## **Country New Comer Sam L. Smith signs with Twang Thang Country**

A true star in the making



**Lebanon, May 11, 2020** (Issuewire.com) - Randy Hayford, CEO of Twang Thang Country is extremely proud to announce the signing of Kentucky native and up & coming country/gospel star Sam L. Smith. Hayford said, "This young man is the real deal. He is country through and through with an amazing personality, solid Christian roots and a stunning sound, we are honored by this opportunity".

While Nashville is filled with country singers with down-home cred, few can say they're a real singing cowboy, as from times past. Sam L. Smith, an 18-year-old Country and Christian Country Recording Artist based in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky brings that true-country essence to the music scene, as he releases his debut album, "Phone Call to Heaven." On any given weekend, you're likely to find Sam racing his horse in a barrel event, striving to make every turn clean and fast, or singing at a <a href="Sunday morning">Sunday</a> morning service, seeking to touch every heart.

Sam says his interest in singing all began when he missed a school bus ride on one of his first few days of 7th grade, and the assistant principal, hearing Sam's rich talking voice, called the school's choir teacher to get him an audition. Keying in on Sam's natural singing talent, his new choir teacher gave Sam one of his first solo opportunities, singing Elvis' "Blue Christmas" at the choir's annual Christmas concert. A Facebook video of this event actually began Sam's music career, as members of various churches viewed it and started calling him to come and sing for them! Looking for material, young Sam came across Josh Turner's "Long Black Train" and he made it part of his repertoire. As he belted it out with many of Turner's inflections, it drew comparisons of Sam to Josh Turner. Artists need to be unique, however, and Sam has certainly grown to be.

Given the longtime marriage of cowboy culture and country music, it was natural that Sam's music would intersect with his barrel racing career. Cowboy churches are often a part of longer-running barrel racing weekends, and Sam has found his way to the stage to share his music at these events. In 2017, Sam even won the National Barrel Horse Association's Idol (singing) competition, allowing him to be recognized in a national setting, winning the chance to sing the national anthem, and perform for 3,500 people! Also in 2019, Smith was recognized at the National FFA Convention for being Top 3 in the National Talent. It was filled with kids and people all of the United States at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Since he began singing for audiences at age 14, Sam has sung at around 50 churches, and 10 events like fairs and festivals. Even with this relatively short singing career, Sam comes across on stage like a seasoned professional. The producer of Sam's new album, Nathan Lee Jackson (Christian Music Hall of Fame Visionary Award Winner), says of Sam, "I had heard of Sam's singing from friends, so we invited him to our church. I was immediately impressed with his command of the stage, high energy, polish, and his obvious heart for God and people, to minister to them." Jackson also states, "Recording with Sam was like working with a seasoned pro, and that's why his album turned out so great, not because I worked wonders. That's impressive for a guy his age!"

Any interview, casual or formal, will reveal Sam's true motives in pursuing his singing. Yes, he wants to enjoy doing something he loves, but most of all He does it all for God's glory. That's what you can expect when Sam arrives at your church service or event, a young man who truly has the charisma and knows the techniques for entertaining and inspiring, but who does it for a purpose much greater than himself. Add your event or congregation to the long line of glowing quotes about and recommendations of the ministry God has placed within Sam L. Smith!

Nate Jackson

Sam L. Smith

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