

## Iron Gate Records Welcomes Paul Jefferson as Strategic Adviser and Board Member



**Nashville, Tennessee Feb 17, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com))** - Iron Gate Records proudly announces the appointment of Paul Jefferson, an acclaimed singer-songwriter and industry veteran, as Strategic Adviser and Board Member. A prolific songwriter with a catalog of thousands of songs, Jefferson's expertise will provide invaluable guidance to Iron Gate Records artists, helping shape their songwriting and musical direction. He will also play a key role in the rollout of GeoMelody, Iron Gate's groundbreaking initiative focused on ensuring fair artist compensation.

With a career spanning decades, Jefferson has earned a reputation as one of country music's most

respected songwriters and performers. He penned the No. 1 hit “That’s as Close as I’ll Get to Loving You” for Aaron Tippin and has collaborated with industry legends, including Keith Urban, Bon Jovi, Stewart Copeland, Buddy Jewell, and Lisa Brokop. As an artist, his self-titled debut album under Almo Sounds showcased his exceptional songwriting and performance abilities, featuring the standout hit “*Check Please*.” Jefferson has also been part of Jefferson Ross, an acclaimed duo known for blending roots music with compelling storytelling.

In addition to advising CEO Mark A. Skoda, Jefferson will provide Iron Gate Records artists access to his extensive catalog of songs, offering them the opportunity to record top-tier, industry-proven material. His experience as both a songwriter and performer uniquely positions him to mentor IGR’s artists, guiding them through the complexities of crafting hit songs that resonate with audiences.

CEO Mark A. Skoda on Paul Jefferson’s Appointment, *“Paul Jefferson is a powerhouse in the world of songwriting and artist development. His track record speaks for itself, and his deep understanding of the music business makes him an invaluable addition to Iron Gate Records. His guidance will not only elevate our artists’ songwriting but will also play a critical role in launching GeoMelody, our next-generation platform for fair artist compensation. We are honored to have him on board.”*

Jefferson’s career has been marked by a commitment to authentic storytelling and musical craftsmanship. With a degree in music from the University of California, Santa Cruz, he has built a diverse and rich catalog, blending country, folk, and rock influences into his songwriting. His work has been featured in film and television, further showcasing his ability to craft deeply moving and commercially viable music. Throughout his career, he has worked with some of the most influential voices in the industry, and his knowledge will be an invaluable asset to Iron Gate Records as it continues to expand its reach.

Paul Jefferson on Joining Iron Gate Records: *“I’m thrilled to be part of Iron Gate Records at such an exciting time. Mark Skoda and his team are doing something truly innovative in the music industry, and I’m eager to help shape the future of both the label and its artists. Songwriting is my passion, and I look forward to working with IGR artists to develop and record incredible new music. This is a perfect fit, and I can’t wait to get started.”*

Beyond his songwriting and performance credits, Jefferson has long been an advocate for artist independence and creative freedom—values that align closely with Iron Gate Records’ mission. His addition to the label’s leadership will further strengthen its commitment to supporting artists at every stage of their careers, ensuring they have access to the tools, knowledge, and industry connections needed to succeed.

With Jefferson’s unmatched songwriting pedigree and industry insight, Iron Gate Records is poised to usher in a new era of artist-focused innovation. His leadership will help IGR artists craft compelling music, build sustainable careers, and navigate the rapidly changing music landscape with confidence.

## About Paul Jefferson

Paul Jefferson is a renowned singer-songwriter, musician, and industry veteran known for his No. 1 hit “That’s as Close as I’ll Get to Loving You” recorded by Aaron Tippin. Jefferson has built an expansive career spanning songwriting, recording, and live performance. His self-titled debut album under Almo Sounds produced the hit single “*Check Please*”. His songs have been featured in film and television, further cementing his legacy as a master storyteller and accomplished musician.

**About Iron Gate Records:**

Based in Nashville, Iron Gate Records is dedicated to discovering and promoting innovative rock, metal, and alternative artists. With a focus on creativity and artist development, the label strives to push the boundaries of music while supporting musicians in bringing their unique visions to life.

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