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**SCOTTY MCCREERY TO PERFORM AT THE PARAMOUNT ARTS  
CENTER ON FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> FOR VALENTINE'S DAY**

Ashland, KY - Scotty McCreery burst onto the national music scene in 2011 at age 17, quickly establishing himself as one of country music's hottest new stars. By age 21, the talented singer/songwriter has sold more than 2.5 million albums and received both Platinum and Gold album certifications, debuted three consecutive albums at No. 1 on a Billboard chart, achieved one Gold and three Platinum-certified singles as well as two Top Ten hits, toured with Brad Paisley and The Band Perry, headlined his own tours, earned industry and fan accolades, amassed more than three million followers on Facebook and Twitter, received more than 150 million YouTube views...and he's just getting started!

His deep voice and irresistible sound create the perfect blend of contemporary and traditional country. With more than 300 live shows under his belt across the U.S., Canada, the Philippines and the Caribbean, McCreery has quickly become a crowd favorite appealing to all ages. His loyal fans – the McCreerians – are among the most dedicated and enthusiastic in the country music world.

After winning Season Ten of “American Idol” and capturing the hearts of millions of television viewers nationwide, McCreery released his debut album, which was the best-selling solo album released by a country artist in 2011. Indeed, he became the youngest man in history to have his first album debut atop the all-genre Billboard Top 200 albums chart.

That album, *Clear As Day*, was certified Platinum for sales of one million units in just thirteen weeks, and the first two singles from that album (“I Love You This Big” and “The Trouble with Girls”) have since been certified Platinum. He won the New Artist of the Year Award at both the Academy of Country Music (ACM) Awards and the American Country Awards in 2011, and received the CMT Music Award for the USA Weekend Breakthrough Video of the Year for “The Trouble with Girls” in 2012. That same year, his Christmas album, *Christmas with Scotty*

McCreery, was released. It debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Top Holiday Albums chart and was quickly certified Gold.

His highly anticipated sophomore album, *See You Tonight*, was released in October 2013 and debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Country Albums chart. He co-wrote five songs on the album, including the first single, "See You Tonight," which was certified Platinum and became his first Top Ten hit. The music video for "See You Tonight" spent an impressive 11 weeks at No. 1 on GAC's fan-voted "Top 20 Countdown." The album received rave reviews from publications ranging from *Rolling Stone* and *People* to "Entertainment Tonight" and *The Los Angeles Times*. Soon after its release, he won the Breakthrough Artist Award at the 2013 American Country Awards. A month after turning 21 in 2014, McCreery was voted No. 2 on "Country's Sexiest Men Poll" by the readers of *Country Weekly* while also becoming a frequent fixture on many "Best Dressed" lists for his Red Carpet appearances. Before the year ended, his single, the fan-favorite "Feelin' It," became his second consecutive Top Ten hit. The single was certified Gold in 2015.

When he steps off the stage, McCreery returns to being a typical "guy next door." After winning "American Idol," the gifted performer graduated from his local high school and later enrolled at North Carolina State University. An avid sports fan and outdoorsman, he can be found at Wolfpack basketball games, attending the Super Bowl, or playing golf around the country as he tours. A proponent of giving back, McCreery has supported a host of charitable causes including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, The 12.14 Foundation, World Vision, MLB RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities), The Opry Trust Fund, and a variety of organizations in his native North Carolina.

McCreery has toured with Rascal Flatts on their RIOT TOUR 2015 this summer in addition to doing solo dates throughout the year. In-between concerts, he has been writing and recording songs for his highly anticipated new studio album, due out in early 2016. The first single from the album, "Southern Belle" (written by Jason Saenz and Sean McConnell) can be heard on country radio now. The album is being produced by Frank Rogers.

Season 10 *American Idol* winner, Scotty, McCreery, will be performing at The Paramount Arts Center in Ashland for Valentine's Day on February 18, 2016 at 8 PM. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, November 17th at 10 AM. Tickets can be purchased at the Paramount box office, by phone at 606-324-0007, or online at [www.paramountartscenter.com](http://www.paramountartscenter.com). Tickets will be \$39, \$55, & \$65 plus fees.

Tickets Go On Sale Thursday, November 17th at 10 AM in the box office or online at [www.ParamountArtsCenter.com](http://www.ParamountArtsCenter.com)

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