

# STEELE MANAGEMENT

## KENNETH BRIAN

### BIO



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### *"The Past, Present, and Future of Outlaw Country Music"* - **The Gainesville Sun**

The Kenneth Brian Band has been working very hard, finishing up their new record, produced by the legendary, Johnny Sandlin. Sandlin's impressive body of work speaks for itself. He played in Hour Glass (with his pals Duane and Gregg Allman), he then became Vice-President and head of A&R at Capricorn Records and went on to engineer and produce some of the most influential records and artists of our time including: The Allman Bros., Bonnie Bramlett, Wet Willie, Delbert McClinton, Cher, Widespread Panic, Leroy Parnell, Marshall Tucker Band, Derek Trucks and The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band to name just a few. Johnny's experience in the classic/southern rock genre (he is one of the pioneers in the field) is a perfect match for Kenneth Brian's southern sensibilities, musically and otherwise.

In the fall of 2002 Kenneth Brian packed a suitcase and his guitar and moved to Nashville, Tennessee. With eight years of experience playing in an eclectic assortment of country, metal,

and punk bands behind him, Kenneth followed his dream up to Music City and hasn't looked back since, touring nonstop around the US and Europe. Kenneth's writing draws inspiration from his life growing up on the Gulf Coast of Florida, and his family's West Virginia hard working roots. His lyrics reveal his years spent on the road as a musician- moving forward and looking back on what he'd left behind. His music is straight ahead Roots Country with a contemporary sharpness, fueled by a backbeat of raw emotion.

Since moving to Nashville Kenneth has been bringing his talents back and fourth to clubs across the country, into the studios on Music Row writing for Sony/ATV publishing, and Starring as Hank Williams Sr. in Hank Williams: Lost Highway at the Zachary Scott Theatre in Austin, TX. His genuine authenticity and modern edge have attracted listeners from all over the world.

#### **Kenneth Brian Press Quotes:**

"Kenneth is really unbelievable as a guitar player, he's a real shit-kicking gunslinger with great chops and then he writes songs in that Guy Clark and Townes Van Zandt vein of songwriting. It's not only a hell of a rock 'n' roll sound, but the songs are there if you are listening." - **Huntington Herald Dispatch**

"Kenneth Brian pushes country rock music to new boundaries." - **Southern Oregon's Mail Tribune**

"His musical talent is no act" - **KUT Austin, TX**

"As much good country soul as a pine-wood pew in a Baptist church come revival time" - **The Times of Acadiana**

"Kenneth Brian is the past and future of country music and it's best present (if it has one)all rolled up into one sweaty ass-haulin' no sh\*t takin' ball. One of the best live performers workin' today. All hail the Honky Tonk Prince!" - **Rick Saunders, Omaha World-Herald**

" Kenneth Brian comes ripping through the speakers like a bat out of hell. The album is a blistering set of rocking swingers, that conjure the bars with sawdust still on the floor." - **Breath of Fresh Air Magazine**

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#### **About Steele Management**

Steele Management is celebrating its 23rd year in the entertainment industry. Originally formed as a boutique personal management company to represent the band Roxx Gang (Virgin Records) we now manage Charlie Louvin (Tompkins Square Records), Dex Romweber Duo (Bloodshot Records/Third Man Records), The Mojo Gurus (True North Records), Izzy Cox, Kenneth Brian and producer Mike P. We are also working with or have worked in some capacity with Th' Legendary Shack Shakers (Yep Roc), Steel Magnolia (Big Machine), The John Henrys (True North Records), Michael Logen (Combustion Music), Have Gun, Will Travel and The Missionary Position.