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BIG TWANG BIO

Brian James

Country to the core while chasing that neon rainbow and living that honky tonk dream nationally and now locally in Minnesota. Electric and acoustic guitar. Lead and background vocalist who has appeared on many recordings for local artists. Equally at home fingerpicking his prized Martin guitar on a mournful country ballad or twangbangin' out some heart and soul on his electric. Played with some of the best country bands in the Twin Cities country scene including SweetWater, Longshot, Mustang and The Thunder Road Band. He has shared stages with national acts such as Mavericks, Tim McGraw, Jason Aldean and many others.

Skip Ballard

Born in the swamps of the Florida wetlands and raised on the St Croix river. This bassman is all about the party and making friends wherever he goes. Lead and background vocalist, high energy stage performances and connections with his audiences has been his trademark throughout his career. Playing a wide musical spectrum covering Heavy Metal, Christian, Rock and Country music. Skip has found a new audience to share his passion for music and entertaining country fans throughout Minnesota.

Jesse Becker

Acoustic guitar, lead and backup vocals. New to the Twin Cities country scene but no stranger to country music. Raised in a house of music and growing up hearing band rehearsals with his father's bands, Jesse knows the language and is now experiencing it on his own terms. After playing a solo act for many years on the college circuit he is now combining all the years of his solo playing with a non-stop energetic force on stage. Honky Tonkin' and hard Rockin' is the only way he'll have it as he propels the energy on a Big Twang stage night after night after night.

Amanda St Catherine

The complete package for a female country singer. Personality, performance and vocals that most national country singers hope to possess. Charm and grace fueling all of her honky tonk heart. Strong lead vocalist and an "all country" personality make her a crowds' choice for every show. A national act in a local venue.

Eddie Kelcher

Steel Pedal, electric guitar, banjo, lead and background vocals. A long time proven veteran of the country music community in Minnesota. A first call session and live performance player. Any musical act that is fortunate enough to have him in the mix has both the color and heart of country at the core in their sound. A versatile and complete country musician.

Donnie Doyle

Drums, vocals. A country kickin', gospel stomping, hillbilly boppin' well traveled drummer. This New York native played in various R&B, Jazz, Blues and Southern Rock bands. Moved to the Twin cities for the great opportunity to work with a plethora of talented MN artists. Played with Shannon Brown (Warner Brothers recording artist), Atomic Records and MN Hall of Fame artist Willie Murphy, as well as country artist Lazy Ike and the Dardevils, jazz band NorthCoast, alt rockers Lovers Under Pressure, Texas Blues great Cornell Dupree, along with Thunder Road Band, Chace Roberts, Dakota Valley Symphony, Dan Lund, and last but not least - the new kicking urban country band The Big Twang!

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BIG TWANG SONGLIST

Down In Mississippi (Up To No Good)-Sugarland
Last Name-Carrie Underwood
Findin' A Good Man-Danielle Peck
Trying To Stop Her Leaving-Dierks Bentley
It's America-Rodney Atkins
As Good As I Once Was-Toby Keith
Country Boy-Alan Jackson
Get My Drink On-Toby Keith
Lookin' For A Good Time-Lady Antebellum
Jackson-Johnny Cash & June Carter
Famous In A Small Town-Miranda Lambert
All Jacked Up-Gretchen Wilson
Here For The Party-Gretchen Wilson
Longneck Bottle-Garth Brooks
What'cha Gonna Do With a Cowboy-Chris LeDoux
The Beaches of Cheyenne-Garth Brooks
Lot of Leavin' Left to Do-Dierks Bentley
Settlin'-Sugarland
That's What I Like About You-Trisha Yearwood
Crazy Ex-Girlfriend-Miranda Lambert
Born To Boogie-Hank Williams Jr.
Sweet Home Alabama-Lynyrd Skynyrd
Come A Little Closer-Dierks Bentley
Fast as You-Dwight Yoakam
Guitars, Cadillacs-Dwight Yoakam
Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off-Joe Nichols
The Devil Went Down to Georgia-Charlie Daniels
Suds In The Bucket-Sara Evans
Ain't Going Down (Til the Sun Comes Up)-Garth Brooks
Friends In Low Places-Garth Brooks
I Love This Bar-Toby Keith
Wrapped-George Strait
Bye, Bye-Jo Dee Messina
Working for a Living-Huey Lewis and the News
Hurts So Good-John Mellencamp
Good Time-Alan Jackson
Folsom Prison Blues-Johnny Cash
Cowgirls Don't Cry-Brooks & Dunn



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