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Lucas to bring country to Ohiopyle



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The music, which will include a mix of original songs plus songs by all of today's top country arts, is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Ohiopyle-Stewart Volunteer Fire Company. Tickets, which include food and beverage, may be purchased in advance by calling 724-329-8722 or by email at osvfc@hotmail.com.

He began dreaming about becoming a singer when he was a child. The project that kicked his career into high gear was Denim, a country band he started in 1995. A chance meeting at a radio station where he worked pushed Lucas toward pursuing a music career.

"I met Kippi Brannon while I was doing the afternoon shift at The Mountain 96.5 in Johnstown," he said. "She stopped by on a promotional tour for her single, 'Daddy's Little Girl.' ... She put me in touch with Don Scott Hare, owner and producer at Third Coast Productions in Nashville, and I cut my first three sides."

The rest is history.

One of those songs was "911," his first single.

"I wrote it in the wee hours of the morning after a gig," he said. "It started flowing through my mind on the drive home. So I grabbed a pen and paper and wrote it when I got home. I fell asleep and woke up the next morning with my head on the kitchen table. But the stiff neck was well worth it."

Lucas describes his stage show as "all of my teenage influences rolled into one."

"I'm a big fan of '70s and '80s arena rock. Kiss, Queen, ELO, Aerosmith, Van Halen," he said. "I just loved the stage production, and all the flash and lights."

But Lucas said just as important is the music.

"I grew up listening to Merle Haggard, George Jones, Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty and Buck Owens," he said. "Now, I'm drawn to Garth Brooks, Clint Black, Keith Whitley, George Strait and all the modern traditionalists."

For more information about George Lucas, visit the Web site at www.georgecountry.com.

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