Worthington's five-song EP, *Hell of a Highway*, thoroughly explores the topic of love and its counterpart - heartbreak. With an honest, classic country voice like George Strait and a deep twang like Trace Adkins, Worthington sounds mature beyond his years. The songs and stories on his EP convey a sense of wisdom and age as well, making *Hell of a Highway* a relatable listen for anyone, no matter what road he or she may be on.

The opening track, "How Do You Honky Tonk," comes blazing through the speakers as a vibrant, engaging, upbeat introduction to Worthington's EP. Reminiscent of a dance number that gets the audience ready for a southern good time, "How Do You Honky Tonk" invites the audiences' funloving, country spirit to take over and cut loose for the night.

The next song on the EP, "Big Time Lonesome," seconds the up-tempo and fast-moving energy Worthington created with "How Do You Honky Tonk." In contrast, however, "Big Time Lonesome," tells the painful story of a lonely man recovering from a failed relationship.

Worthington's next number, "A Lot of Room to Talk," which hit #1 on the Texas Regional Radio Top 100, continues to touch on the feeling of emptiness experienced after a breakup. In this slow-tempo tune with pared back instrumentation, Worthington sheds his pride as he admits that he deserves to be left in the echo chamber of his broken home after not listening and treating his woman right.

The title track, "Hell of a Highway," speaks to the melancholy ache a person feels when watching a loved one drive away indefinitely and not turn back. In this song, Worthington sets up the picture of the devastated man sitting by the window, staring at the now empty road as he begins playing his guitar and "crying like a country song."

Worthington concludes his EP with a soft, sentimental song, "Don't Think Twice," through which Worthington bares his heart and uses the sweetest metaphor to tell his woman just how much he loves her.

## Hell of a Highway

- 1. How Do You Honky Tonk
- 2. Big Time Lonesome
- 3. A Lot of Room to Talk
- 4. Hell of a Highway
- 5. Don't Think Twice



## **About Jake Worthington:**

Growing up in the small town of La Porte, TX, country singer-songwriter and recent NBC The Voice star Jake Worthington spent his days fishing, mudding and playing sports. Worthington gained the title of runner-up on Season 6 of the Voice while under the guidance of country music superstar Blake Shelton in 2014. While on the show, Worthington quickly became a fan favorite, with his renditions of "Right Here Waiting" and "Don't Close Your Eyes" reaching the Top 20 on Billboard Heatseekers. In October of 2015, Worthington released his first EP, debuting at #16 on Billboard Heatseekers and #44 on Billboard Country Albums. His first single off the EP, "Just Keep Falling in Love," reached Top 50 on the Music Row Chart and Top 30 on the Texas Regional Radio Report, with a video that debuted on GAC and CMT, among others. The Texasnative released his follow-up single, "How Do You Honky Tonk," in the summer of 2016 and hit the road on the How Do You Honky Tonk Summer Tour, which was sponsored by Amspec, Cinch Jeans and Ernie Ball. As he continues his tour on the road, Worthington is gearing up for the release

of his sophomore EP, *Hell of a Highway*, on May 19, 2017, which is currently available for <u>preorder</u>.