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**DANNY GOKEY ANNOUNCES HIS FIRST-EVER HEADLINE TOUR
THE HOPE ENCOUNTER FEATURES TAUREN WELLS AND SPECIAL GUEST RILEY CLEMMONS
OUTBACK CONCERTS PRODUCING THE FALL 2018 RUN COVERING 29-CITIES**

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Nashville, Tenn. (May 23, 2018) — GRAMMY® nominee, Dove Award winner, and Capitol recording artist, Danny Gokey is gearing up for his first-ever headline tour with this fall's *Hope Encounter*. Also featuring GRAMMY® nominee Tauren Wells and breakout artist Riley Clemmons, the tour will hit 29 markets across the country, including Los Angeles, Atlanta, Seattle, Phoenix, Oklahoma City, and more. Produced by general market powerhouse Outback Concerts, the tour will play mostly theaters and performing arts centers.

"It's been a dream of mine since *American Idol* to headline my own major tour," says Gokey. "That platform opened my eyes to the power of mixing hope with entertainment. Hearing a message of hope at just the right time can truly make an impact in someone's life. Getting this opportunity is a dream come true! I love touring, being with fans, and seeing first-hand how the music can encourage people in a time in our society where hope (mixed with a little fun) is so desperately needed."

Hope Encounter ticket pre-sale takes place Tuesday, May 29, with an email push to Gokey's fan list. **Venue pre-sales launch in each market at 10 a.m. (local time) on Wednesday, May 30.** National on-sale date is **Friday, June 1, at 10 a.m. local time.**

"The process of creating the tour has really been awesome," continues Gokey. "I can't wait to hit the stage with Tauren and Riley – they are both crazy good and I love their fresh sound. We've also brought in uber-creative director Laurieann Gibson, who has worked with everyone from Michael Jackson to Katy Perry, to design the show and help me take it to another level."

Gokey continues, "My purpose with this tour is that people walk away entertained, inspired, empowered, and that hope invades every area of their lives."

Gokey became a favorite of millions of fans as a Top 3 finalist on Season 8 of *American Idol*. His first album, *My Best Days*, debuted at #4 on the *Billboard* Top 200 album chart. Since then, the Wisconsin native has celebrated a series of #1 album debuts, including his first award-winning holiday album, *Christmas Is Here*, as well as singles including the recently Gold-certified “Tell Your Heart to Beat Again” and “Hope In Front of Me.” Gokey’s latest album, *Rise*, reached #1 on the *Billboard* Top Christian Album chart and garnered his first Grammy nomination. Its title track, marked his third, multi-week, multi-chart #1 single.

Tauren Wells, a four-time GRAMMY® nominee, debuted *Hills and Valleys* — his first full-length solo project — in July 2017, just prior to hitting arenas on the Lionel Richie/Mariah Carey 22-city “All the Hits Tour.” The album’s title track was one of the most streamed Christian songs of 2017, according to Spotify, and currently registers over 50 million total streams. The official music video and lyric video have combined views exceeding 25 million. His single, “Undeclared,” also served as the soundtrack for the internet-famous Dude Perfect’s “World Records Edition” episode on YouTube which, along with another Dude Perfect video featuring the No. 1 single “Love Is Action,” has garnered more than 100 million views combined. Wells made history earlier this year by landing singles in both the #1 (“All My Hope (ft. Tauren Wells)” by Crowder) and #2 (“When We Pray”) spots simultaneously on national radio charts.

Riley Clemmons is an 18-year-old, Nashville-based singer/songwriter signed to Capitol Christian Music Group. Her debut single, “Broken Prayers,” skyrocketed at radio upon its release in early 2018 and the music video earned over a million views on YouTube in less than two months. The single has now crossed over ten million global streams. Most recently, Riley was featured on the song and music video for Social Club Misfit’s radio single “Misfit Anthem” and mainstream DJ, Tritonal’s “Out My Mind.” Her upcoming full-length debut album releases August 3, 2018.

“The Hope Encounter” Tour

**Dates subject to change without notice.*

September 20	Peoria, IL
September 21	Sioux Falls, SD
September 22	St. Paul, MN
September 23	Champaign, IL
September 27	Columbus, OH
September 28	Lancaster, PA
September 29	Wilkes Barre, PA
September 30	Stamford, CT
October 4	Louisville, KY
October 5	Atlanta, GA
October 6	Jacksonville, FL
October 7	St. Petersburg, FL
October 11	Oklahoma City, OK
October 12	Albuquerque, NM
October 13	Phoenix, AZ
October 14	Los Angeles, CA
October 16	Fresno, CA
October 18	Rocklin, CA

October 19	Eugene, OR
October 20	Portland, OR
October 21	Seattle, WA
October 23	Nampa, ID
October 25	Salt Lake City, UT
October 26	Denver, CO
October 27	Topeka, KS
November 1	Charlotte, NC
November 2	Knoxville, TN
November 3	Evansville, IN
November 4	Chattanooga, TN

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