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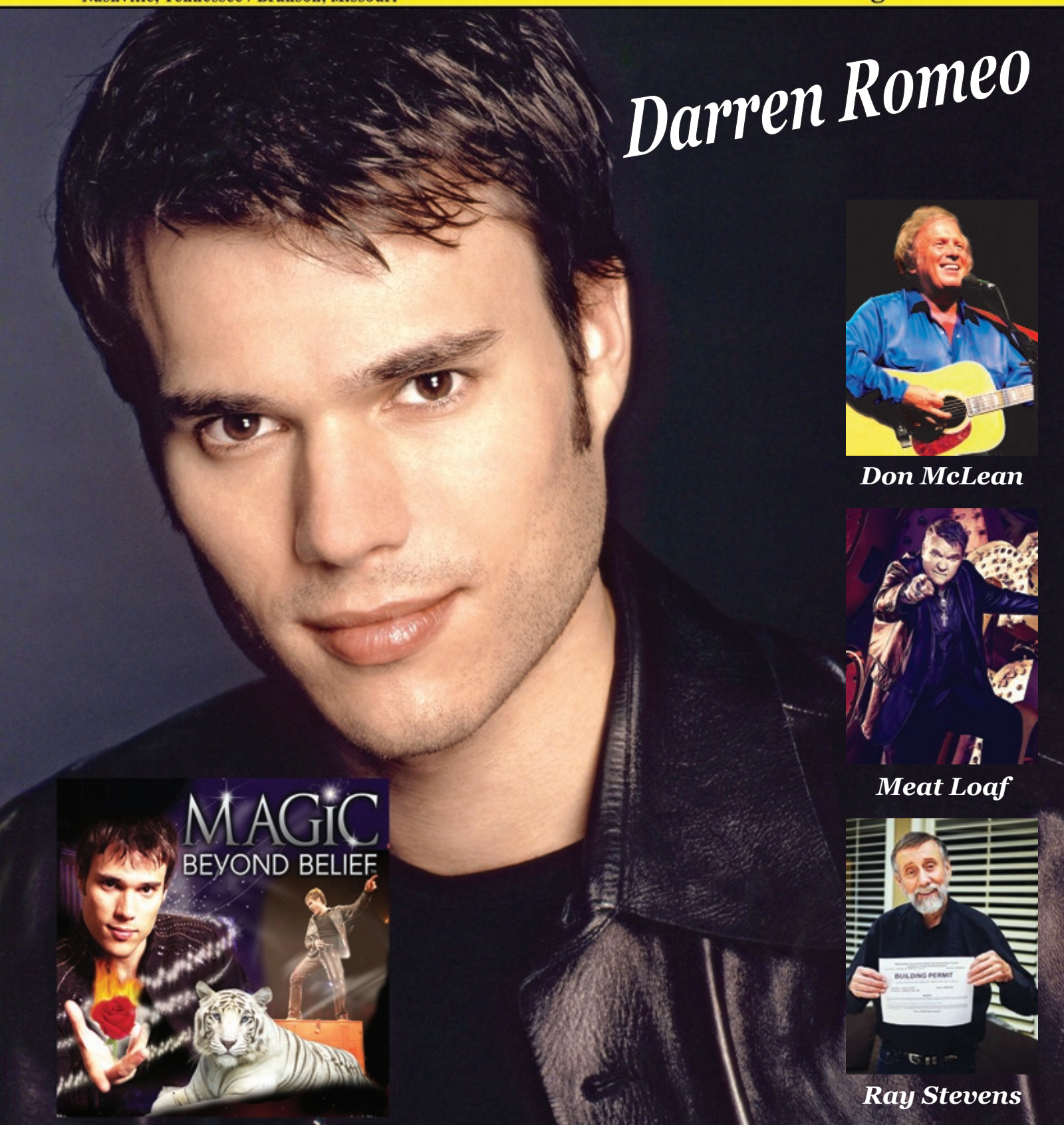
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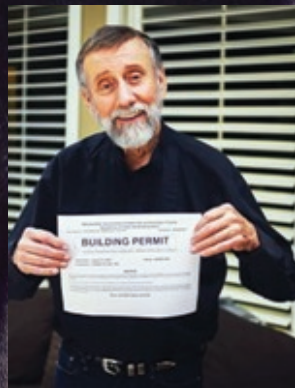
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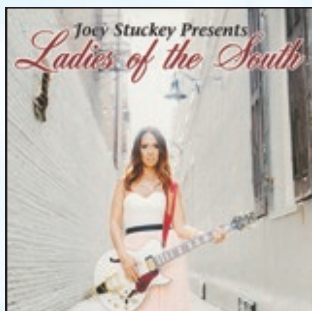
Kristin Scott Benson, best known as a member of The Grascals, has released her own album entitled, Stringworks. The album is half instrumental and half vocals and features her excellent banjo pickin'. She has brought in artists like Claire Lynch, Chris Jones and Grant Williams to add the vocals as well as adding her husband, Wayne Benson on mandolin. This project is an amazing mix of bluegrass and banjo.



Brenda Kaye Perry • I'm A Mama's Girl
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Stars

Brenda Kay Perry's latest release I'm A Mama's Girl is 14 tracks of solid country music. The ballad, "Would I See Me," is the most stirring song on the album, but the rousing song, "The Devil And Angel Agree" and the up-tempo "Honky Tonk Your Memory Away" are also attention-getters. Although the project is simply produced, it is an enjoyable listen.



Various Artists • Ladies of the South

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Stars

The Ladies Of The South CD is an eclectic collection of female artists produced by blind producer, Joey Stuckey. The Official Music Ambassador for his hometown of Macon, Georgia, Mr. Stuckey features on this project twelve artists he has produced over the last 6 years. Included are the Shadow Bandits, Kim Meeks, Vanessa Moses, Katherine Daniel, Louise Warren and more. There's something for everyone on this project.



Liberty • Liberty

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Stars

The gospel group, Liberty has released a 10-song self-titled CD. The first track, "A Divine Appointment" sets the tone that runs throughout the collection. With songs like "Stop Running From God," "Weep Tears Of Joy" and "What If," they have delivered God's message through music. While the production is limited, the message of faith and hope is very much alive on this project.

Don McLean • American Pie

Announces 'American Troubadour Tour'



Don McLean's 1971 masterpiece *American Pie* has become part of American culture. Now, after four and a half decades, music connoisseurs can hear his classic songs and indelible lyrics on their original vinyl format.

American Pie has been newly remastered from analog tape by Robert Vosgien and the lacquers cut by Ron McMaster, both at Capitol Studios in Hollywood.

Recorded at The Record Plant in the late spring of 1971, *American Pie* was released by United Artists in October of that year. It contained not only the iconic chart-topping title cut, but also the hit single "Vincent," a tribute to artist Vincent van Gogh. The second single from the album, it climbed to No. 12 on the Billboard Hot 100 and also topped the charts in the United Kingdom. The disc was included in the book *1001 Albums You Must Hear Before You Die*.

American Pie was McLean's second disc, following his 1970 debut *Tapestry*. The title cut from the album was a poetic look back to February 3, 1959 – the date of the tragic plane crash that took the life of Buddy Holly, J.P. Richardson (The Big Bopper), and Ritchie Valens. McLean's haunting lyrics helped to cement that occasion to be known as "The Day The Music Died."

A New York native, McLean went on to become one of the most-revered and respected singer-songwriters of his generation. Future hits following "American Pie" included "Dreidel," "Castles In The Air," and "Wonderful Baby." He also paid tribute to Roy Orbison's influence with a 1980 hit recording of "Crying."



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Darren Romeo

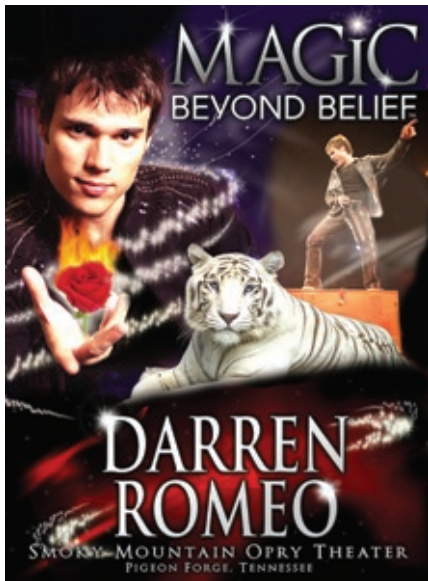
Magic Beyond Belief



Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg Tennessee, known for its beautiful Smoky Mountains, the land of Dolly Parton's Dollywood and many family friendly attractions has a new star in town. Darren Romeo is a magician, singer and actor, and is known across the country as 'the Voice of Magic'. Romeo's show "Darren Romeo - Magic Beyond Belief" features a renowned and uniquely entertaining fusion of illusions and musical performances. The Smoky Mountain Opry Theater is home to the critically acclaimed spectacle through the Fall.

No stranger to show business, Romeo has performed all over the world with his unique blend of music, vocal performance and magic. Originally from New York, and named after legendary crooner Bobby Darin, he took his Broadway infused magic to Las Vegas. His first show at the Flamingo garnered such reviews like, "the most unique and compelling show to hit the strip in many years!" from the Las Vegas Review journal.





At the Flamingo, Romeo's life changed when Las Vegas Icons Siegfried & Roy took him under their belt leading to them to producing Romeo in "Siegfried & Roy present Darren Romeo" at the world famous Mirage hotel on the superstar's very stage.

Now in 2016 for the rest of the summer and fall, Darren Romeo's huge musical magic show appears in the gorgeous Smoky Mountain Opry daily as "Darren Romeo - Magic Beyond Belief." Darren thanks his partners at Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment for bringing the show from New York and Las Vegas. Darren Romeo's Broadway and Las Vegas experience shines in a roller coaster of grand illusion, astounding vocals and often belly-laughing moments.

See for yourself why the New York Daily News calls Romeo "IRRESISTIBLE" and celebrities from Michael Jackson to Muhammad Ali have stood and cheered for Romeo in awe.

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Meat Loaf

Release of New Album • Braver Than We Are



"People won't believe us but we're more excited about this album than we were Bat 1 and I'm thrilled to be finally sharing it with the world," Meat Loaf stated.

In a career spanning over four decades, Braver Than We Are is Meat Loaf's fourth album featuring songs exclusively written by Jim Steinman. With a painting featuring Meat and Jim together for the first time gracing the cover, the album harkens back to the hugely successful Meat-Steinman collaborations Bat Out of Hell (1977) and Bat Out of Hell II: Back Into Hell (1993), which together sold over 67 million units. Braver Than We Are is a testament to Meat's artistic rapport with Steinman. The songwriter's strikingly vivid style matched with Meat's incomparable talents not to mention his wit and grandiosity, results



in the two successfully connecting with audiences on an epic scale. 429 Records will release Braver Than We Are digitally, on CD and vinyl.

About Meat Loaf:

Whether he's on tape, on screen or the performance stage, Meat Loaf's powerful presence is always felt in grand style. The Grammy Award-winning musical titan exploded onto the scene with the breakout album, "Bat Out of Hell" in 1977. It has remained one of the top-selling albums in the world. Celebrated as one of the most extraordinary performers of all-time, Meat Loaf has appeared on Broadway and appeared in numerous films and television shows ranging from The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Crazy in Alabama, Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny, and Fight Club to House, M.D., Masters of Horror, Hallmark's Citizen Jane, Monk, Celebrity Apprentice, and Glee. The iconic performer continues to take center stage before packed concerts crowds, get rave reviews and generate international headlines.

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Legendary Country and Comedy Music Legend

Ray Stevens



After months of waiting, legendary Country and Comedy music legend Ray Stevens has received his building permit to begin construction on his new Nashville entertainment venue, CabaRay.

"These things take time to move through the system," says Stevens. "We hit a snag or two while waiting for approval to start building but I'm pleased to say that we've been cleared to begin construction on CabaRay!"

The 27,000 square foot, multi-million dollar facility is being constructed in West Nashville at 5724 River Road. The live music venue will include a 700-seat showroom for live concerts. The showroom area will include a dining area, a full-

service kitchen, bar areas upstairs and downstairs, ticket and management offices, restrooms and a gift shop. Parking will be available for about 275 vehicles and several tour buses. Stevens expects to debut CabaRay in the summer of 2017.

About Ray Stevens:

Twelve-time nominated and two-time GRAMMY Award winner Ray Stevens has spanned the generations with nearly 60 years of comedic musical talent, including songs such as his multi-million selling hit "The Streak" and his classic pop standard "Everything Is Beautiful." Throughout his career, Stevens has sold more than 40 million albums.

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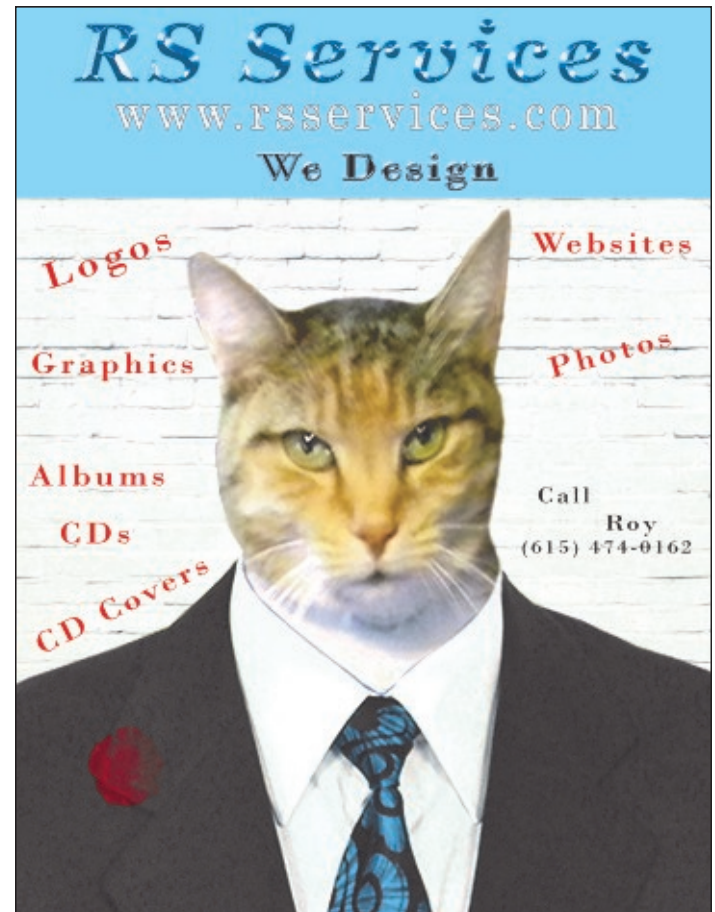
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