting is reminiscent of the legendary Bill Withers and Paul Simon. His songs stem from his own life experiences and have always had a deep-reaching and positive effect on people. “Better Side of Me” is his first album in six years. Recorded at Forward Motion Studios in Los Angeles by Fernando Perdomo and RiverCrest Studios in Nashville by John McAndrew, the release features 12 original songs that are a mix of Americana and Blues – the sounds that his fans have grown accustomed to hearing – and feature Denny Seiwell on drums and Fernando Perdomo on guitar.

According to John, this album came about in an ‘a-ha moment’ sort of way. “When Denny Seiwell and I decided to record a couple of songs together, he thought that Fernando Perdomo - his studio, his guitar magic and engineering skills – would make a great fit. We only had two, maybe three songs we planned to cut: “Only You” (a fun simple bluesy love song inspired by when I first met my wife), “Up On River Road” (about a healing place in Tennessee where I live) and “Before They All Slip Away” (about treasuring each day). We had so much fun recording these and loved the sound. I remember Denny saying, “You have any more tunes we could do?” Well, the answer was yes, and we decided to do an entire album.”

The title track “Better Side of Me” is a song about just being human, the good and bad, doing your best and at the end of the day, hoping you saw mostly the better side of me. “That ‘s real love,”says John. “Accepting that in each other.”

“Better Side of Me” will be available in Digital and CD formats on all platforms via Quarto Valley Records on May 16th. To stream the album, listen: <https://jmcandrew.lnk.to/bettersideofme>.

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**TRACK LISTING:**

1-Only You

2-Up On River Road

3-Before They All Slip Away

4-Let It Go Tonight

5-If It Weren’t For You

6-Nobody Knows My Name

7-Freedoms In Our Blood

8-We Changed Our Minds

9-Expecting Nothing In Return

10-Like A Child

11-Me My Soul And My Heart

12-Better Side of Me

**ABOUT JOHN MCANDREW**

John McAndrew taught himself to play the piano in the basement of his family's home, and
by the time he was 20, he was adept enough at it - along with saxophone, harmonica, guitar and flute - that he earned a spot in a neighborhood band. When the singer's voice gave out, he asked McAndrew to take over on vocals, and his time in the spotlight lit a fire within him. And so it began.

Today, John McAndrew is a master storyteller and it can truly be said that it is his passion for telling a tale that is attracting the attention of Americana listeners and blues/pop fans. With his jagged and soulful voice, his music is uplifting, inspiring and is captivating audiences across the United States. The story of John McAndrew is one about overcoming difficulty, redemption, hard work and not giving up. McAndrew vowed that with the many second chances at life that he was given, he was determined to not waste any more time. He began to play solo piano gigs, jazz and blues gigs, and started writing songs with a passion he never knew before. Before long people began to take notice, and John ended up at the famed Muscle Shoals Sound studios for his first major recording/publishing contract and album, ”Like We Were Made of Gold.”

John’s music has been heard at many national events including the 50th Anniversary of NATO in Washington DC. John’s song, “Birmingham” is featured at the Birmingham Civil rights Museum in Birmingham, AL. In addition, his music is in several major motion picture feature films including “One Little Red Wagon” directed by David Anspaugh. John also added a one man show off Broadway to his repertoire that received much acclaim. <https://johnmcandrew.com>

**ABOUT QUARTO VALLEY RECORDS**

Founded by tech entrepreneur Bruce Quarto, the California-based independent label, Quarto Valley Records, represents Rock, Blues, Jazz and Americana genres with an impressive artist roster featuring legacy musicians Paul Rodgers, GRAMMY® award-winning Edgar Winter, Savoy Brown as well as the legendary talent that comprises The Immediate Family, GRAMMY® award-winning producer and renowned drummer and songwriter Tom Hambridge, GRAMMY® award-winning producer and percussionist Narada Michael Walden, blues-rock artist Sean Chambers, British blues sensation Bonham-Bullick, Wings member Denny Seiwell, acclaimed Americana singer-songwriter Al Staehely, singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer Steve Postell of The Immediate Family, esteemed Americana-Blues singer-songwriter David Starr, the soulful Richard T. Bear, pianist and songwriter John McAndrew and emerging artist Dominic Quarto.

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