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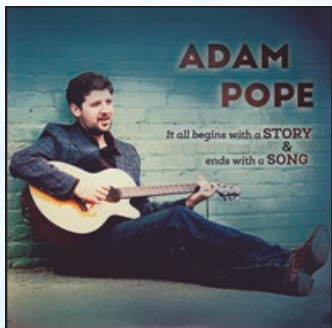
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Stars

The 2014 IBMA Emerging Artist of the Year, Flatt Lonesome is slated to release Runaway Train on October 2nd. Bluegrass fans are sure to add this to their want list. There are many memorable performances here including “New Lease on Life,” “Mixed Up Mess Of A Heart” and the title cut, “Runaway Train.” A word to the wise, keep Flatt Lonesome on your musical radar!



Adam Pope • Story & Song
www.adampopemusic.com

7
Stars

Adam Pope’s album, Story & Song is like a breath of fresh air. He is comfortable being himself...his writing displays his depth on “My Leftovers” as well as his sense of humor in “Promising Career.” Adam talks a little about each song, which adds to the overall musical experience. Thank you Adam Pope for having the vision to do a unique album and for sharing these great stories and songs!

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Legendary Charlie Daniels Releases Song Dedicated To Wrangler National Finals Rodeo and Its Contestants



"It Don't Get No Better Than That"
Captures the Spirit and Allure of the World's Greatest Rodeo



Iconic artist Charlie Daniels has produced a new song that uniquely captures the road that the cowboys endure to qualify for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas to seek the coveted Gold Buckle and title of world champion. Entitled "It Don't Get No Better Than That," the song is the ultimate tribute to the cowboys and Las Vegas, the city that has hosted the world's richest and most prestigious rodeo since 1985.

The song will be available on iTunes beginning Monday, October 12. Proceeds from the song will be donated to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund and other organizations. During the Wrangler NFR, which takes place Dec. 3 - 12 in Las Vegas, fans can download the song for free at www.NFRSocialArena.com.

With kicking lyrics and riffs by Charlie Daniels and his band, the song emanates with the sight and sounds of rodeo. Specific lyrics include: To be one of the Cowboys headed to Nevada to try for the December Gold/Where the lights shine bright in the clear desert night and the people come to rock and roll/Where the best of the best are put to the test and the rest might as well stay home. The chorus continues with Got to make it out to Vegas to the NFR where eight seconds in the saddle can make you a star/Where the neon glitters and the party don't ever end.

"Being such a big rodeo fan, writing a song about cowboys and cowgirls, broncs and bulls and the excitement that surrounds the Wrangler NFR in Vegas every year was a natural for me," said Charlie Daniels. "It don't get no better than that."

The collaboration with the Wrangler NFR began long ago with Daniels' interest in the sport and the cowboys who endure long trips, muddy arenas and battered bodies to pursue the dream of competing in Las Vegas.

"Charlie is a Wrangler National Finals Rodeo icon," said Pat Christenson, president of Las Vegas Events. "We are proud and excited that he has penned and sung a song that tributes the experience of the Wrangler NFR and the road to get to Las Vegas."

Entering his sixth decade producing music, Daniels has left an indelible mark on America's musical landscape. From his Dove Award winning gospel albums to his genre-defining Southern rock anthems and his CMA Award-winning country hits, he has parlayed his passion for music into a multi-platinum career and a platform to support the military, underprivileged children and others in need.



Daniels recorded his self-titled solo album in 1970 for Capitol Records. Two years later he formed the Charlie Daniels Band and the group scored its first hit with the top ten “Uneasy Rider.” Since then the CDB has populated radio with such memorable hits as “Long Haired Country Boy,” “The South’s Gonna Do It Again,” “In America,” “The Legend of Wooley Swamp” and of course, his signature song, “The Devil Went Down to Georgia,” which won a Grammy for Best Country Vocal Performance by a Duo or Group in 1979 as well as single of the year at the Country Music Association Awards.

The CDB will perform more than 100 concert dates this year including performances on the Grand Ole Opry. The band's latest release, "Off the Grid - Doin' It Dylan," features 10 Bob Dylan songs by the CDB, and is their first CDB studio release since 2007.

Set for release on Oct. 16, Charlie Daniels brings his career spanning over 50 years full circle and is set to release Live At Billy Bob's Texas CD and DVD. The 14-track project joins The Charlie Daniels Band with the likes of legendary country artists like Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Gary Stewart, David Allan Coe, Pat Green, Randy Rogers Band, Stoney LaRue, Charlie Robison and many others as a member of the Live at Billy Bob's Texas family.

www.CharlieDaniels.com

Sold out for 290 consecutive performances at the Thomas & Mack Center, the Wrangler NFR attracts the top 15 contestants in bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. Under the new contract with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association that runs through 2024, the purse in 2015 will jump to \$10 million. Qualification is based on the 2015 PRCA World Standings.

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CEU Editor Cindy B. Gordon Hits *The Food Truck & Rock Festival in Clark, NJ*



I recently attended the 1st Annual Food Truck and Rock Carnival Festival; a spectacular three day festival that included concerts, comedy, carnival rides, food trucks galore, 40 craft beers, wrestling matches and more for people of all ages at Oak Ridge Park in Clark, New Jersey.

At 5 pm Friday night, the carnival opened its doors to a sizeable crowd who enjoyed amusement rides, concerts featuring some of the nation's premier tribute bands including Voyage (a Journey Tribute Band), Almost Queen (a Queen Tribute band), Ozzmosis (an Ozzy Osbourne cover band) and Judas Priestess (A Judas Priest cover band), entertainment featuring Illusionist Jason Bishop and Hypnotist Dan Candell and comedians from Vinnie Brand's Stress Factory, and GCW westling.

Slash featuring Myles Kennedy and The Conspirators was the Headliner for Saturday night. I had no idea what to expect. My friend, Jim E. tipped me off that Slash had gotten a new lead singer who was supposedly really good. I had no idea what to expect. Was Slash going to perform some new original songs that he wrote? I figured, ok, I'll check it out. I was in awe from the moment they went on. The singer was fantastic; he sounded exactly like Axl but with his own style too; they played mostly all Guns N Roses songs. The crowd went wild! Gilby Clark unexpectedly joined



them on stage for their closing song, "Paradise City." Slash & band were scheduled to perform from 9-10:30; but they played well through 11:00pm. Also performing on the main stage 1 that night was Black Label Society, Puddle of Mudd, Pop Evil and Fit For Rivals. Performing on Main Stage 2 Saturday eve was Three Days Grace, Sevendust, Skid Row, Otherwise and Bad Case for Big Mouth. There must've been tens of thousands of people gathered on the lawn watching the shows at both of the Main Stages. There must've been like 10,000 people out there; well behaved, no major problems. A lot of fun for a lot of folks!

Stone Temple Pilots were the Headlining band for Sunday night. They did an incredible job; a high energy show playing their hits and some new songs. At one point, to the audience's surprise, the lead singer jumped right down into the audience and continued singing. I could not believe it. Security was tight and there were no problems.

Bass player Robert De Leo mentioned that he and Dean De DeLeo are both originally from NJ, so this show meant a lot to them and they were really grateful to be there. It was definitely a real treat to see them in concert. Also performing on Main Stage 2 Sunday night was Anthrax, Crobot, and Dead Fish Handshake. Godsmack headlined on Main Stage 1 for Sunday night. Also performing that night on Main Stage 1 was Clutch, Skillet, Like a Storm and Puddle of Mudd. All the bands did a great job.

Performing Saturday at the Birch Hill Stage were some of my favorite bands including Edgar Cayce, Gilby Clark, Stephen Percy from RATT, along with Kix, Kings X, Faster Pussycat, Rahway and Second Skin. That tent was packed to the max each night. I caught Gilby Clark's show. I knew he was a great guitarist, but had no idea that he is also a singer/songwriter. I really enjoyed his set and his stories. He did a great job as did all the artists and bands.



Sunday at the Birch Hill tent also had a stellar lineup including performances by Slaughter, Lita Ford, LA Guns, TT Quick, Prophet, Graveyard Lovers, Ashes of your Enemy and Out of Bounds. All the bands did an excellent job. TT Quick's lead singer Mark Tornillo asked the fans to support the festival. He mentioned that there are a lot of festivals like this in Europe, but hardly any in the USA; so if you like this; it's important to support it.

bands and artists a chance to perform Saturday and Sunday as well at The Carnival Stage. The Illusionist, Commonwealth, Ronin, Bobby Mahoney, Out of Ashes, Bipolar, Barren, XNY, School of Rock, Broken Fayth, Escape from Crete performed on Saturday. Sunday's lineup included North Down South, Raftree, Mother, Still Phase, Flowers to Flames, Small Town Scoundrels, Empire Fallen, School of Rock and Hot Lips! Nationwide Tribute bands RATM2 (Rage Against the Machine) & Schism (Tool) also



The festival also gave up and coming

performed each night on the Carnival stage.



Entertainers performing in the Gamechanger tent including Illusionist Jason Bishop, Hypnotist Dan Candell, Stress Factory Hour with comedians including Vinnie Brand, Don Jamieson, Jim Florentine and Big Jay Oakerson. There was also a special Q&A with VH1 Classic's "That Metal Show" Host Eddie Trunk.

For those who enjoy wrestling, GameChanger Wrestling presented wrestlers including:

WWE Hall of Famer Hacksaw Jim Duggan, The King of Ultraviolence Nick Fn Gage, The Bad Boy Joey Janela, The Dirty Daddy Chris Dickinson, GCW Tag Team Champions The Beast Squad Kyle The Beast & Monsta Mack, GCW Extreme Champion Pinkie Sanchez, The Cold Hearted Playa Danny DeManto, The Escort Erik Andretti, Chainsaw Joe Gacy, EYFBO Plus and more.



The HELL ON WHEELS BMX Stunt Show also performed at The Food Truck and Rock Carnival. Hell On Wheels is one of the nation's premier action sports BMX stunt show, featuring some of the world's top riders and had free giveaways and meet and greet with the riders.

All in all, it was a fun and memorable festival, very well organized with something for everyone!

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Ricky Skaggs Takes Home Lifetime Achievement Award



Last Wednesday night at the Americana Music Association's annual Honors and Awards ceremony, legendary country and bluegrass singer Ricky Skaggs was awarded the organization's esteemed Lifetime Achievement Award for Instrumentalist.

From the stage of the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee, guitar legend Ry Cooder presented Skaggs with the award.

"What a thrill to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from one of my musical heroes, Ry Cooder. I've listened to and loved his music for so many years," notes Skaggs.

"There are so many musicians who are very deserving of this great award. I'm very thankful to the Americana Music Association for this great honor. I'm glad to be part of the Americana music community. They still care about music. So do I."

About Ricky Skaggs

Over the course of his 40 plus year career, Ricky Skaggs has won 14 GRAMMY Awards, 8 CMA Awards, 9 ACM Awards, 11 IBMA (International Bluegrass Music Assn.) Awards, 9 ICM Awards, 2 Dove Awards, 3 honorary Doctorate degrees and countless other awards. Ricky has had 12 #1 singles on the Billboard Country charts and 12 Top 20 Country albums, along with twelve consecutive GRAMMY-nominated albums, all from his own Skaggs Family Records label. In 2012, Ricky Skaggs was inducted into the GMA's Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Past recipients of this prestigious award include Elvis Presley and Dolly Parton.

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