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He is a national charting artist having two singles from his latest album “Happy Ever After” reach the top 10. His newest single, “Fairytale Come True” was the number one most added song two weeks in a row in its release to radio and stayed in the top 10 for five weeks, topping out at #5 on the National FMQB Adult Contemporary chart. The title track from the album, “Happy Ever After” also debuted as the number one most added song in its initial week to radio and rose to #10 during its time on the chart. Both singles were included in the United Kingdom’s “Brit Rock Show,” syndicated to 81 UK radio stations as well as five other syndicated shows across the UK and Europe. Their associated music videos have attracted attention from all over the music video programming spectrum, including video on-demand, multi-market, retail pool/content providers and internet programmers, being shown in prominent retailers, nightclubs and restaurants in the US and Canada.

Al Kniola of 88.1 WVPE Public Radio, Elkhart, IN said of his latest album: “John Tracy’s new CD is an excellent album in all respects – songs, recording quality, production, vocals, talent – you name it.”

It is clear that John Tracy is an artist who serves as an inspiration for all walks of life, offering a perspective in his songwriting that is different than most and much more relatable to a wider audience. He has studied the craft of songwriting with some of the industry’s best including Don Henry, Ellis Paul and Steve Seskin. Laying his soul bare and openly sharing his experiences, he has earned the reputation as a lyricist who cuts right to the heart of the matter, impacting us with each word and note.

“John Tracy’s genius in delivering lyrical melodies of all things that we experience as humans may only be surpassed by his mastery of the guitar. John will tell you he loves writing songs, but his music tells you that he loves the human connection.” – Jeff Curtis, Executive Director, The Orange VA Downtown Alliance

His dedicated effort to giving each song something sonically unique makes listening to his body of work a delight to the ears. With a vocal delivery smooth and warm, John’s voice has a timbre that calms the spirit and allows the heart to hear the depth of his lyrics. Having shared his music on an international level at events across the US and Europe, he is a seasoned performer. His shows leave you inspired, like time spent with an old friend.

Jon Stein of WTBQ – Hootenanny Café, Goshen, NY said: “There are songs and CDs that capture my attention and there are CDs that capture my attention and captivate my heart and soul. John Tracy’s CDs and songs do just that. From the moment I started listening, I was hooked. I am still captivated. John Tracy knows how to write songs and melodies that draw the listener in.”

“John is an exceptional artist. His original pieces are hallmarked by lyrics that move the audience. The complexity of his compositions and his skill in playing them create a sound that is marvelous to hear. As a singer, he projects a warmth and energy that is infectious.” – Clair F. Myers, Ph.D., Exec. Dir., Wayne Theatre Alliance

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BIO SUMMARY:

John Tracy has a reputation for crafting lyrics that cut right to the heart of the matter, making his music relevant to all of us on this human journey. Inspired by his folk, blues and acoustic rock influences, his songs fortify the human connection – truly real music for real life. Says Jeff Curtis, Executive Director of The Orange Downtown Alliance: “John’s genius of delivering lyrical melodies of all things that we experience as humans may only be surpassed by his mastery of the guitar. He will tell you that he loves writing songs but his music tells you that he loves the human connection.”

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Stylistically, John Tracy’s original music draws on his influences from folk, blues and acoustic rock, adding modern elements and mixing in themes that make his music relevant to all of us on this human journey. Unlike many solo performers, his acoustic guitar mastery in using intricate chord structures in his finger-picked melodies produces a full sound. That coupled with the real life themes in the lyrics of his songs fully engages an audience. John’s unassuming nature makes his delivery captivating. He is the consummate entertainer, leaving a lasting impression on his listeners. His music is all-ages friendly.

Past Performances

Some of the events John has performed include:

A Taste of Freedom Wine Festival, Montpelier, VA
An Occasion for the Arts Festival, Williamsburg, VA
Ashland Coffee & Tea, Ashland, VA
Edible Festival, Orange, VA
Edsbro Music Artist Series, Edsbro, Sweden
Fredericksburg Songwriters’ Showcase, Fredericksburg, VA
Hill Chapel House Concerts, New Market, MD
Monticello Wine Trail Festival, Charlottesville, VA
Rassawek Spring Jubilee, Goochland, VA
Sounds of Summer, City of Charlottesville, VA
Stillwater Studios Supper & Songs, Marshall, VA
The Tin Pan, Richmond, VA
Wayne Theatre Alliance, Waynesboro, VA
Wine & Garlic Festival, Rebec Vineyard, Amherst, VA

View John’s schedule on his website at www.johntracymusic.com for a list of current bookings.

MUSIC

John has released five albums to date. For samples of his music, visit his website at www.johntracymusic.com. His music can also be found at www.soundcloud.com/johntracymusic.

VIDEO

View both performance video and John’s music videos on his website at www.johntracymusic.com. Videos are also available on YouTube at www.youtube.com/johntracymusic.

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ENDORSEMENTS:

“John Tracy is professional and personable. He communicated clearly and with grace before, during and after the show. The audience was captivated by both the music and stories. Of course we’d like to have him back as a performer and we also look forward to the next time we meet as friends. Indeed, he provides real music for people living real lives and that’s not just a slogan. What a treat!”

Mary Shapiro, Stillwaters Studios Supper & Songs Producer

Jeff Wolf – Stillwaters Studios Owner and Sound Engineer

“John Tracy came to my attention last year. After doing some research, I engaged him to be part of the opening night of the River City Radio Hour’s seven season in August, 2013. The audience’s response to his performance was excellent, so much so that I arranged for him for a return for the Radio Hour Christmas Special and to arrange an evening of his own in April 2014. I count myself as fortunate to have been able to make these arrangements.

John is an exceptional musician. His original pieces are hallmarked by lyrics that move the audience. The complexity of his compositions and his skill in playing them create a sound that is marvelous to hear. As a singer, he projects a warmth and energy on stage that is infectious. When all of this is combined in one performer, you have an exceptional musical event. John is also an ideal guest. He is professional in every sense of the word. He knows his business and what he wants, but he is easy to work with and able to adapt to the situation. His load-ins and sound checks are efficient. He is gracious to the staff and with audience members.

Obviously, I have found John Tracy to be a talent we would want to engage again and again.”

Clair F. Myers, Ph.D., Executive Director, Wayne Theatre Alliance

“John’s songs are beautiful, filled with comforting and introspective lyrics along with wisdom and a strong heart-felt voice. He carries the quality and consistency of all of the greats throughout his compositions, making his wonderful tunes really shine with feeling and polished guitar craftsmanship.”

Mark Micklich, Songsalive!

“John Tracy delivered his handcrafted songs at our recent food festival where his audience experienced a truly talented local musician. His genuine personality was repeatedly reflected in the depth and sincerity of his songs. His genius of delivering lyrical melodies of all things that we experience as humans may only have been surpassed by his mastery of the guitar. John brings a unique and insightful repertoire to the stage that you’d expect to find in much larger venues. It is always a privilege to work with this gentleman who immediately embraces you with his honest admission of affection and truth best experienced through his singing. His smile is as reflective of his sincerity toward others as is his almost confessional delivery of his musical craftsmanship. John will tell you that he loves writing songs but his music tells you that he loves the human connection. One of our best local treasures.”

Jeff Curtis, Executive Director, The Orange Downtown Alliance

“John Tracy Wilson offers audiences a glimpse of life through his inspiring songs and award-winning book that refreshes the soul. Teens and adults relate to his insights on relationships, love, family and living with a legacy in mind. His passion for people and relevant messages will invigorate you and encourage you to examine your own personal journey. John’s musical prowess on acoustic guitar, songwriting talent, vocal strength, and heart for his family, combine for an entertaining and memorable experience – whether in a house-concert setting or stadium venue. My life has been forever enriched by John!”

Michele H., Director of Partnerships, Champion of Choices, Inc.

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