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DARREN KOZELSKY

Texas native Darren makes the kind of traditional country sound he grew up listening to with his dad in the family's auto shop. Out of the radio and stereo came Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson and George Jones. "Every time I hear those voices it takes me back to those days," declares Darren, who performs 200 shows a year across North America and Europe. His new CD, *Arrivals & Departures*, showcases true country songs, including the remarkable "Seven Vern Gosdins Ago," which pays homage to the country genre. "The song references three of my favorite artists—Vern Gosdin, George Jones and Doug Stone," notes Darren, adding, "There wasn't a day growing up that I didn't listen to songs like this."

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"Seven Vern Gosdins Ago."

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CHRIS HANNERS

Signed to Nashville-based Little House Records, Georgia native Chris released his catchy single "It's My Lie (Let Me Live It)" in June. Written by noted tunesmith Mark Schlemmer and produced by Randy Jack Wiggins, the song got votes on *GAC's Headline Country's* "New Music Page" week after week from fans of Chris' traditional country sound. In addition to his musical family, Chris was inspired by Waylon Jennings, George Jones, Conway Twitty, Randy Travis and Johnny Cash. He made his debut performance at age 7 when he sang solo at his Baptist church in La Grange, Ga. As a teenager with The Sky Is the Limit trio, he performed at area dances, county fairs and benefits.

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"It's My Lie (Let Me Live It)." For more on Chris, check out myspace.com/chrishanners1.