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Kelsea Ballerini performing live, at the Paramount Arts Center, on August 26 @ 7:30 PM

Dubbed “Country’s Next Queen” by Billboard, Kelsea Ballerini continues to blaze her own trail to superstardom as she’s the first solo female artist in 15 years to hit #1 with her first two country singles and one of only 11 women to have ever hit the top of the charts with a debut.

Skyrocketing into the spotlight with her Platinum-selling #1 breakout smash-hit, "Love Me Like You Mean It," the 22-year-old Knoxville, Tennessee native has dedicated the better part of the last decade to creating inspiring music based on her life, to further motivate others to live without fear of their emotions. Her critically acclaimed full-length debut, *The First Time*, has Kelsea's credit behind every song, as it radiates positivity while exploring all facets of the human experience. She is a bonafide poet and *The First Time* reflects just that.

Kelsea's honest approach to music is rooted in a truly vulnerable place. Turning to songwriting to help her through her parents' divorce, she first discovered Keith Urban's "Stupid Boy." Captured by the gut-wrenching lyrics and the raw story, Kelsea knew she had found a creative home in country music and continued to uncover strength and inspiration from such artists as Shania Twain, Taylor Swift, Rascal Flatts, and the Dixie Chicks.

Having opened for country greats including Alan Jackson, Lady Antebellum, Tim McGraw, Carrie Underwood, and Keith Urban, Ballerini’s life has already come full circle as she’s living a childhood dream by touring with one of her early inspirations, Rascal Flatts, on their Rhythm & Roots Tour. “Dreams do come true. I’m seeing it firsthand. While I want to do it all, the arena tours and award shows, most of all, I just want to put out good music that matters,” Kelsea concludes. “When I signed the record deal, in my heart I thought, ‘What do you want to say to the world? Because now, there are people who are going to help you say it.’”

The concert will be on August 26 @ 7:30 PM. Ticket prices are - VIP \$60, \$30 & \$22.



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