

JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY

John Michael Montgomery has one of country music's most storied careers. With a unique ability to relate to fans, a fun-loving personality and a powerful voice, it is no wonder that Montgomery was able to rocket from modest beginnings to one of the greatest honky-tonk cowboys of the 1990s and modern-day. Montgomery's career is impressive garnering 36 hit singles, two *Billboard* "Country Singles Of The Year" and 15 No. 1 hits.

Born in the small town of Danville, Kentucky, to parents who imparted a lifelong love of music, Montgomery played with the family band on weekends throughout the area, and he and his brother Eddie, (of award-winning duo Montgomery Gentry), eagerly soaked up everything about it. When Montgomery

grew up he made a living playing the honky-tonk circuit of Central Kentucky, and in 1992 his debut single "Life's A Dance" went Double Platinum and turned him into an international star. Montgomery's

success comes from his knack for picking hits. Nicknamed the "romantic balladeer," Montgomery found a stride in love songs that defined a generation with hits like "I Swear," "I Love the Way You Love Me," "Be My Baby Tonight" and "I Can Love You Like That." Songs like "Rope The Moon," "If You've Got Love," "No Man's Land," "Cowboy Love," "As Long As I Live," "Friends" and "How Was I To Know" established him as one of the elite acts of the era.

In the early 90s Montgomery won the CMA Horizon Award and was named the ACM Top New Vocalist, setting off a long series of awards that included CMA Single Of The Year, CMA Song Of The Year, AMA Favorite Country New Artist, *Billboard's* Top Country Artist Award, and three GRAMMY® Award nominations, one of which was for the iconic cross-over hit single, "I Swear" (1995). "I Swear" was recorded by pop/ R&B group All For One after John Michael catapulted it to a No. 1 country hit.

Behind the string of hit records and the room-full of awards that have defined his phenomenal success, lies a connection that goes beyond his undeniable talent. He has always had an extraordinarily close relationship with his fans who have backed him through thick and thin, and for that, he is forever grateful.



15

NO. 1 HITS

36

**TOP-CHARTING
hit singles**

2

**Billboard
"COUNTRY SINGLES
OF THE YEAR"**

19

**MILLION
albums sold!**

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