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**CHRIS
YOUNG**

**GRAMMY-NOMINATED
SINGER AND SONGWRITER FROM
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,
IS TWO SHOTS OF COUNTRY WITH A
SPLASH OF JAZZ AND ROCK-N-ROLL.**

**WE CAUGHT UP WITH CHRIS WHO
REVEALED HIS VARYING MUSICAL
INFLUENCES, INTERACTIONS WITH
DIE-HARD FANS, THE SOMETIMES
SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY
OF SONGWRITING AND WHO
HE'S PARTYING WITH ON HIS NEXT
TOUR. HE EVEN TELLS US HOW
EVAN WILLIAMS – AND A PRAYER –
GETS THE BAND PRIMED AND
READY FOR SHOWS.**



What lead you to initially go into the music industry? Did you grow up singing?

I was always interested in music. It has always been a big part of my life. I was probably jumping up and playing with bands when I was 12 or 13 years old.

You grew up just outside of Nashville. Do you think living so close to Music City influenced your musical path?

I don't think it hurt anything. I could pretty much go anywhere [in Nashville] and see anybody that is a big songwriter or big artist now just trying to break through then. I remember going to see Blake Shelton play before his career took off. Things like that you just can't do anywhere else. That's the reason people live here.

Who were your country influences growing up? How have they inspired your style?

I think one of the reasons my style is probably so different is my base is more traditional – Keith Whitley, Brad Paisley, Tracy Lawrence and Darryl Singletary – but I am also a huge fan of jazz music and classic rock. I'm a huge Aerosmith fan. The stuff that I like is all across the board and I like to bring it all into my music.

Have you had any encounters with fans? Any stories you can share?

If you have been signed for any amount of time, there's going to be some awkward off-beat story with a fan. For the most part, my fans have been great. I have been so lucky to have them along

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for the ride all this time. But, there's always something funny. Once, I had a fan come up and ask me to sign some adult diapers for her husband.

Tell us a little bit about what influenced the track, "We're Gonna Find it Tonight" from your new album A.M. Is it based off a certain crazy night on the town?

I wrote that song with Rhett Atkins and Chris DeStefano. The three of us had never written together and we ended up writing that song in 45 minutes. When we got done, we went out and got into a little bit of trouble, the party aspect of that song definitely got lived out that night.

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In "We're Gonna Find it Tonight," you say it's the kind of night for a whiskey water drink on the rocks. Is that how you take your Evan Williams?

I drink my Evan Williams on the rocks. Eventually, the ice is going to melt and be water anyway!

How do you get fired up before going on stage?

Every night, we do two things as a band backstage: we pray we don't mess up and take a shot for luck.

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