

Dan + Shay fall head over heels for Austin

“Heartbreak” marked absent at the Moody Center

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Contrary to the boozy breakups of Morgan Wallen and Zach Bryan, country pop duo Dan + Shay shoot their cupid arrows high and low, making every attendee fall in love for the night. Dan Smyers and Shay Mooney returned to Austin for their “Heartbreak On the Map” tour on March 7 after a five year hiatus from the city.

The first half of the 90 minute set flew by, opening with their most recent hit, “Save Me the Trouble.” Betwixt every couple of songs, The Voice’s newest coaches thanked the half filled arena for showing up and singing along.

Majority of the songs failed to show any signs of “country” instrumentation, leaning into the basic pop sound, with the exception of the Pennsylvanian’s acoustic guitar and occasional stratocaster solo. Despite the underwhelming country presence, the Arkansan’s twangy vocals plowed through the speakers with a full and clear tone.

The love drunk lyrics made it impossible to not think of a romantic partner. Hundreds of couples danced in the aisles and stole kisses in the seats. One man took “*we should get married*” quite seriously, getting on one knee during “From the Ground Up.”

“You just never know what’s gonna happen at a Dan + Shay show!” Symers said as the pair personally congratulated the bride and groom-to-be.

The buzzed cut vocalist showed off impressive breath control while sprinting around the floor section during an energetic cover of The Killers’ “Mr. Brightside”. The men quieted the center as they perched upon a tiny farmhouse during “Bigger Houses.”

The best friends did not leave the listeners “*speechless*” during their double platinum closer, “Tequila,” bringing out the loudest cheers in the last five minutes. The country stars stalled their exit, visibility drinking up the energy as they reluctantly departed the stage with the goofiest grins.

Set List

“Save Me the Trouble”

“Alone Together”

“All to Myself”

“Breakin' Up With a Broken Heart”

'Show You Off'

"Heaven + Back"

"You"

"I Should Probably Go to Bed"

"How Not To"

"Heartbreak on the Map"

"Neon Cowgirl"

"We Should Get Married"

"From the Ground Up"

"Always Gonna Be"

"10,000 Hours"

"My Side of the Fence"

"Glad You Exist"

"Mr. Brightside" (The Killers cover)

"19 You + Me"

"Nothin' Like You"

"Bigger Houses"

Encore

"Speechless"

"Tequila"