

## KEITH URBAN

Born in New Zealand and raised in Australia, Keith Urban is one of country music's biggest superstars and most talented musicians. Keith released his debut self-titled album in 1999 on the label he remains on today, Capitol Records Nashville, and has since continued to entertain fans globally.

Keith Urban's seventh studio album *FUSE*, his fourth #1 album, marked the first time that a male Country artist has debuted atop the all-genre charts in the United States, Canada and Australia. *FUSE*'s first single, "Little Bit of Everything" took the top spot on the Country Singles Chart, as did "We Were Us", featuring Miranda Lambert, which gave Urban a streak of five consecutive #1 songs (dating back to 2011's "Without You"). In fact, with the release of *FUSE*'s fourth single "Somewhere In My Car", his third #1 from the album, Keith extended his lead as the artist with the most consecutive top 10 songs on Billboard's Country Airplay Chart, a streak which started in August of 2000.

*FUSE* is one of the most recognized albums of Keith's career, garnering 20 Award show nominations, including two 2015 Grammy nominations for Best Country Solo Performance ("Cop Car") and Best Country Duo/Group Performance ("Raise 'Em Up" featuring Eric Church), as well as multiple CMA, ACM and ARIA Award wins.

In 2001, the Country Music Association honored Urban with its Horizon Award, designating him a talented artist with a bright future. He was the first Horizon Award winner in history to go on to win the CMA's Male Vocalist of the Year, a title he's captured three times, and the coveted Entertainer of the Year. Since then Urban's career has seen a long list of groundbreaking firsts and accomplishments reserved for the music industry's elite.

He was the first Country artist to be named an American Idol judge, a role he will reprise for the show in its 14<sup>th</sup> season, and is a four-time GRAMMY® Award winner who has also won a People's Choice, American Music Award and been nominated for a Golden Globe. He's won eleven Academy of Country Music Awards and has had 17 #1 songs and five consecutive platinum or multi-platinum albums. In 2012 he became a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

His reputation as a premier songwriter, vocalist, musician and virtuoso guitarist has afforded Urban the opportunity to collaborate with the likes of The Rolling Stones, John Mayer, Steven Tyler, John Fogerty, Alicia Keys, Tim McGraw and Taylor Swift, Vince Gill, Eric Church and countless others. He was asked to perform on both nights of Eric Clapton's Crossroads Festival and on CBS' "The Night That Changed America: A Grammy Salute To The Beatles."

Urban has long supported numerous charities. Amongst other things, he is an advisory board member at the St. Jude's Children's Hospital and a longtime supporter of The Grammy Foundation. In 2013, he introduced his new URBAN™ Guitar Collection via HSN, proceeds of which went to benefit both the Grammy Foundation and Mr. Holland's

Opus Fund. The offering resulted in the largest guitar debut ever for the entertainment/lifestyle retailer, selling out in a matter of hours. In 2014 his second offering, for his URBAN™ Guitar Collection via HSN, broke *that* record. His annual “All For The Hall” benefit concert for the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum© has raised nearly \$2.5 million.

- Current single: “Raise Em’ Up” (featuring Eric Church)
- 2015 GRAMMY® Award Nominations:
  - Best Country Solo Performance (“Cop Car”)
  - Best Country Duo/Group Performance (“Raise ‘Em Up” w/ Eric Church)