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Stephen Wilson Jr. releases official video for “Gary” starring Gary Sinise; 2nd leg of Gary the Torch Tour announced to satisfy thirsty fans after first leg sells out

On March 15, 2026, the Indiana-born, Nashville-based rising star **Stephen Wilson Jr.** released the official video for his latest single “Gary,” directed by **Tim Cofield**, starring the award-winning actor **Gary Sinise** (*Forrest Gump*, *Apollo 13*). The video arrives on the anniversary of the passing of a teenager named Gary who helped inspire Wilson Jr. to write the song when he came across a roadside memorial in his name.

Alongside the video, Wilson Jr. has shared a taxonomic analysis of “Gary”:
“(Garis mechanicus)
Kingdom: Animalia - Phylum: Chordata...
- a dying breed, endangered species of fixer. dwelling naturally in a habitat of grease, oil & stereo static. drawn to the roar of 8 cylinders firing in perfect unison or the sound of restricted PVC stably flowing once again. a fixer by nature - born into a broken world. may he run once again.”

Gary Sinise adds, “I heard Stephen’s song and loved it. Two weeks later he reached out to me to be in the video. He’s got a great team, a great song and it was a blast to work with them all on the video. And you know...there ain’t a lotta boys named Gary these days”
In November, Wilson Jr. followed up his critically-acclaimed debut double album son of dad with the release of “Gary,” which he premiered with an electrifying performance on Jimmy Kimmel Live!. He closed out 2025 with a performance of the song at the end of his appearance on This Past Weekend with Theo Von, and in February performed it during his interview on The Howard Stern Show.
“Gary” was praised by Rolling Stone, American Songwriter, and Billboard who proclaimed it “reinforce[s] his reputation as a superb musical craftsman.” The song marks Wilson Jr.’s first single at County Radio and is currently at #40 on Billboard’s Country Airplay chart.
On March 6, Wilson Jr. kicked off his entirely sold out Gary The Torch Tour, which will make upcoming stops in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Denver, Chi-



Nashville-based Stephen Wilson, Jr. continues to rise with his latest single, “Gary” starring award-winning actor Gary Sinise and directed by Tim Cofield. (Photos by Acacia Evans)

cago and more. He also announced he will support Dave Matthews Band on September 4 at the Gorge Amphitheater and Brandi Carlile on September 11-13 at Red Rocks Amphitheatre. Monday, March 16, he announced the second leg of the Gary The Torch Tour.
Late last year, Wilson Jr. was nominated for his first-ever CMA Award for New Artist of the Year and made his performance debut on the broadcast with a moving rendition of “Stand By Me” and a duet with **Shaboozey** for their song “Took A Walk.” Additionally, Variety published an extensive feature with him ahead of CMA Awards week and the release of “Gary,” Fresh Air’s rock critic Ken Tucker reviewed *son of dad* on NPR, and SPIN highlighted Wilson Jr. in his first digital cover story, proclaiming, “He devises a gothic tableau of the Midwest, a fitting backdrop for his stories of loss, confusion, and perseverance. [son of dad is] one of the darkest country records of the 2020s, but also one of the wildest and one of the weirdest.”
2026 Tour Dates:
3/18: Boston, MA - Citizens House of Blues # SOLD OUT
3/21: Brooklyn, NY - Brooklyn Paramount # SOLD OUT
3/22: Port Chester, NY - The Capitol Theatre # SOLD OUT

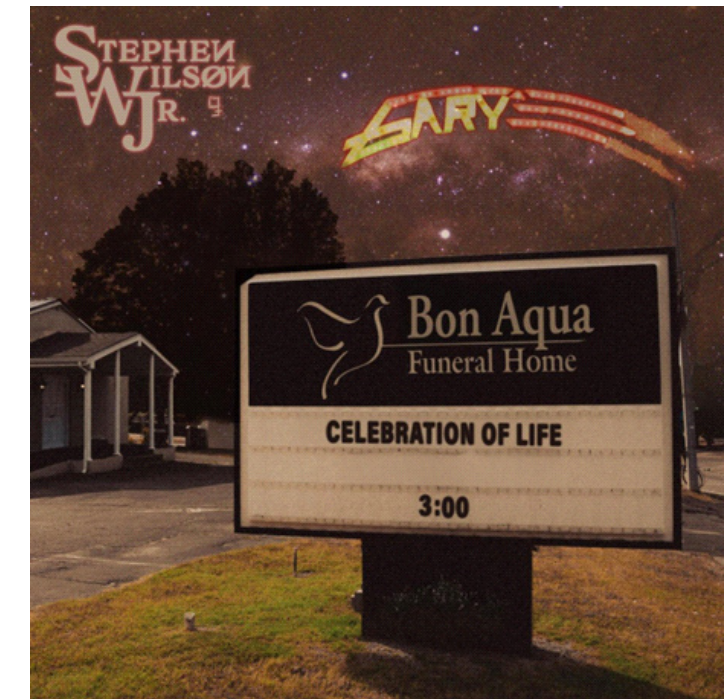
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3/25: Philadelphia, PA - The Fillmore # SOLD OUT
3/27: Silver Spring, MD - The Fillmore # SOLD OUT
3/28: Silver Spring, MD - The Fillmore # SOLD OUT
4/11: Bossier City, LA - The Paradise Theater at Margaritaville Bossier City # SOLD OUT
4/15: St. Louis, MO - The Pageant # SOLD OUT
4/17: Kansas City, MO – The Midland Theatre # SOLD OUT
4/18: Denver, CO – Mission Ballroom # SOLD OUT
4/22: Omaha, NE – Steelhouse Omaha # SOLD OUT
4/24: Madison, WI – The Sylvee # SOLD OUT
4/25: Chicago, IL – The Salt Shed # SOLD OUT
6/6: Lexington, KY – Railbird Music Festival *
6/30: Dublin, IE – Summer Series
7/9-12: Winnipeg, MB – Winni-

peg Folk Festival *
7/18: Whitefish, MT – Under the Big Sky Festival *
7/23: Check, VA – FloydFest *
9/4: George, WA – Gorge Amphitheater ^
9/11-13: Morrison, CO – Red Rocks Amphitheatre %
11/20-22: St. Petersburg, FL – St. Pete Country Fest *

* - Festival
- Gary The Torch tour
^ - supporting Dave Matthews Band
% - supporting Brandi Carlile
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ABOUT STEPHEN WILSON JR.

Stephen Wilson Jr.’s journey from the hollers of southern Indiana to Nashville, Tenn. has been a winding road that’s taken many detours: He’s been an Indiana State Golden Gloves boxing championship finalist, a scientist, and a lead guitarist and songwriter in an indie rock band. In 2016, he ditched his laboratory 9-to-5 and signed a publishing deal with BMG Nashville where his alchemic songcraft immediately made waves, leading to cuts from Caitlyn Smith, Old Dominion, Tim McGraw, Six-



pence None the Richer, Leigh Nash and more. 2023 proved to be Wilson Jr.’s breakthrough year, signing with Big Loud Records and releasing his debut double album son of dad: a triumphant, genre-spanning set of 22 songs dedicated to his late father and given to the world on the five-year anniversary of his passing. The album was named the No. 1 album of 2023 by Holler who called it “a record for the ages,” and earned a spot as one of the best albums of the year from Whiskey Riff, Wide Open Country and Rolling Stone. In 2024, he made his network television debut on NBC’s Late Night with Seth Meyers, followed by performances on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert’s #LateShowMeMusic series and Later...with Jools Holland. Ahead of the one-year anniversary of son of dad, Wilson Jr. was also profiled in an extensive feature for CBS Saturday Morning.
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collaborated with Shaboozey on "Took A Walk," which was featured in the critically-acclaimed film *The Long Walk* based on **Stephen King’s** novel. Last November, he earned his first CMA Award nomination for New Artist of the Year and played twice on the broadcast – a moving performance of his collaboration with Shaboozey and a star-mak-

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NFL Films’ “Super Bowl Champions: The 2025 Seattle Seahawks’ now on the Roku Channel, narrated by actor and Seahawks fan Jeffrey Dean Martin

• *Marks Roku’s Second Production in Joint Partnership with the NFL and BD4*
MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — March 12, 2026 — NFL Films’ Super Bowl Champions: The 2025 Seattle Seahawks premiered Wednesday, March 18 on The Roku Channel, providing the definitive, cinematic story of the team’s 2025 championship season.
Narrated by actor and Seahawks fan Jeffrey Dean Morgan, the 75-minute documentary produced by NFL Films – in association with BD4, Banijay Americas’ premium documentary label – looks back at the Seahawks’ 2025 season through game broadcast footage, including extended highlights of Seattle’s victory over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LX. The film also includes coverage from the championship parade and behind-the-scenes footage captured by the team.
Additionally, Super Bowl Cham-

pions: The 2025 Seattle Seahawks features the largest compilation of player and coach wired sound from throughout the season ever for an NFL Films championship documentary.
In addition to the U.S., Super Bowl Champion: The 2025 Seattle Seahawks will also be available in Canada. Banijay Rights will oversee international distribution of the documentary.
The documentary is overseen by Sean Boyle on behalf of Roku Originals. Executive producers for NFL Films are Ross Ketover, Keith Cossrow, Ken Rodgers and Jessica Boddy, and Emmy award-winning producer Dan Silver for BD4. The film is directed by James Weiner from NFL Films.
About NFL Films
NFL Films is widely recognized as the most honored filmmaker in sports, and continues to produce innovative franchises and doc-

umentaries across multiple networks and platforms, including Quarterback, Receiver and WWE Unreal on Netflix, Hard Knocks on HBO/Max, nine 30 for 30 films on ESPN, Peyton’s Places on ESPN+ and recent premium programming on Amazon Prime Video, Peacock, Paramount+, MGM+, FOX, NBC, CBS, NFL Network, NFL+ and The Roku Channel. With 141

Sports Emmy Awards to its credit, NFL Films remains a gold standard in premium sports content, providing an elevated and connected viewer experience with privileged access to the athlete story.
About The Roku Channel
Launched in 2017, The Roku Channel is the home of free ad-supported streaming television on Roku, and features a diverse

lineup of more than 80,000 on-demand movies and programs, more than 500 live linear television channels, and premium subscription offerings in the U.S. It licenses and distributes content from more than 250 partners and features a growing library of Roku Originals. It is the No. 2 app on the Roku platform in the U.S. by streaming hours.
About BD4

BD4 is the premium documentary label within Banijay Americas, dedicated to culturally resonant, audience-centered storytelling that bridges art, innovation and global impact. Under the leadership of Dan Silver, BD4 develops and produces original documentaries that redefine contemporary nonfiction, blending cinematic craft with cultural relevance.

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Bettye's Bin: The Personal Archives of Stax Songwriter Bettye Crutcher

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