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MOTONGATOR JOE



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MOTONGATOR JOE WAS BORN INTO A HARD WORKING, BUT POOR FAMILY IN THE UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN. IT WAS EVERYDAY LIFE TO HUNT AND TRAP, SOMETIMES ILLEGALLY, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SURVIVAL. JOE KNEW THIS WASN'T A PATH HE WANTED TO CONTINUE DOWN HIS ENTIRE LIFE. BY THE AGE OF 14, WITH MONEY EARNED AND SAVED FROM PICKIN' ROCKS, HE BUILT AND RAN HIS OWN SUCCESSFUL **MOBILE DJ COMPANY**. BY 19, HE WAS A **NIGHT-CLUB OWNER 3 TIMES OVER** WITH ANOTHER 4 LOCATIONS IN HIS FUTURE AND HE ALSO BECAME A **PRIVATE PILOT**, FUELING A PASSION FOR FLYING. LATER HE WOULD FOUND 2 **COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVALS**, IN MICHIGAN AND SOUTH DAKOTA AND BECOME HEAVILY INVOLVED IN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. THE NIGHTCLUBS, FESTIVALS AND REAL ESTATE JUST DIDN'T FILL HIS HEART COMPLETELY THOUGH AND HE LONGED TO GET BACK TO THE BASICS.

SINCE THE AGE OF 12, MUSIC WAS A PART OF HIS BLOOD. THOUGH SPENDING THE FIRST 15 YEARS OF HIS MUSICAL LIFE BEHIND A DRUMSET, **MOTONGATOR JOE** SOON FOUND WHERE HIS TALENT LAY, IN THE FRONT ENTERTAINING.

IN 2003, NASHVILLE WAS CALLING HIS NAME AND HIS FIRST ALBUM WAS PRODUCED. THE WHEELS OF SUCCESS WERE BEGINNING TO TURN, FROM AN INVITATION TO THE **ACM AWARDS** IN 2004 TO HIS FIRST RECORD DEAL OFFER BY DRC, FORMERLY **DECCA RECORDS**. **MOTONGATOR JOE**, HAVING SURVIVED IN BUSINESS BY ALWAYS HAVING A KEEN EYE, FOUND THIS FIRST RECORD DEAL TO BE DISADVANTAGEOUS TO HIS BRAND THOUGH, AND CONTINUED TO WORK THE SCENE AND TOUR THE HONKYTONKS.

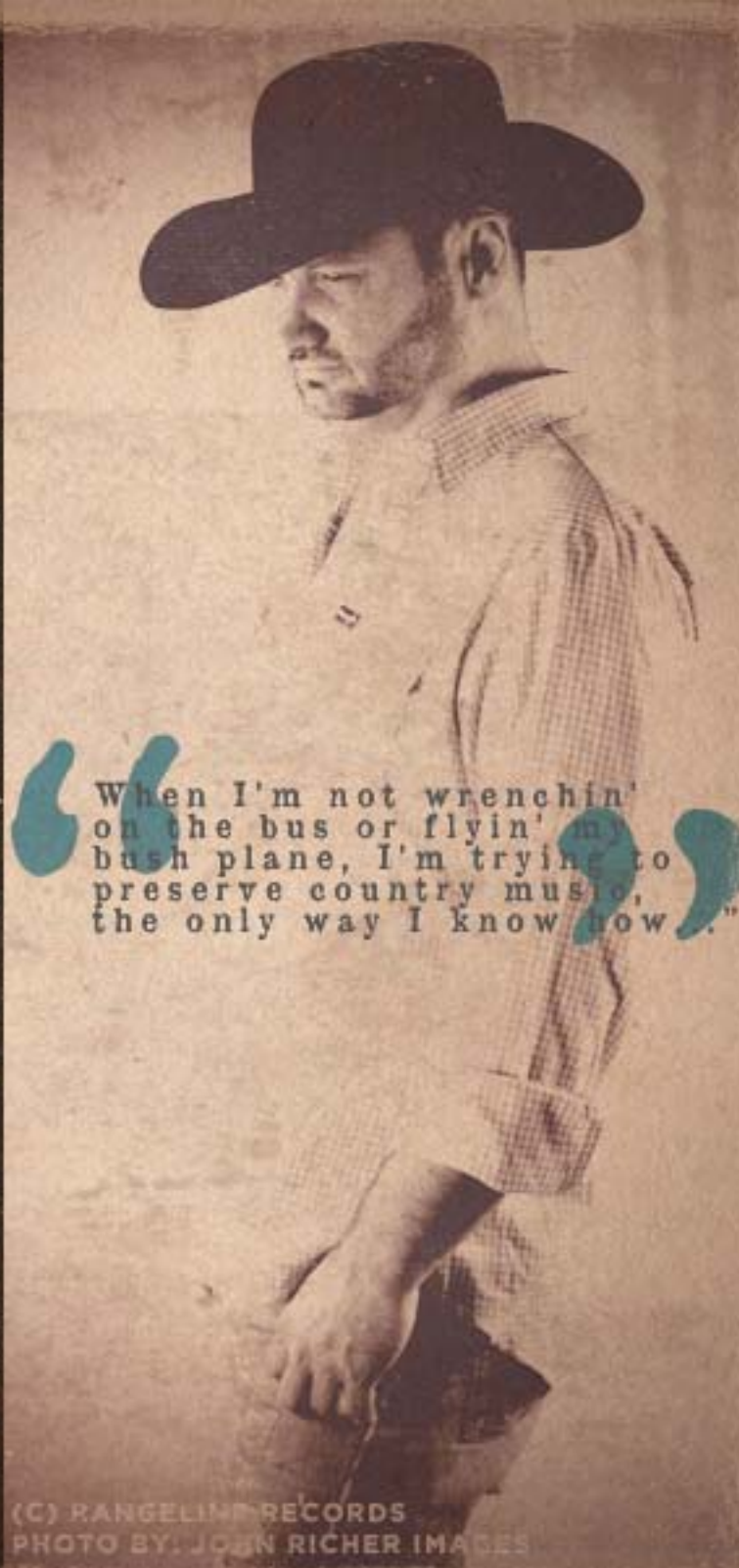
SOON AFTER, **MOTONGATOR JOE** SIGNED WITH **RANGELINE RECORDS**, PROMPTING A **NATIONAL RADIO CAMPAIGN** THAT SAW SELECT MARKET SUCCESS AND A VAST NUMBER OF **TOUR DATES** WHICH SPANNED FROM THE NORTHERN TIP OF ALBERTA, CANADA DOWN TO TEXAS, AFFORDING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM MORE THAN 273 SHOWS IN ONE YEAR. TO DATE, **MOTONGATOR JOE** HAS NEVER MISSED A SHOW, HAS PERFORMED OVER 2500 SHOWS WITH NEVER A NEGATIVE REVIEW AND HAS 175,000+ **TOURING MILES** ON HIS SILVER EAGLE **TOUR BUS**. HIS VERSATILE SHOW MELTS TO THE VENUE, WHETHER IT'S A PARTY DRIVEN, BEER SLINGIN' HONKYTONK OR NIGHT OF STORIES AND MUSIC IN A THEATER.

THE LATER PART OF THE LAST DECADE SAW **MOTONGATOR JOE** PERFORMING AND FORGING PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH NUMEROUS STARS AND OPRY LEGENDS INCLUDING, **JOHNNY CASH, BLAKE SHELTON, DIXIE CHICKS, JOE DIFFIE, BUDDY JEWELL, KEN MELLONS, DAVID LEE MURPHY, BLACKHAWK, TG SHEPHERD, DARYLE SINGLETARY** AND MANY, MANY MORE. HE HAS ALSO FOUND HIS BRAND RECOGNITION GARNERING HIM **HEADLINING SLOTS** AT CASINOS AND FESTIVALS IN BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

RECENT YEARS HAVE SEEN **SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES** FOR **MOTONGATOR JOE**, MARKED IN PART WITH THE RELEASE OF HIS REMAKE OF THE ICONIC SONG, "THE WRECK OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD". **MOTONGATOR JOE** CAN NOW BE FOUND ON **DIGITAL JUKEBOXES** NATIONWIDE THROUGH COLLABORATIONS WITH BOTH **AMI/ROWE** AND **TOUCHTUNES**. HE'S ALSO A **FEATURED ARTIST** ON **CMT.COM** AND IS SLATED TO RELEASE NOT ONLY HIS LONG AWAITED **NEW ALBUM**, BUT ALSO THE **FIRST EVER MUSIC VIDEO** FOR "THE WRECK OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD" BY THE BEGINNING OF 2014. DURING THE SPRING OF 2013 **MOTONGATOR JOE** SPENT OVER 3 WEEKS IN THE TOP 10 AND OVER 16 WEEKS IN THE TOP 50 IN AUSTRALIA.

2014 IS PROMISING TO BE HIS YEAR, AS **RANGELINE RECORDS** IS EXCITED TO BEGIN PROMOTING THIS SOON TO BE RELEASED NEXT ALBUM WITH HIS ALWAYS GRITTY, COUNTRY, **MOTONGATOR JOE** SOUND.

MOTONGATOR
JOE



“When I'm not wrenchin' on the bus or flyin' in a bush plane, I'm trying to preserve country music, the only way I know how.”

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CURRENTLY TOURING WITH

MOTONGATOR

— JOE —

SAM LARK

STEEL PEDAL, LEAD GUITAR, DOBRO
ACCORDIAN, BACKUP VOCALS

SAM LARK, THE MAN BEHIND THE STEEL AND ELECTRIC TELECASTER GUITAR. HE'S ALWAYS FULL OF SUPRISES ON AND OFF STAGE AS HE PLAYS MULTIPLE INSTRUMENTS THAT SOMETIMES ALSO END UP ON MOTONGATOR JOE'S RECORDINGS. SAM HAS PLAYED WITH MANY OF THE BIGGEST STARS THAT CAME OUT OF NASHVILLE IN THE PAST YEARS. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN ESCANABA, MICHIGAN AND NOW RESIDES ON HIS FARM IN PULASKI, WISCONSIN. IF THE LATEST JOKES OR ONE-LINERS AMUSE YOU, TALK TO SAM AS HE IS JAMMED FULL OF THEM! TIME ON THE TOURBUS SEEMS SHORTER WITH SAM ON BOARD.

JOEY JAY

BASS GUITAR, BACKUP VOCALS

JOE FRIEDLAND ALSO KNOWN VASTLY IN THE COUNTRY MUSIC BUSINESS BY THE STAGE NAME JOEY JAY, HAS BEEN A PROLIFIC SONGWRITER SINCE HIS EARLY DAYS OF PERFORMING IN HIS PARENTS' HONKYTONK. BORN AND RAISED IN MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN HE HAS BEEN ON STAGE, THE MAJORITY OF HIS LIFE. HE HAS RELEASED NUMEROUS, SOLID COUNTRY SONGS OVER HIS CAREER AND HAS BEEN A FIXTURE OF THE NASHVILLE AND BRANSON SCENE AS WELL. HE PLAYS BASS GUITAR WITH MOTONGATOR JOE, BUT HE EXCELS AT THE SIX STRING ACOUSTIC WITH UNMISTAKEABLE BACKING AND LEAD VOCALS EMBODYING THE GOOD 'OLE DAYS.

SCOTT KUSMIREK

DRUMS

BOTH ONSTAGE AND IN THE STUDIO, DW AND SABIAN ENDORSED, KUSMIREK IS HARD WORKING AND EXTREMELY TALENTED WITH A FULL THROTTLED INTENSITY AND TALENT THAT IS WELL RESPECTED IN THE INDUSTRY. AFTER TOURING AND RECORDING FOR SEVEN YEARS WITH THE GIN BLOSSOMS, KUSMIREK HAS WORKED WITH AND PROMOTED MANY MUSICAL GIANTS, INCLUDING JOHN POPPER, (BLUES TRAVELER), WHEN IN ROME, AND HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH. NOW RESIDING IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN, THIS NEW YORK NATIVE IS NOT ONLY A TALENTED DRUMMER BUT ALSO A WELCOME ASSET TO MOTONGATOR JOE'S SHOW.



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OVER 175,000 TOURING MILES
...AND COUNTING

MOTONGATOR — JOE —

REVIEWS AND TESTIMONIALS



HE'S THE NEXT WAYLON JENNINGS.

- CEO OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPLAY, NASHVILLE, TN

IF HE MAKES IT AROUND HERE AGAIN IN THE FUTURE, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL US. WE'LL GET HIM ON FOR A LONGER SET, DO SOMETHING LIVE IF HE WANTS, WHATEVER. HE WAS A GREAT INTERVIEW, AND WE HAD A BLAST!

- CHRIS CARTER OF "CHRIS AND JILLIAN IN THE MORNING" - KTWB SIOUX FALLS, SD 101.9 FM CHRIS AND JILLAN IN THE MORNING

..THIS ISN'T YOUR TYPICAL TEDDY-BEARS-AND-TEARDROPS-FLOATING DOWN-A-CHAMPAGNE-RIVER-OUT-TO-THE-OCEAN TIM MCGRAW-TYPE OF FLUFFY COUNTRY THAT'S GOING AROUND TODAY.

- WESLEY WATSON- CASPER STAR-TRIBUNE COLUMNIST

IF YOU LIKE DAVID ALLEN COE, JOHN PRINE, WAYLON JENNINGS AND JOHNNY CASH YOU'LL LOVE MOTONGATOR JOE!

- NEIL MERRICK PROJECT ENGINEER FOR RANDY TRAVIS, SARA EVANS, GARTH BROOKS, PAM TILLIS AND GEORGE JONES

WITH HIS MARKIN' TERRITORY C.D. "MOTONGATOR JOE" CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TO COUNTRY MUSIC WITHOUT CATERING TO IT.

- NASHVILLE SCENE MAGAZINE

BILLBOARD MAGAZINE ONLINE NAMES MOTONGATOR JOE ONE OF THE TOP 20 INDEPENDENT TOURING COUNTRY ARTISTS FOR 2006.

- BILLBOARD MAGAZINE

MOTONGATOR JOE IS ONE OF THE TOP TWO ENTERTAINERS TO PLAY OUR CLUB SINCE WE'VE OPENED!

- AUGGIE KERSTON - LONESOME DOVE-MANDAN, ND

I WILL NOT HESITATE TO BRING MOTONGATOR JOE BACK, HE WAS A REAL CROWD PLEASER!

- CHUCK - LANDING-MINOT, ND

FANTASTIC! HE WAS A WONDERFUL STORYTELLER AND VERY ENTERTAINING! EXTREMELY PERSONABLE AND PROFESSIONAL!

- BARBARA BOLITHO - THE PARK THEATER, HAYWARD, WI

MOTONGATOR JOE WAS PERFECT FOR OUR CASINO CROWD! THE STAFF AND I HAD A MARVELOUS TIME WITH HIM!

- GWEN VERGOUWEN - BOOMTOWN CASINO-FT. MCMURRAY, AB CANADA

WE HAD THE BEST CROWD THAT NIGHT WITH MOTONGATOR JOE, HE WAS FANTASTIC! WE HOPE HE CAN COME BACK DOWN TO SEE US. EVERYONE THOUGHT HIS SHOW WAS JUST GREAT!

- NORMA DELL JONES - HISTORIC LOVELADY OLD GYM - LOVE LADY, TX

MOTONGATOR JOE

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

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IN 2013, RANGELINE RECORDS COLLABORATED WITH BOTH AMI ROWE AND TOUCHTUNES TO ENSURE THAT **MOTONGATOR JOE'S** MUSIC IS AVAILABLE ON NEARLY EVERY **DIGITAL JUKEBOX** ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. NOT ONLY IS THIS A **POWERFUL PROMOTIONAL TOOL FOR VENUES**, IT HAS EXPANDED BRAND AWARENESS AND CULTIVATED NEW LISTENERS AND TOUR FOLLOWERS. PATRONS CAN NOW CONTROL THE JUKEBOXES FROM THEIR SMART DEVICES AS WELL!

MOTONGATOR JOE IS ALSO A FEATURED ARTIST AT CMT.COM, SHOWCASING HIS BIO, DISCOGRAPHY, AUDIO CLIPS AND MORE!

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THANK YOU

CLICK BELOW

TO LOOK AND LISTEN

FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LOOK
AND LISTEN. PLEASE KEEP
MOTONGATOR JOE IN MIND
WHEN BOOKING FOR YOUR

**CASINO
FAIR
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