

Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Ohio Stadium

LUKE COMBS CODY JINKS * ZACH BRYAN KAMERON MARLOWE * MORGAN WADE

October 29, 2021 (Columbus, Ohio) – Just announced, Luke Combs, whom The New York Times calls "the most promising and influential new country star of the last five years," will headline the return of Buckeye Country Superfest in 2022. Combs will be joined by 2021 Country Breakout Awards "Independent Artist of the Year" Cody Jinks, singer/songwriter Zach Bryan, Kameron Marlowe, and Morgan Wade.

New for 2022 – two-step in style with a VIP Superfest Package. A reserved seat on the floor is just the beginning. The Superfest Package includes access to the exclusive VIP Floor Lounge with private for-purchase bar, private air-conditioned restrooms, and live video feed of the stage. Get through the doors quicker with an expedited entrance lane to the stadium and be handed a custom merchandise pack designed exclusively for VIPs. The VIP Superfest Package can be purchased on its own or with a two night stay at The Blackwell Inn.

2022 will mark the fifth year Ohio Stadium opens its gates for Buckeye Country Superfest. An enthusiastic crowd of 55,402 country music fans sang along at the last Buckeye Country Superfest in 2019, setting the single day attendance record for the festival.

Headlining Buckeye Country Superfest for the first time, Luke Combs is a multi-platinum, award-winning artist from Asheville, NC. Adding to an already monumental career, Combs was recently honored as one of CMT's 2021 "Artists of the Year," is nominated for two awards at the 2021 American Music Awards: Favorite Male Country Artist and Favorite Country Song ("Forever After All") and is nominated in three categories at the 55th Annual CMA Awards: Entertainer of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year and Song of the Year ("Forever After All"). With the platinum-certified "Forever After All," Combs recently achieved his eleventh-consecutive #1 single—a first on the Billboard Country Airplay chart. The song, which also debuted at #2 on the all-genre Billboard Hot 100 chart this past November—the highest entrance ever for a male country solo artist—is the sixth-consecutive #1 from Combs' deluxe album, What You See Ain't Always What You Get, tying the record for most #1 singles to come from the same album. Continuing his triumphant run at radio, Combs' current single, "Cold As You," is currently top 5 at country radio and rising. Out now via River House Artists/Columbia Nashville, What You See Ain't Always What You Get debuted at #1 on the all-genre Billboard 200 chart as well as Billboard's Top Country Albums chart last fall and features all 18 tracks from Combs' double Platinum-certified, global #1 album, What You See Is What You Get, plus five new songs. A 5x ACM, 3x CMA and 3x Billboard Music Award-winner, Combs is known for his electric concerts, having performed sold-out shows across the world throughout his career. He's currently in the midst of an extensive headline arena tour featuring a special new in-the-round stage design with upcoming stops at New York's Madison Square Garden (two nights), Chicago's United Center (two nights), Dallas' American Airlines Center (two nights) and Boston's TD Garden (two nights) among several others.

For well over a decade, Cody Jinks has devoted himself to making music that's equal parts uncompromising and empathic, often giving voice to those who exist on the margins of modern life. Since first emerging as a solo artist in the mid-2000s, he has steadily advanced from playing nearly-empty bar rooms to independently building a following so dedicated, that he is now known as the biggest independent country artist on the planet. Buckeye Country Superfest will be Cody's first stadium performance of his career, and surely not his last.

Zach Bryan is a singer/songwriter from Oologah, Oklahoma, proud of his small-town roots and whose music is fueled by a desire to stay true to himself. The 25-year-old served 7 years in the Navy before being honorably discharged. His success is found in his raspy voice: a mix of classic folk melody and outlaw country with a raw edge that cuts to the bone. His breakthrough moment makes all that clear as day. In the video for "Heading South," shot by phone outside of his Navy barracks in humid 95 degree heat, Zach's passion echoes off the strings of his trusted Guild. Drenched in sweat and belting words that he had written minutes earlier, the moment is authentic, brutal, and real. Millions of fans have now seen that video without any sort of industry assist, and millions more have connected to the tender, sincere songs found on Zach's 2019 debut album "DeAnn." A man of simple words, Zach's ability to create depth in his work is rivaled by few artists. He believes that who you are only extends to the person you are today, an ideology reflected in everything he creates.

With over 165 million on-demand streams, believers at country radio and the support of over a dozen digital tastemakers — Spotify, Amazon Music and Pandora among them — Kameron Marlowe has exploded onto the country scene, emerging as the big-voiced authentic talent modern fans crave. But if you ask the humble everyman himself, he'll tell you straight up: He never saw it coming. "I didn't think I had what it took to be an artist," says the all-natural singer-songwriter, blessed as he is with a tender, dynamic vocal growl. "So, I took a different route at first." Lucky for everyone, all roads lead to destiny. Now signed to Columbia Nashville and standing on the verge of a bright future, the North Carolina native is right where he belongs — in the spotlight. It just took a few twists and turns to get here.

Morgan Wade has never sounded like anybody else, and for a long time, she thought that meant her songs were just for her. "Honestly, I think that was really good for me," she says. "It made me think, 'Alright, well, I'm not going to sing for anybody else — but I'm thinking for myself." Since then, Wade has figured out that when you grow up in Floyd, Virginia, where bluegrass sustains everyone like the Blue Ridge Mountain air but you hear other sounds like pop and punk in your own head, singing for yourself is the way to become the artist you were always meant to be. Now living in Damascus, Virginia, Wade remains connected to the roots that raised her. Today, with *Reckless* in tow, Wade is ready for her voice to be heard.

Tickets (starting at \$39.99 plus applicable service fees) and VIP packages for Buckeye Country Superfest will <u>GO ON SALE</u> <u>Friday, November 5 at 10AM</u> at ticketmaster.com OR the Schottenstein Center Ticket Office open Monday through Friday 9AM – 4PM.

Buckeye Country Superfest is produced by AEG Presents and Columbus Arena Sports & Entertainment.

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