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Mac McAnally featured in Country Music Hall of Fame and the museum’s new exhibit “Muscle Shoals: Low Rhythm Rising”

NASHVILLE, Tenn., December 2, 2025 – One of music’s most well respected singers, songwriters, and musicians, Mac McAnally is featured in the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum’s newest exhibit, “Muscle Shoals: Low Rhythm Rising,” open now through March 2028. Dedicated to the songs and musicians who came out of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, the exhibit honors the legendary recording studios that became havens for aspiring artists and songwriters. McAnally became a studio musician in Muscle Shoals during his teenage years, hailing from nearby Mississippi. He notably played a 1967 Martin D-18 Acoustic Guitar, which is featured in the exhibit. He also participated in a filmed interview with museum curators, which is played on video screens and interactive elements throughout the exhibit, along with his songs.

The exhibit is open now and houses 5000+ square feet of artifacts from fellow Muscle Shoals artists including Aretha Franklin, Duane Allman, Pops Staples, and many more. For more information on the museum’s “Muscle Shoals: Low Rhythm Rising” exhibit, visit countrymusichalloffame.org.

"One of the great blessings of my life is the fact that the professional part of my musical career began (and continues) in Muscle Shoals. The legendary magic of the music coming from there doesn't need or require any more validation from me, but I owe so much to the place and its amazing cast of characters that I'm gonna preach its praises as long as I'm breathing," says



Famed musician, songwriter, and singer Mac McAnally gets his due when he is featured in the Country Music Hall of Fame and in the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum’s new exhibit “Muscle Shoals: Low Rhythm Rising” which is open now through March 2028. (Photos/Courtesy of Country Music Hall of Fame)

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by Country Music Hall of Fame inductees Toby Keith, Dolly Parton, Keith Whitley and George Strait. Despite the numerous accolades and collaborations with music royalty, McAnally remains grounded in his love for the art itself.

For the soft-spoken creative force, music is not a career, but a calling—a testament to the joy of melody and the power of storytelling. With each note he plays and every lyric he writes, McAnally continues to inspire and uplift people around the world, leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of American music. For additional information, visit MacMcAnally.com.

liams Jr., and George Strait, just to name a few.

About Mac McAnally

Mac McAnally's journey is one of divine providence and musical mastery. With an astonishing 10 Country Music Association Musician of the Year awards and a place in the Nashville Songwriters Hall, the Mississippi Musicians Hall and the Alabama Music Hall of Fames, McAnally's contributions to the world

of music are nearly unparalleled. Born into a family of Gospel musicians in a dry county, McAnally's early years were steeped in the rich traditions of Southern music, sacred and secular. Those humble beginnings paved the way for a career marked by extraordinary talent, deep humility and unwavering dedication. As a songwriter, McAnally has penned chart-topping hits for Alabama, Kenny Chesney and Jimmy Buffett, while his musical abilities have enriched albums

Eight Tigers earn American Conference Honors for 2025

MEMPHIS, Tenn., December 2, 2025 – The University of Memphis football team placed eight athletes on the American Conference’s Football Honors for 2025, it was announced Tuesday.

Cortez Braham Jr., Sam Brumfield, Travis Burke, Sutton Smith (RS) and William Whitlow Jr. were all named First Team All-Conference while **Omarion Cooper** was named to the Second Team. **Gianni Spetic, Pooda Walker** and Smith (RB) all garnered Third Team honors.

Braham Jr., a redshirt senior out of Baltimore, Md., had a breakout year with the Tigers, leading the team with 63 receptions and 889 yards. The wideout recorded eight touchdowns – all coming from former Nevada quarterback Brendon Lewis.

Braham Jr. recorded a season-best 127 yards against Florida

Atlantic while scoring two touchdowns against then 18th-ranked South Florida. He finished the regular season ranked second in the conference in 21st in the country with his eight receiving touchdowns and in the top 30 in Division I with his 889 receiving yards.

Brumfield, a redshirt senior from Pearl, Miss., was the driving force of the Tiger defense this season, totaling a team-best 106 tackles with 13.0 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks. The middle linebacker played and started in all 12 games for Memphis this season while finishing the last five regular season games with 11+

tackles in each game.

Brumfield had a career-game against Navy with 17 tackles – nine of them being solo.

Burke, a redshirt player from Hollywood, Fla., played and started in 11 games for Memphis this season while helping the Tiger offense to rank in the top 60 in passing offense, sixth in red zone offense, 19th in scoring offense and first downs, and 38th in rushing offense.

The 34 rushing touchdowns Memphis recorded this season ranks tied for fifth in the country while the team’s 2,231 rushing yards ranks in the top 40 in DI.

Smith, a redshirt junior out of Powder Springs, Ga., had a monster comeback season with a team-best 688 rushing yards and seven scores. The dual threat runner also totaled a combined 280 yards in kick and punt re-

turns this season while recording a 99-yard kickoff touchdown against UAB.

A threat on the ground and through the air, Smith also totaled 109 reception yards while recording 669 all-purpose yards.

Whitlow Jr., a redshirt senior out of Millbrook, Ala., was the only defensive returner for Memphis this season. The captain and 12-game starter recorded 31 tackles with 6.5 tackles for loss. The defensive end also added in 2.5 sacks and had a blocked field goal attempt in the team’s season-opening game against Chattanooga.

Whitlow Jr. had a season-best seven tackles at Georgia State. This is the second First Team All-Conference honor for Whitlow Jr.

Cooper, redshirt senior from Lehigh Acres, Fla., helped keep the

backfield for Memphis clear with 36 tackles, six pass breakups and a 23-yard interception against Rice. The defensive back also forced a fumble against East Carolina.

Cooper helped to anchor a backfield that ranked 28th in the country in interceptions (12), 32nd in red zone defense (0.794) and 47th in scoring defense (22.5).

Spetic, a placekicker from Chadron, Ohio, was nearly perfect for the Tigers this season hitting 15-of-19 field goal attempts while going a perfect 4-for-4 from 50+ yards out. The junior recorded three of his four 50+ yard field goals during conference play, including back-to-back makes of 52 and 50 against Florida Atlantic and Tulsa, respectively.

Spetic also hit all 48 points after

attempt while ranking in the top 20 in the conference in points responsible for and total points scored (93) and eighth in scoring per game (7.8).

Walker, a defensive lineman from Pensacola, Fla., played and started in all 12 games for the Tigers this season while recording 28 tackles and 3.5 tackles for loss. The redshirt junior totaled three quarterback hurries and a fumble recovery at East Carolina.

A hassle for offensive lines, Walker tallied a season-best seven tackles at Rice while recording half a sack for five yards against the Owls.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Football, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Tennessee Titans travel to Cleveland to face Browns at Huntington Bank Field

Tennessee Titans (1-11) vs. Cleveland Browns (3-9)
Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025 • 12 p.m. CST • Huntington Bank Field • Cleveland, Ohio • TV: FOX/WZTV-17

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans (1-11) travel to Cleveland this week to face the Browns (3-9) in their first road game since October. Kickoff at Huntington Bank Field (capacity 67,827) is scheduled for 1 p.m. EST/12 p.m. CST on Sunday, Dec. 7. This week's matchup marks the 70th all-time meeting, including playoffs, between the former

AFC Central division rivals. The Browns hold a 37-32 lead in the series, including a 27-3 Browns victory in the most recent clash at Cleveland on Sept. 24, 2023.

THE BROADCAST

The contest will be regionally televised on FOX, including Nashville affiliate WZTV FOX 17. The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Chris Myers, analyst Mark Schlereth and reporter Jen Hale.

Fans in Nashville can stream live Titans games on mobile devices with NFL+, which offers access

to local games and all primetime games on phones and tablets. Out of market, fans can watch every Sunday afternoon game with Sunday Ticket. More information on ways to watch NFL games can be found at nfl.com/ways-to-watch.

The Titans Radio Network and Nashville flagship 104.5 The Zone carry all Titans games across the Mid-South with play-by-play announcer Taylor Zarzour, analyst Dave McGinnis, executive producer Rhett Bryan, gameday host Lucas Panzica, and sideline reporters Amie Wells and Will Boling.



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