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## "Teddy Gentry's Best New Nashville" to Take the Stage at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store®

*Exclusive CD Pairs 12 New Artists and 12 New Songs*

LEBANON, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Teddy Gentry has long been celebrated as a member of the country supergroup Alabama, and he is also the force and inspiration behind multiple other music successes in Nashville. Now, Gentry, and Porter-Gentry Productions, are lending a guiding hand to a very special CD that provides country music fans with an inspired assortment of new music, among which many a new favorite might be found. The CD, **Teddy Gentry's Best New Nashville**, produced by Gentry, includes 12 new songs performed by 12 new artists and will be available exclusively at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store®, starting May 16.

Each pairing of song and artist on this CD was carefully considered and planned by Gentry, who collects songs the way some people collect stamps. Gentry regularly works with up-and-coming artists on stage and in the studio, and his advice in choosing a new song is to always make sure that there is an emotional connection. "I tell them that they really have to love a song because, if it's a hit, they'll be performing it for a very long time," said Gentry, who knows a lot about hits, having written and performed quite a number of them as a member of the renowned group Alabama.

Gentry also knows about talent, and he regularly works with what he considers to be the best of the new artists to help them learn the ins and outs of the Nashville scene. He says this is his way of giving back because he knows from his own early experiences how hard it is to make it in this very tough business. And Gentry believes that making his new CD, **Teddy Gentry's Best New Nashville**, available through Cracker Barrel, provides some fresh new sounds and some quality tunes for Cracker Barrel's guests. He worked with some of Nashville's top engineers, studios, and songwriters to ensure the quality of the CD.

"Cracker Barrel is pleased to work with Teddy Gentry on this special project to provide a showcase for some very talented artists from whom we might well be hearing more in the future," said Chris Ciavarra, Senior Vice President of Marketing for Cracker Barrel. "These are artists who have worked hard and have honed their skills, and with this CD they are stepping up onto a larger stage," he added.

Photos, bios, and other detailed information about the 12 new artists and this CD are available at [bestnewnashville.com](http://bestnewnashville.com).

**Teddy Gentry's Best New Nashville** will be the latest in Cracker Barrel's exclusive music program. In March of this year, Cracker Barrel released Kenny Rogers' **The Love of God** which debuted at #8 on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart and #2 on the Top Christian Albums chart. In January 2011, Cracker Barrel released **The Grascals & Friends - Country Classics With A Bluegrass Spin** which debuted at #1 on Billboard magazine's Bluegrass Albums chart and at #26 on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart. In November of 2010, Cracker Barrel released Smokey Robinson's **Now & Then** which debuted at #19 on Billboard magazine's R&B chart and was nominated for an NAACP IMAGE AWARD. September saw the release of the self-titled **Rodney Atkins**, which includes four #1 hits, and also the release of Mandy Barnett's **Winter Wonderland**, which offers up all the authentic sounds of holiday traditions. In July, the company released Craig Morgan's **That's Why-Collector's Edition**, and in May the release of Wynonna's **Love Heals** debuted at #7 on the Billboard Magazine Top Country Albums chart. February's release of **Dailey & Vincent Sing the Statler Brothers** debuted at #1 on Billboard's Top Bluegrass Albums chart, where it spent nine weeks in the top position and 18 weeks overall in one of the three top positions. One of its songs was nominated for a Grammy award®. Over the last few years, Cracker Barrel has released exclusive CDs with Alan Jackson, the Zac Brown Band, George Jones, Montgomery Gentry, Dolly Parton, Bill Gaither, Ricky Skaggs, Aaron Tippin, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Josh Turner, Amy Grant, Kenny Rogers, Sara Evans, and Charlie Daniels.

Tracks on **Teddy Gentry's Best New Nashville**:

1. Every Mile I'm Missing You — Jimmy Stewart
2. I'm Gonna Cry — Chanel Campbell
3. That's The Kind Of Love I Need — Garrett Steele

4. A Good Place To Turn Around — 3 Lanes Crossing
5. A Better Woman — Laura Fedor
6. In His Hands — Chip Davis
7. I'll Find You — Samantha Landrum
8. Chip Away — Dillon Dixon
9. My So Called Life — Southwind
10. Long Lost Smile — Brad Long
11. Run Baby Run — Adrianna Freeman
12. Are You Ever Gonna Love Me — Amber Shalene

#### **About Cracker Barrel**

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store provides a friendly home-away-from-home in its old country stores and restaurants. Guests are cared for like family while relaxing and enjoying real home-style food and shopping that's surprisingly unique, genuinely fun and reminiscent of America's country heritage...all at a fair price. The restaurant serves up delicious, home-style country food such as meatloaf and homemade chicken n' dumplins as well as its made from scratch biscuits using an old family recipe. The authentic old country retail store is fun to shop and offers unique gifts and self-indulgences.

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (Nasdaq: CBRL) was established in 1969 in Lebanon, Tenn. and operates 601 company-owned locations in 42 states. Every Cracker Barrel unit is open seven days a week with hours Sunday through Thursday, 6 a.m. — 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. For more information, visit [crackerbarrel.com](http://crackerbarrel.com).

#### **About Best New Nashville**

An industry executive, Bernard Porter, and an industry legend, Teddy Gentry, had a vision that started with mentoring up and coming talent from all ages and genres. The two joined forces and created Best New Nashville, a division of Porter-Gentry Productions, LLC. (PG Productions, LLC).

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