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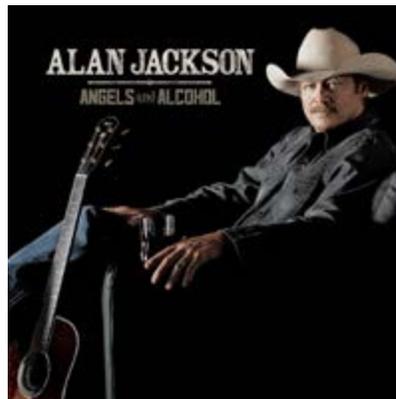


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LOVIN' *Angels And Alcohol*



Great reviews for Alan's NEW album

Angels And Alcohol debuted at top spot on the **Billboard Country albums charts** and continued to be in the Top 10 since its released.

Alan has earned massive critical praise for the album that the **Miami Herald** says is a "warm return to form" and "his best in years." **The Tennessean** calls *Angels And Alcohol*, his first studio album of new music in three years "quintessential Alan Jackson, and stone cold country."

NPR calls Jackson "a country-music colossus" and says of *Angels And Alcohol*, "Jackson has now made a record sure to attract accolades like 'pure' and 'classic.'" **Washington Times** says it is "elegant in its simplicity" and that it "is an audio feast that reminds you why you keep coming back for more." **AllMusic.com** says Jackson "long ago established that he belongs in the pantheon of great country singers" and summarizes *Angels And Alcohol* by saying "it's a pleasure to hear a master enjoying his work."

Newsday, giving the album an "A", says "Jackson makes a difficult tightrope walk seem effortless..." Adding, "Jackson sings like a man who knows what he's doing."

Associated Press claims that with *Angels And Alcohol* Jackson "evolves into standard-bearer status...with the steady artistry of his heroes Merle Haggard and George Strait - that is, he continues to create work that suggests he's just as in touch with his muse today as anytime in the past."

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel says there is "comfort in the ongoing consistency of the tradition-leaning sound and life-exploring and -affirming storytelling that has marked every one of Jackson's releases over the past 25 years" and "it is in Jackson's strong yet tender voice that makes a country music fan feel right at home."

Taste of Country picked *Angels And Alcohol* as a Critics Pick saying "Slow and steady, Jackson continues to do what he does, never rushing, never waiting for the format to catch up. From time to time his style sounds perfect against faster trends."

CMT.com declares, "Let's just go ahead and call Alan Jackson what he is: the master of capturing all things about real life in a country song."

New York Times called the album "elegant" saying, it does show Mr. Jackson easing into Willie Nelson or Merle Haggard territory—an elder with mistakes to set right, access to a pulpit and nothing left to prove

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AND THE WINNER IS...

Every quarter we pick 10 fan club members for an autographed prize from Alan! If your name is listed to below, you'll need to **email us** with your name and address to claim your prize.



Kelley Pelzer
Susan Alisio
Deborah English
Rob Hebert
Darla Marsden
Andrea Richard
Janis Phifer
Rachel Holbrook
Elizabeth Petty
Christopher Belanger

This quarter's prize is a personally autographed Commemorative 25th Anniversary *Here In the Real World* Poster

TWITTER CHATTER

Everybody's talking about *Angels And Alcohol*!
Follow Alan on [twitter@officialjackson](https://twitter.com/officialjackson)

Jordan @jmrcheer

I got Jim, and Jack, and Hank. @OfficialJackson #happynight #pureheaven

Kylie @purplewillow1

Alan Jackson's Album Angels and Alcohol ð loving the song ð when god paints @OfficialJackson

Christian @CAWargo

Does anyone else have an artist that makes you think of your childhood? Mine is @OfficialJackson #youcanalwayscomehome

jamie ulrich @julrich785

@OfficialJackson My 9 year old daughter can't stop singing."Jim and Jack and Hank"thanks for the great album. # keepingitcountry

Adam Knox @adamktweetalk

Finally got my new copy of the new CD by my favorite singer @OfficialJackson "Angels & Alcohol" tonight.

Chris Wilkerson @wilkie2525

Angels and Alcohol by @OfficialJackson should be the album of the year at every awards show this coming year. #KeepinItCountry

philip treloggan @philiptreloggan

@OfficialJackson you can't chase lonely with a bottle of wine

Chris Pudsey @chrispudsey

Thank you @OfficialJackson for putting out an actual #country album. Its great to hear actual country again 4 a change. #angelsandalcohol

THE INSIDE SCOOP

Hey y'all!

How much are you loving *Angels And Alcohol*! I'm still trying to figure out my favorite song. I guess right now it would be "Jim and Jack and Hank" as it Alan's current single. Make sure you get in touch with your favorite local station and remind them you want to hear it on the station! Email 'em, Tweet 'em, Facebook 'em, Call 'em - they'll get the hint on what we want to hear! Hope you've checked out the "**Jim and Jack and Hank**" [lyric video](#).

To make sure we have your up-to-date information, log into your Fan Club account then click on MY ACCOUNT. That's where you'll see the information we have on file for you (*that we keep private and don't share with anybody!*) Also, make sure we have your birth date, as we send you a little special message on that day.

We've been working on some exciting things in the office. I wish I could tell you, but we're not quite ready to share the news yet. I know all of you will be just as excited as I am when you hear the news! Stay tuned to the website for upcoming announcements.

Hope to hear from y'all soon!

Cindy





Alan Jackson Had a Pet Squirrel Monkey, Used to Drive Forklift at Kmart: 25 Things You Don't Know About Me

by *Us Weekly* Staff



Country music superstar Alan Jackson, 56, whose new album, *Angels and Alcohol*, is out now, shares 25 surprising facts about himself with *Us Weekly*.

- 1 I once sang "Respect" with Aretha Franklin and Whitney Houston.
- 2 I've performed for the past four U.S. presidents.
- 3 My first performance was in a second grade assembly program.
- 4 I played Barnaby in my high school's production of *Sing Out, Sweet Land*.
- 5 Growing up, I had a pet squirrel monkey.
- 6 I love classic reruns on *TV Land*.
- 7 I drove a forklift at the Kmart warehouse in Newnan, Ga., before moving to Nashville.
- 8 I started wearing a hat to cover up a scar on my forehead.
- 9 Our 4-pound Yorkie, Coco, sleeps at the foot of our bed in a pink dog bed.
- 10 I hate kale and brussels sprouts, but love turnip greens.

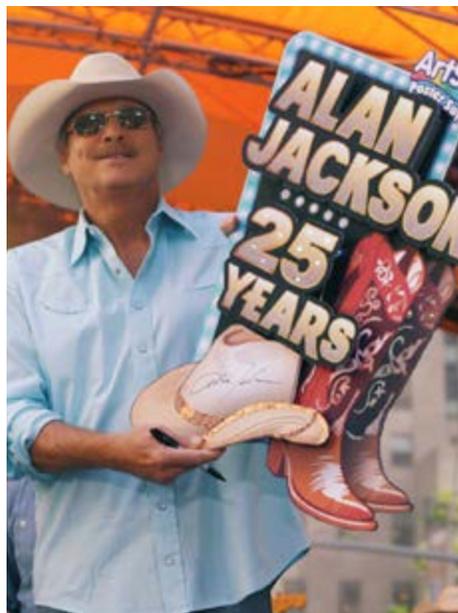
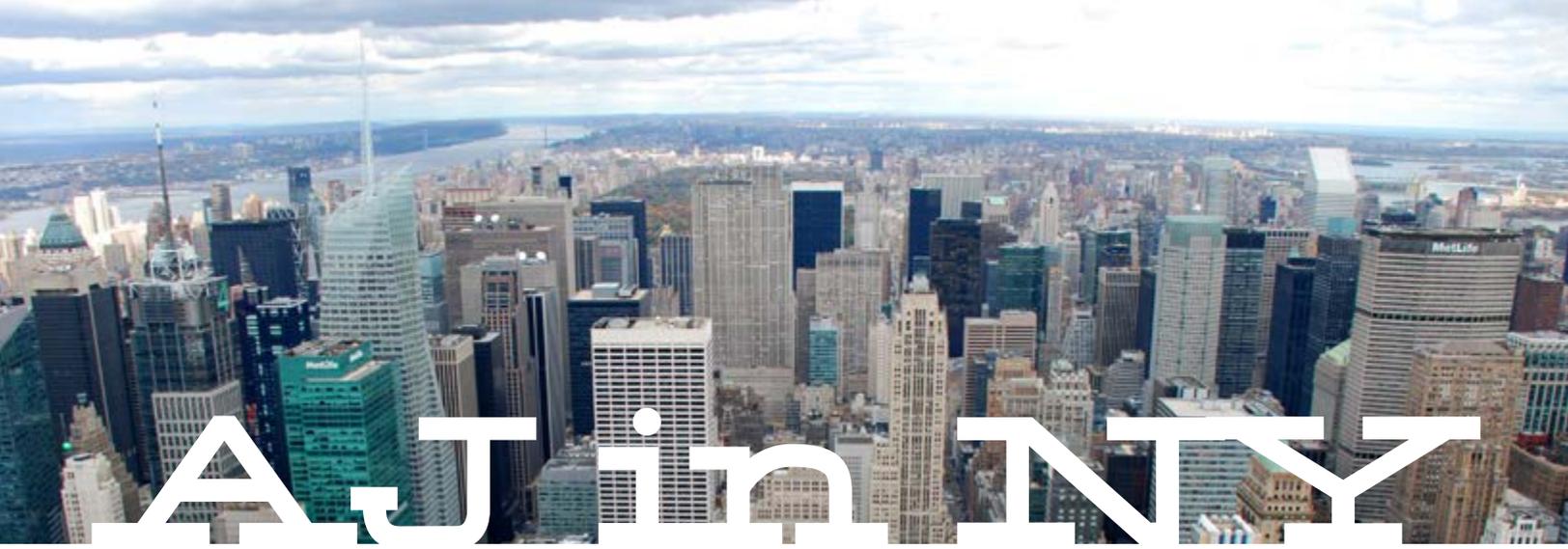


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No Pressure to Compete With My History

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By MESFIN FEKADU, AP Music Writer

After 25 years in the music industry, pressure is no longer a factor for Alan Jackson.

“You always want to make a good album, you’re concerned about doing that, but I don’t feel pressure to compete with any of my history or trying to worry about getting on the radio or selling many albums,” said Jackson, sporting his signature cowboy hat, in a recent interview.

Jackson, 56, released his debut album in 1990, and marks an anniversary this year with his 15th studio album, *Angels And Alcohol*. It debuted at No. 1 on the country albums chart last month.

“[I] try to just focus on the music and what songs work better together and the sound, and make an album,” he said. “I tried to always concentrate on that and not worry so much about, ‘Well is this one going to be nominated for a Grammy?’”

Turns out he didn’t need to worry about it: Jackson, who is from rural Newnan, Georgia, has earned two Grammy Awards, among other accolades. He recently wrapped the spring leg of his 25th Anniversary Keepin’ In Country Tour, and he talked about his new album, the streaming business and more with The Associated Press.

AP: What comes to mind when you think about being in the industry for 25 years?

Jackson: Old [laughs]. I’m very proud of it. ...I feel relaxed. I feel like, ‘Gosh, I’ve just done so much and accomplished so much and been so fortunate.’ I couldn’t hardly ask for anything else, so the rest is just like fun.

AP: How do you think you’ve grown?

Jackson: I try not to look at all the charts all the time. In the beginning you’re looking at your song, ‘Oh it went from 8 to 9 and somebody jumped me and went to 7.’ And every week you’re looking at it and how many [radio] spins you got—it just drives you crazy. ...Try to concentrate on the music and not get caught up in being a celebrity in the spotlight because then the music ends up going to the bottom.

AP: Streaming is how so many people listen to music—are you into that?

Jackson: I don’t know that it’s a bad thing. I think

from a business side, you know, being a songwriter and being a part of the Nashville community so long and record labels, I think all that has hurt the financial part of the business and it hurts the business because it’s hard for songwriters to make a living ... For the fans I think it’s nice; they can get what they want. ...I feel disappointed sometimes ... they can buy what they want and not buy the album. I want them to buy the album, not ‘cause I want the sales or the money, it’s ‘cause that’s your music.

AP: What was it like writing “You Can Always Come Home” for your daughter?

Jackson: I wrote that when my middle daughter moved to California and it was the same thing my daddy said to me when I moved to Nashville. I was young and he said, ‘If it doesn’t work out you can always come home.’ That meant a lot and that’s why that song spilled out.

AP: Did you play the track for her before it was released?

Jackson: I think I played her a rough track before we cut it; just like a guitar vocal. Made everybody tear up [laughs].

AP: Are you a big fan of any contemporary country acts?

Jackson: Jon Pardi... Kacey Musgraves... Zac Brown... Miranda Lambert, she’s in the spotlight a lot now, but I’ve known her for years. She was opening for me when she was still wearing her long, wrangled up blue jeans out there. She has really worked hard and I always liked the fact that she appreciates real country [music] and writes some stuff like that. Even some of her more aggressive stuff still has an edgy, roots-y sound I like. There’s still some good music out there.

AP: There’s a lack of women on country radio right now. Have you noticed that?

Jackson: It’s just kind of in cycles. I remember when Shania Twain was kind of leading the pack a few years ago and it seemed like during that time, it was just more woman than there were guys winning all the awards. It was just back and forth, back and forth. I’m sure it will turn around. ■

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