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The Kentucky Gentlemen celebrate Black Rodeo culture with the free-spirited country bop ‘Neon Cowboy’ EP

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October 27, 2023 – The Kentucky Gentlemen share “Neon Cowboy,” the pair’s first single since their 2022 debut EP The Kentucky Gentlemen: Vol. 1. Featuring the duo’s signature harmonies over a ‘90s country-meets-pop beat, “Neon Cowboy” is a free-spirited, honky tonk-ready country bop. The accompanying music video celebrates the long tradition of Black Rodeo Culture with clips from a recent Southeastern Rodeo Association event interspersed with shots of the duo in classic Nashville fringe and rhinestones.

The Kentucky Gentlemen on their new single: “‘Neon Cowboy’ is an anthem of liberation and embracing the carefree spirit within us. It captures the essence of breaking free from the constraints of everyday life and immersing ourselves in the joy of



Photo by Cait Mcnaney.

the present moment. Because everybody has a little Neon Cowboy in them and deserves to revel in the exhilarating feeling of being alive.”

On the accompanying music video: “We have immense respect for Black Rodeo culture

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and the invaluable contributions they have made to the world of rodeo. For this reason, we’ve chosen to tribute the Black Rodeo in the ‘Neon Cowboy’ music video. These organizations have provided a platform for black cowboys and cowgirls to showcase their exceptional skills and talents. These athletes have paved the way for future generations to pursue their passion for rodeo, regardless of their back-

ground or what the status quo is. We want their legacy to continue to inspire and empower individuals from all walks of life. We admire that because that is exactly what we’re intending to do with the music and art that we create.”

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In the last year, The Kentucky

Gentlemen have quickly established themselves as one of Nashville’s most exciting up-and-coming country acts. Recently named one of GLAAD’s “New Voices in Country Music” and a “2023 Artist To Watch” by Nashville Scene, they were also featured on Will Hoge’s latest single “Can I Be Country, Too?” and performed “Better Man” with Fancy Hagood on his Apple Music Exclusive EP. Selected as one of just five artists for WXPN’s Black Opry Residency, the pair appeared on the subsequent WXPN’s Artist To Watch podcast and performed on World Cafe. They were also chosen for the inaugural class of the OnRamp program launched by The Black Music Action Coalition and the Academy of Country Music, and this summer they were invited to perform the National Anthem at the Nashville Soccer Club.

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National Civil Rights Museum hosts ‘Live at the Lorraine’ music series in civil rights

Music series will highlight music’s role in Civil Rights Movement; Karen Brown, J. Buck, Stephanie Brown, Tonya Dyson in concerts

(MEMPHIS, TN – October 26, 2023) – The National Civil Rights Museum is hosting the “Live at the Lorraine” music series as part of its goal to highlight arts and culture and their contributions to the Civil Rights Movement past and present. Acknowledging music’s role in the heart of how the Movement mobilized and unified people, the Museum is presenting quarterly concerts as a celebration of the rich cultural heritage found in

Memphis. Featured artists are **Karen Brown** (November 4), **J. Buck** (February 3), **Stephanie Bolton** (June 1), and **Tonya Dyson** (August 3). Each ticketed concert features an evening of cultural and creative expression, which may include live painting, spoken word, or comedy, along with hors d’oeuvres and an open bar. Concert tickets are sold as a series bundle or individually.

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Colored Girls Productions & Memphis Film Commission present Terrence Howard’s ‘Showdown at the Grand’

October 31, 2023 --- Memphis, TN ---Colored Girls Productions -- in conjunction with The Memphis & Shelby County Film and Television Commission Foundation -- are holding a premiere Wednesday, November 8th, at MALCO's Powerhouse Cinema Grill & MXT in downtown Memphis.

Presented by Jim Walker & 901RollsRoyce, it is the world theatrical premiere of Terrence Howard's latest film, Showdown at the Grand.

The premiere is a fundraiser through the Film/TV Commission Foundation's 501c3 for its' separate Workshop/Apprenticeship Training Program funds. This industry professional development program has resulted in a multitude of diverse professional hires on such Memphis-based productions as NETFLIX'S Uncorked and NBC-UNIVERSAL's Young Rock.

The evening begins at 6:30 pm at The Powerhouse at a reception with Terrence Howard, followed

by his one-man show, "Tales & Tunes with Terrence."

Tickets are \$100 each. VIP tickets are \$150. There is a separate, earlier event for VIP Ticket holders and sponsors. For sponsorship information, contact Memphis & Shelby County Film Commissioner Linn Sitler at 901.527.8300 ext. 103/Linn@filmmemphis.org

For tickets go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-terrence-howard-tickets-740222283777?aff=oddtcreate&utm-source=cp&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discove&utm-term=listing>

The feature begins at 8:15 pm -- an action film in which Howard plays the owner of a small, historic theatre, The Grand. As George, the beleaguered theatre owner, Howard ferociously fights real estate developers who

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