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Morrow Music

Red Raider comes to Aggieland

BY SUSAN OVERCASH
The Battalion

When most Red Raider alumni were glued to their seats last Saturday evening watching the fall of the Aggie empire, country music artist Cory Morrow was hard at work. The ex-Raider visits College Station tonight, as the opening act for country music legend Willie Nelson at the second annual Phies-ta/MDA benefit concert.

Morrow said chance led him to his first experience with music.

"I got my first guitar when I was fifteen or sixteen, and I was just messing around with it," he said. "My stepfather had brought it back from Mexico. He had flipped a quarter [for the guitar] with a guy down there."

Morrow said his inspiration for becoming a professional musician stemmed from a concert he played with Pat Green.

"We got together for our first gig up in Lubbock, the two of us, and after the first show I got done and went to the Taco Cabana," he said. "I said, 'Man, this is what I want to do.'"

Morrow said his music comes from everyday life.

"It [inspiration] comes from everywhere," he said. "[With] a lot of it, I'll think of life and exaggerate it. Some of it is totally real, and some of it is made up."

"I like to put myself in an imaginary position: I'll create a character in my head and try to place him in another time or something, and imagine every detail of what it would [be] like to be that person."

Morrow said despite his rival-school upbringing, he enjoys playing in College Station.

"We go wherever people like to hear us, and we normally get a good response out of these guys [in College Station]," he said. "I actually love the Aggies, because they're some of the best crowds we ever have."

Morrow said one of his greatest influences is the man he is opening for tonight — Willie Nelson.

"He's just a neat guy and has some amazing material," Morrow said. "I opened up for him once before, and I walked up and said, 'Hey, I'm the guy who opened up for you, or opened for the guy who opened up for you.' He said, 'Well, it's nice to meet you. How'd you do?' Nobody ever asks me how I did."

Morrow said he strives to create a sound that can not be classified easily.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CORY MORROW

Cory Morrow will be playing tonight at the Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater.

"I don't know if there's an actual sound I want to acquire," he said. "I would like to be able to play pretty much all kinds [of music] — be able to write swings to rockers to two-steps to waltzes."

"I don't want to limit myself at all. That's another place that I feel [was] influenced by Willie [Nelson]. He put out all these different albums, different kinds of sounds. He's not afraid of trying anything, and he makes it all sound pretty good. That's where I want to take myself to, whatever level I feel like doing at that time."

Morrow said he approaches a live performance as a chance to sell his character, not just his music.

"When you go to a live show, people are paying money to see you and find out who you are," he said. "My theory on the whole thing is that people go there to have a good time, and if they leave thinking that wasn't worth the money, then you screwed up."

"I want them leaving thinking that [the show] was worth every penny and more, and I had a blast, got drunk and this girl that I never met kissed me or took off her top or whatever."

Morrow said he tries to connect with the audience in his performance and not just play his songs.

"I'm working really hard to get the crowd involved," he said. "I'll tell them a little story to make them laugh a bit or let them know that I'm up there. I'm having as much fun as possibly have."

Morrow said crowd pleasers are not the only ones who stay happy.

"I've been working really hard about the past six months or so to find a way to stay happy all the time, no matter what," he said. "As long as you know in your heart you're doing the right thing, it's all going to pan out in the end — that attitude is something I've basically developed since I started doing this."

Morrow said his personal life makes this a difficult task.

"I think that a lot of artists that kind of mentality," he said. "They either get really depressed or really happy. I tried to find a way to keep just above the line all the time. That's what's important about me. My ups and downs are not as dramatic."

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