

Helen Marketti's Music Corner



Christian Kaser

Local area musician Christian Kaser has been branching out further to hone his craft of songwriting. In addition to performing shows with his band, he is also taking time to work at his studio in Nashville.

Christian has always had a keen interest in music. "When I was growing up I enjoyed listening to Johnny Cash, Carole King and Neil Young. I was listening to my parents' music," he said. "I have always enjoyed playing acoustic shows with two or three people but when I started playing with a band with five or six members then it became more fun."

His style of music is country focused. "I think these days that country music is the new rock and the new pop. It all merges together."

Christian has had his own studio in Nashville for nearly three years, which is located on Music Row. "It's a songwriting studio. It has been a place for up and coming songwriters in Nashville to congregate. We can get together and cowrite material," he explains. "We have had some success come out of the studio. We had a song that ended up on Kane Brown's last album called Pull It Off."

He continues, "My writing partner, Taylor Phillips was a cowriter for the song, Hurricane which is sung by Luke Combs. The song went to number one about two weeks ago. It takes a lot of work when writing songs and figuring out who is going to do the tracks,



melodies and so forth. The best songs have been written on the fly."

Christian has been enjoying success of his own, as he has been the opening act for country artists Jacob Bryant and Sam Hunt. "I had an opportunity to tour with Love and Theft. They had a huge hit, Whiskey On My Breath. They had toured with Taylor Swift. When I was touring with them, I learned more about life on the road, which can be brutal. Sometimes you can finish at a venue around 1:00 AM and then you need to be at the airport by 4:45 AM," he explains. "There is an upside too as we were able to spend four days in St. Thomas."

Songwriting is Christian's main intent these days. "I am writing songs but not working on any specific project for myself. It's a dog eat dog world. People are not being signed that often by a record label and if you are signed, you are signing your life away. Unless you have at least one million followers or more on social media, no one really cares. For every 100 songs you write, you might have one decent nugget in the bunch. It's like mining for gold."

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