

MELODIC SOUTHERN ROCK

With a "knack for consistently delivering arena-sized epics that appealingly mix...modern rock with rootsy Carolina stomp" (AllMusic.com), **NEEDTOBREATHE** has become a Grammy-nominated success, garnering fans around the globe.

Brothers Bear (vocals/guitar/ piano) and Bo (vocals/guitar) Rinehart grew up in South Carolina and began playing music at age 16.

While at Furman University, Bear Rinehart performed around campus and moonlighted as a vocalist, pianist, and guitarist with his friend, drummer Joe Stillwell. At Clemson University, Bo Rinehart played guitar in his spare time with his friend, bassist Seth Bolt. The two duos joined forces to form NEEDTOBREATHE and toured throughout the southeast and midwest. They were discovered by Atlantic/Lava Records, who signed

them to a contract in 2005. 2009's *The Outsiders* earned three Gospel Music Association Dove Awards and put them at No. 20 on the charts. Continuing to tour, the band's next album, *The Reckoning* (2011), landed at No. 6 on the *Billboard* Hot 200. Stillwell left the group in 2012, and Josh Lovelace (vocals/keyboards) joined the current lineup.

NEEDTOBREATHE's upward trend continued with *Rivers in the Wasteland* (2014), which made the Top 5 on the charts and spawned the Grammynominated single, "Multiplied."

Their newest album, Live From the Woods at Fontanel (2015) boasts the hit single, "Brother" featuring Gavin DeGraw, and is currently No. 1 on the Top Rock Albums and Top Christian Albums charts, as well as No. 3 on the Billboard 200.





SEEING STARS

Admired for their "sleekly presented modern-rock" (Billboard) albums, Switchfoot has created a legacy of hit singles over their nearly 20 year career including "Meant to Live," "Stars," "Dare You To Move," "Mess of Me." "The Sound (John M. Perkins' Blues)." "Dark Horses." and "Afterlife." Formed in 1996 by brothers Jon (singer/songwriter) and Tim Foreman (bass) and their high school friend Chad Butler (percussion), the San Diego natives' success went mainstream on their double-platinum selling The Beautiful Letdown (2003). Two years later their fifth album, Nothing is Sound (2005), hit No. 3 on the Billboard 200, and in 2009, Hello Hurricane earned the alt-rockers their first Grammy Award.

"Much like riding a surfboard from wave to wave, [Switchfoot's newest album, *Fading West* (2014)] moves from earnest ballads to dancey, groove-oriented cuts to breezy, sunshine-soaked rockers with an easy, athletic flow" (AllMusic.com).

EARNEST AMERICANA

Professional quitarist and singer/ songwriter **Drew Holcomb** has been creating Americana music for more than a decade. Adding his band. The Neighbors (Ellie Holcomb, Nathan Dugger, Rich Brinsfield) into the mix, the group infuses their distinctive Nashville sound and knack for storytelling into their recordings and live performances. The band has toured with The Avett Brothers, Ryan Adams, Los Lobos, Susan Tedeschi, North Mississippi Allstars, Marc Broussard, and more. Their music has been featured on various television shows and commercials, including TNT's Emmy Award-winning 2011 Christmas Day NBA Forever spot. Their newest album, Medicine (2015), "skillfully blurs the lines between rock, country, folk, and pop," forming a "collec-



tion that feels tailor made for long drives, early mornings and late nights" (AllMusic.com).

HOUSE OF ALT-ROCK

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Counting Crows | Citizen Cope Hollis Brown | Aug 13 "Forging a bright indie rock sound influenced by alt-rock legends like U2" (AllMusic.com), Colony House is making their name known through extensive touring. Formed in 2009, the Nashville-based trio is comprised of brothers Caleb (vocals) and Will Chapman (drums), and their friend Scott Mills (guitar). After self-releasing three EPs, the indie rockers signed to Descendent Records and released their debut album. When I Was Younger (2014). The album hit No. 3 on Billboard's Top Heatseekers chart and achieved top status on Sirius XM's AltNation station. Colony House has been featured on NPR and made their television debut on Late Night with Seth Meyers in September 2014. They have toured with Augustana, Knox Hamilton, Kongos, Sir Sly, and more.

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