## **G** Biography

Beautifully bridging the gap between today's modern country music and the classic country sounds of the past, Arkansas-born Cory Jackson is an independent singer, songwriter, and entertainer who showcases contemporary compositions with a story-telling performance.

Born in Jonesboro, Arkansas in 1995, Cory's life has been spent in a small, rural farming community, which he often alludes to in his music. Gifted with a guitar from his grandpa, Cory began to explore music at age 16, which fostered his dream of performing on a big stage as a career. He first began performing small concerts in high school, and with his grandpa's continued encouragement to write his own songs and pursue music more seriously, the positive feedback and buzz soon followed his musical talent. His songwriting continued to grow, leading to numerous songs that include Cory's name as writer or co-writer, many of which have been recorded in his own album collections available on several music platforms.

Thousands of concerts later, Cory now feels right at home on the stage. He naturally connects with audience members of all ages during his live performances and uses music to convey a story his fans can't get enough of. His set list contains a wide range of artists, including George Strait, Charlie Pride, Ronnie Milsap, Merle Haggard, Eddie Rabbit, Don Williams, Alabama, Brett Eldredge, David Nail, Chris Young, Keith Urban, and more. His song selections and performances always leave each member of the audience reminiscing on the country classics, while also being introduced to new country music that Cory is currently bringing to the industry.

Cory's young dream of performing on stage has led him to several accomplishments throughout his career. In 2015, Cory generated one of the top five self-produced video achievements with Snag-a-Job online promotion, which was followed by back-to-back winnings of independent artist competitions in 2016 and 2017. From this recognition he was able to connect and work with the world-renowned and legendary country radio station, WSM-650AM in Nashville, Tennessee. He further solidified his music path and fandom in 2018, when he received the Arkansas Country Music Association (ACMA) Country Artist of the Year award, an ACMA Top 5 Video of the Year nomination for the music video of his original song Row by Row, and a Top 5 nomination for Entertainer of the Year, leading to the additional 2019 ACMA nomination as one of the Top 5 Country Artists of the Year. While also being named Jonesboro Radio Group's Best Vocalist in the 'Best of Northeast Arkansas' competition, Cory is most famous for his national debut on Season 17 of NBC's The Voice, where his 3-chair turn performance allowed him to work and learn under Blake Shelton. In 2020, he was again nominated as one of the top 5 Country Music Artists of the Year by the ACMA for the third consecutive year. In 2021, Cory was nominated by the ACMA as one of the top five Male Vocalists of the Year. Returning in 2022, Cory's latest music video release for Put Some Country in Your Country has made it to the top five for Video of the Year. Awards are to be held June 6<sup>th</sup> in Conway, AR.

Throughout all of the triumphs in his short music career, Cory still recognizes that being an entertainer is more than just being able to perform music on a stage. He continuously retains the ability to connect with his fans, stay true to his country roots, and create music that defines who he is. Whether it be a laid-back acoustic show or a high energy large stage production, Cory never ceases to find that special connection with others through the music that first inspired him to sing and song write himself.

Cory is active on social media platforms Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat. As the demand for his story-telling performances increases across the country, his fan base of thousands only continues to grow as his music career humbly magnifies.

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