

## **Brad Paisley announces extension of Weekend Warrior World Tour** **Country star comes to SMG-managed Van Andel Arena® on April 7**

**Grand Rapids** — Country music superstar **Brad Paisley** has announced the continuation of his highly successful *Weekend Warrior World Tour* with dates added in 2018. The 27-date tour will kick-off on January 25 in Los Angeles at the STAPLES Center and extend through April, with more dates to be added. The tour will stop at Grand Rapids' **Van Andel Arena** on **Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM**. Special guests will be Broken Bow Records Platinum-selling artist **Dustin Lynch**, RED BOW Records hit-maker **Chase Bryant** and fast-rising star and multi-instrumentalist **Lindsay Ell**.

**Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning Friday, January 26 at 10:00 AM**. Ticket prices are \$29.99, \$59.99, \$99.99, and \$129.99, and tickets will be available at the Van Andel Arena and DeVos Place® box offices, online at Ticketmaster.com, and charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000. A purchase limit of eight (8) tickets will apply to all orders and prices are subject to change.

**Brad Paisley** is a consummate singer, songwriter, guitarist and entertainer whose talents have earned him numerous awards, including three GRAMMYs, two American Music Awards, 14 Academy of Country Music Awards and 14 Country Music Association Awards (including Entertainer of the Year), among many others. He has been a proud member of the Grand Ole Opry since 2001. Paisley has written 21 of his 24 #1 hits including his most recent smash, "Today." The song resonated with fans around the globe with the music video garnering over 43 million views, so far. "Heaven South" is his current single from his 11<sup>th</sup> studio album, *LOVE AND WAR*, which was released April 21. It is his 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive studio album to debut #1 on *Billboard's* Top Country Albums chart. On April 28 *LOVE AND WAR* was released as country music's first ever visual album for a limited time exclusively on Apple Music and now is available on VEVO. Paisley contributed two instrumental tracks to the Disney Pixar movie *Cars 3*, which hit theaters on June 16. He also has a song, "Stubborn Angels," in the movie *Same Kind of Different as Me*, in theaters now. Paisley has partnered with Sarah Cannon, the Cancer Institute of HCA Healthcare, and Sony Music Nashville, by launching **2017 Band Against Cancer**. The campaign will spread the word of community-based treatment, options and support. Sarah Cannon has adopted Paisley's #1 hit "Today" as the campaign's 2017 theme song. Paisley has partnered with Boot Barn® and developed an exclusive line of jeans, hats, T-shirts, jewelry, belts and woven shirts called Moonshine Spirit by Brad Paisley. Connect with Brad at [www.BradPaisley.com](http://www.BradPaisley.com), [www.facebook.com/BradPaisley](https://www.facebook.com/BradPaisley), on Twitter [@BradPaisley](https://twitter.com/BradPaisley), on Instagram [@BradPaisley](https://www.instagram.com/BradPaisley), and YouTube at [YouTube.com/BradPaisley](https://www.youtube.com/BradPaisley).

### **ABOUT DUSTIN LYNCH:**

Since releasing his PLATINUM debut single, "Cowboys and Angels," Lynch has been on a steady path toward superstardom with five consecutive #1s, three Top 5 albums, PLATINUM-level certifications and tours with the biggest names in Country music (Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line, and Brad Paisley). Racking up over 115 million views on YouTube/VEVO, scoring 250 million-plus streams on Spotify, soaring to #1 on the MTV Music Meter, and selling 3 million digital tracks, he brings a fresh combination of traditional influence and edgy intensity to the genre. Following his sophomore album, *WHERE IT'S AT* (Broken Bow Records) – which debuted at #1 on the iTunes Country Albums Chart and has tallied over 1 million tracks sold to date – Lynch's hotly-anticipated follow up, *CURRENT MOOD*, arrived September 8. Produced by Brent Anderson, Mickey Jack Cones, Ross Copperman, Zach Crowell, and Will Weatherly, the boldly adventurous project features the GOLD-certified, #1 singles "Seein' Red" and "Small Town Boy," and aims to push the envelope of Country



music even further. Realizing his longtime dream of creating a fashion line, Lynch has also branched out to launch Stay Country. The line of accessibly-priced men's and women's shirts, hats, and accessories, all emblazoned with the distinctive Stay Country logo, can be found online at [www.staycountryclothing.com](http://www.staycountryclothing.com).

#### **ABOUT CHASE BRYANT:**

One of the most celebrated new artists in today's country music landscape, 24-year-old **Chase Bryant** was raised in Orange Grove, TX (pop. 1,200). Bryant's grandfather played piano for Roy Orbison and Waylon Jennings. His uncles co-founded the group Ricochet. Conway, Merle, Petty, Vince, Bob Wills, Steve Wariner, Bryan Adams and more were early influences as were records by Keith Urban, Sarah Buxton and Jedd Hughes. Bryant's second consecutive hit "Little Bit of You" rose to #3 on the country radio charts. His guitar-wielding Top 10 debut single "Take It On Back" spent 15 consecutive weeks on the *CMT Hot 20 Countdown*, seven weeks on the *GAC Top 20 Country Countdown*, and was a Top 20 Most Watched Video on *VEVO TV Nashville*. Internationally, the single was a Top 20 hit in Canada and earned the #1 spot on Australia's *CMC Countdown*.

Bryant's new high-energy single "Hell If I Know" is available now at all digital retailers and streaming partners. For more information visit: <http://www.chasebryant.com>

#### **ABOUT LINDSAY ELL:**

Named one of *The Huffington Post's* "Top Country Artists to Watch," Lindsay Ell is a triple threat: accomplished musician, unique vocalist and songwriter. The Calgary native learned to play guitar while traveling with her father to country-bluegrass camps as a young girl. Ell honed her craft as a musical stylist and songwriter after being discovered by BTO and The Guess Who's Randy Bachman ("American Woman" / "Taking Care of Business") who discovered her at the age of 13. The multi-instrumentalist was soon touring alongside the likes of Luke Bryan, Buddy Guy, The Band Perry and Keith Urban, as well as wowing audiences as Carrie Underwood's guitar player live on the "50th Annual CMA Awards" and holding her own alongside icon Melissa Etheridge on *Skyville Live*.

A 2016 CMT Music Award and multiple Canadian Country Music Award nominee, Ell exhilarated audiences from coast-to-coast as part of the 2016 CMT *Next Women of Country Tour* and Brad Paisley's 2017 *WEEKEND WARRIOR WORLD TOUR*. Ell's debut album *The Project* released on August 11 and debuted at No. 1 on the Nielsen Soundscan Current Country Albums Chart. For more information visit: <http://www.LindsayEll.com>.

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