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## COUNTRY SUPERSTAR ALAN JACKSON IS COMING TO GRAND RAPIDS' VAN ANDEL ARENA® SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23! Country Music Hall of Famer Brings a Night of Real Country Music to Michigan!

**Grand Rapids** — Country Music Hall of Famer Alan Jackson will bring a night of hits to Michigan with a concert at SMG-managed Van Andel Arena on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 7:30 PM! Tickets go on sale this Friday, December 14 at 10:00 AM.

Tickets and information are available at <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>, by phone at 800-745-3000, at the Van Andel Arena and DeVos Place box offices or by visiting <u>alanjackson.com/tour</u>, where you can find information about Alan, his tour schedule, music and more. Jackson is again teaming up with CID Entertainment to offer VIP Experiences at many of his 2019 shows; fans can choose from four experiences with a variety of perks including a backstage tour, the opportunity to watch the show from a custom barstool by the soundboard, access to a pre-show party, a signed poster, and more!

Alan Jackson's concerts find the country icon performing hits that have gained him legions of longtime fans, songs that continue to draw new crowds as a younger generation discovers his music. Jackson's repertoire stands the test of time; it has impacted a field of artists who cite Jackson as an influence. It's these same songs – many written by Alan – that earned him his place alongside country music's greatest names and cemented his place in its history with membership in the *Country Music Hall of Fame*. Fans will hear the songs they love from the man who wrote them and made them famous, including his debut hit "Here in The Real World"...signature songs such as "Chattahoochee," "Drive" and "Gone Country"...party anthems "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" and "Good Time"...and many, many more.

Jackson's Louisville concert will continue his tradition of "keepin' it country" for people far and wide as he brings nearly 30 years of hits to the Bluegrass State!

## **ABOUT ALAN JACKSON**

A member of the Country Music Hall of Fame and recently inducted to the Songwriters Hall of Fame, Alan Jackson's membership among music's all-time greats is part of a long line of career-defining accolades that include three CMA Entertainer of the Year honors, more than 25 years of membership in the Grand Ole Opry, a 2016 Billboard ranking as one of the Top 10 Country Artists of All-Time, induction to the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, and the Heritage Award as the most-performed country songwriter-artist of ASCAP's first 100 years.

The man from rural Newnan, GA has sold nearly 60-million albums worldwide, ranks as one of the 10 best-selling male vocalists of all-time in all genres. He has released more than 60 singles – registering 50 Top Ten hits and 35 #1s (including 26 *Billboard* chart-toppers). He has earned more than 150 music industry awards – including 18 Academy of Country Music Awards, 16 Country Music Association Awards, a pair of Grammys and ASCAP's Founders and Golden Note Awards.

Jackson is one of the most successful and respected singer-songwriters in music. He is in the elite company of Paul McCartney and John Lennon among songwriters who've written more than 20 songs that they've recorded and taken to the top of the charts. Jackson is one of the best-selling artists since the inception of SoundScan, ranking alongside the likes of Eminem and Metallica. He's also the man behind one of Nashville's most-popular new tourist stops, *AJ's Good Time Bar*, a four-story honky-tonk in the heart of downtown (along a stretch of Broadway known as the "Honky Tonk Highway") featuring daily live music and a rooftop view of Music City.





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