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EVAN ROTELLA RELEASES “CUT THE MUSIC” – A COLLABORATION WITH THE TREWS’ JOHN-ANGUS AND COLIN MACDONALD

First single from upcoming album *Abandon All Hope* celebrates Niagara roots with a bold, high-energy sound

Niagara Falls, ON – November 21, 2025 — Canadian singer-songwriter Evan Rotella returns with *“Cut The Music,”* the first single from his forthcoming album *Abandon All Hope*— a record that marks both a creative evolution and a dream collaboration. The track was co-written and produced by John-Angus MacDonald of The Trews, alongside his brother Colin MacDonald, with Mark Rogers of LMT Connection lending his renowned groove to the session.

For Evan, the collaboration represents a full-circle moment:

“‘Cut The Music’ is the first song I brought to John Angus, and wrote with him and Colin MacDonald. Now, understand I’m a big Trews fan so this was a big deal to me. I drove up to Hamilton to write with two guys I really looked up too, and once I got over that, we started, and got a couple songs out of it. First of all, I was absolutely honoured to be in the room and writing with both of them, and I tried to soak up and learn as much as possible. For this song, we leaned into writing about my hometown of Niagara Falls, what it’s like to live here and watch the crowds come and go every year. It was a joy to write with both Colin and John Angus. I love this tune, and I hope you like it too.”

John-Angus echoes that creative spark:

“‘Cut The Music’ was the first song my brother Colin and I co-wrote with Evan for this project. Evan brought in the core idea, and the three of us dug in—pulling it apart and reworking it until it felt right. We wanted to focus in on the unique loneliness of being a permanent resident in a transient tourist town—something Evan understood well, and something Colin and I could relate to from our early days spent in Niagara Falls. Once we locked in the direction, I built a demo to track to, and from there the process came together quickly and naturally. Recording in the studio is always a joy when everyone’s confident with the song and you’ve got a vocalist as strong as Evan leading the charge.”

Following his acclaimed Americana-influenced debut, Rotella set out to make a more dynamic, band-driven record. Drawing inspiration from artists like The Gaslight Anthem, Jesse Malin, and The Trews, he leans into his rock roots with grit, melody, and authenticity.

***“Cut The Music”* captures the rhythm and restlessness of Niagara Falls — a place where millions come and go, but the locals stay and feel every changing season. With soaring guitars, heartfelt vocals, and raw production, it signals an exciting new chapter for Rotella.**

 ***“Cut The Music”* is available November 21, 2025 on all streaming platforms.**

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