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Interview with The Chesapeake Sons, CMA Fest Nashville, 09.06.17

When was the band “The Chesapeake Sons” founded?

Jason: Chesapeake Sons was founded two years ago, in July 2015.

How did you choose the name for the band?

Jason: Two of us, Mason and I are originally from the Chesapeake Bay Area of Maryland, when we originally relocated to Nashville, we still wanted to have a name that reflected where we are proud to come from and that’s exactly what we did. A lot of times when a band relocates from another spot to Nashville, they call Nashville their home and they completely forget where they came from, they forget their fan base.

How would you describe your music?

Mason: I would describe our music like a good vibe, a good feeling. You have to be there to experience it, we have all the southern Rock influences, but we are different. We bring a lot of different Influences into our music, it’s hard to explain, but we are a Rock ‘n Roll Band, you just have to come and check us out.

Jason: It is like Mason said, it is a throwback 60’s, 70’s style Rock ‘n Roll. If I had to sum up our music in one word, I would say it is honest, there is a lot of substance there.

Do you have any CD’s available now?

Jason: Not at the moment, we are expecting a late summer release. There has been some stuff sent out to the radio stations and that will be tested out throughout the summer. That is about the only thing unfortunately, that we can provide at the moment.

Do you have several titles available?

Jason: This will be our debut record of Chesapeake Sons.

Do you write the songs yourself?

Jason: Yes, there is not one song on the record that was written by any outside sources. We do have a lot of co-writers, we like to do that, because as an artist, you tend to get stuck in a rut when you write by yourself all the time. There are certain times, when Mason and I started to write stuff together when Rick was in the studio. Or the three of us would write together. Eric has joined us just recently, so he has not been in the record process yet.

How do you choose your songs?

Mason: It is an emotional thing, a gut feeling.

Jason: There are so many different types of songs, some songs are really good because they have great lyrical content. We write some songs where there may be only three lines in the whole song that are different. But like Mason said, it goes back to that feeling. Sometimes we test stuff out and after we record it we say, wow we really, really love this song, but lyrically, what does it mean. Sometimes you think I don't really know what it means, but I really like it, and it makes you feel a certain way. We test it out on a show and we don't know how people are going to react. Sometimes the reaction is that it just makes them move, and they are singing lyrics they don't know what they mean or why they're singing them, but the song is making you do that. There is no right or wrong way that makes us choose a certain song, it just goes back to how it makes you feel.

What can your fans expect when they come to your concerts?

Mason: A good time, good vibes. To have fun, you don't even have to watch us the whole time, you come with your friends to go crazy, get loose, have a good time. It's about music, but it is also about people having a good time and we want to provide that. So, when you come to our show, expect to watch us get crazy on stage and just having a ball and make everybody feel like they're part of it.

Eric: This band is for all the people that grew up with Led Zeppelin, Deep Purple and all those bands they never had the chance to go see. If these bands play now, there is maybe only one original member left in the band.

Jason: Eric is right, as for the vibes we put out, we could never say we are the next Lynyrd Skynyrd or the next Led Zeppelin, we don't want to be quoted in that way. But these influences naturally come out in us. It is not a forced thing with the music that we create, but every song that goes on our record, every song that you see us

play live, is something that we truly, naturally enjoy playing. We don't try to write timeless music. We just had a conversation earlier, The Allman Brothers, Led Zeppelin, Lynyrd Skynyrd and bands like these, when they wrote their music at that time, they had no idea, that people were going to listen to it fifty years later, but people are. Because the music is believable and is naturally what poured out of them. That's our goal with the music that we create. That's why we are kind of influenced by these kinds of artists. One of the biggest compliments is for somebody to walk up to us, and people have done so, and say, man I have seen Led Zeppelin or whatever in seventy-five or so and I haven't seen a band that made me feel like that since then. Not saying we are them or anything like that, but that makes us really feel good.

As Artists, you have so many tasks such as Recording, Touring, Interviews, what do you Like best?

Mason: Touring and playing music for sure, at least for me. I love recording, I love being in the studio and playing, these people are really professionals there. But my favorite is going on the road and playing shows for people, because that's what it's all about. I think I can speak for all of us, being on the road, playing shows for people, putting out those vibes, that's the best.

Rick: The actual playing music part is really only a small Benefit, especially when you are out on the road. So definitely playing shows is the real Reward.

What are your plans for the future?

Jason: The biggest thing first and foremost is to continue and bring the live shows to the Fans. But what most importantly, will help us to skyrocket our career, is getting this record out. We believe in it strong enough, that it really is going to be a life achieving thing for us. But we also know, that it will be a long, slow organic build. It's number one to get this record out, getting the music to the people and performing these songs on stage. One of the biggest compliments to a band is, when people walk away saying man I love this record, it sounds incredible, but it was even better live.

What message would you like to give the people?

Eric: When I was going to high school, there was a lot of Bars and Clubs in my Hometown, but it was hard for me and my band to get gigs because they were all taken over by DJ's or electronic music people, so we didn't really have the best outlet for live music. My Message is, live music is still live and people are digging it, keep supporting live Music, buy records, buy tickets and merchandise.

Mason: For me it is live music makes people feel good, you know when you are at a concert with your best friend, your brother or your girlfriend and you are having a good time, you have this feeling of goodness, this is awesome, I think this is the ultimate for any band, you just want the people in the crowd to feel something, to feel good.

Rick: My message is, come out and support live bands, artist and musicians on any and every level. Everyone starts out as a nobody. Thru their own confidence, experience and luck the grow. Supporting the artist community is very important.

Jason: My biggest message to anybody out there, whether it is music or anything else, just be true to yourself, it is so much more rewarding. Be honest with the music you create. You may not ever be a superstar, but at least you'll be happy.