

## About Eric Church

The three-time Country Music Association and five-time Academy of Country Music Award winner cemented his reputation as a maverick by releasing his 2015 album *Mr. Misunderstood* as a surprise, delivering it to fans before announcing its existence and putting it on sale. He is rising toward the peak of the country charts with "Record Year," the second single, which *Rolling Stone* dubbed "the most moving moment" on the widely lauded album.

Church announced his 60+ city 2017 *Holdin' My Own Tour* via Facebook Live at a two-night show at the Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison, Colo. The tour, that kicks off in Lincoln, Neb. and ends with a two-night run in Nashville, Tenn., will feature two sets from Church sans openers.

The man *New York Times* said produces songs that insist music is "fuel for love, for anguish and, naturally, for other music" earned the 2016 CMA Album of the Year Award for *Mr. Misunderstood* and the 2016 ACM Music Video of the Year Award for the album's first title-track single.

The North Carolina native's previous album, *The Outsiders*, debuted at No. 1 on both the *Billboard* Top 200 Albums Chart and Top Country Albums Chart with the highest debut and sales of any release in the format that year, making Church 2014's top-selling country music artist. The album garnered GRAMMY, CMA and ACM Album of the Year nominations and featured his No. 1 hits "Give Me Back My Hometown" and "Talladega," as well as multiple nominee "Like A Wrecking Ball." *The Outsiders* was the follow-up to Church's 3x Platinum-certified *CHIEF*, named the 2012 Album of the Year by both CMA and ACM, and GRAMMY-nominated for Best Country Album. The LP featured five Top 20 singles: "Homeboy" (certified Platinum for sales in excess of one million); the Top 10 "Like Jesus Does" and the Top 5 "Creepin'" (both certified Platinum); and two No. 1 hits "Drink in My Hand" (certified Platinum) and "Springsteen" (certified Double Platinum for sales in excess of 2 million singles). Church's sophomore album, *Carolina*, (2009) is RIAA Platinum certified and his 2006 debut album, *Sinners Like Me* is RIAA Gold certified.