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Bridging the gap between today's modern country music and the classic country sounds of the past, Arkansas-born Cory Jackson is an independent singer, songwriter, and entertainer who showcases contemporary compositions with a story-telling performance.

Born in Jonesboro, Arkansas, in 1995, Cory's rural upbringing deeply influences his music. Introduced to the guitar by his grandfather at 16, Cory began by learning cover songs, eventually mastering a few chords and trying his hand at songwriting. Fueled by dreams of a big-stage career during bus rides home from school, Cory quickly gained recognition for his talent. He released his first EP in 2015, followed by a series of singles across all streaming platforms, many of which feature Cory as a writer or co-writer.

Thousands of concerts later, Cory now feels right at home on the stage. He naturally connects with audience members of all ages during his live performances and uses music to convey a story his fans can't get enough of. His set list contains a wide range of artists, including George Strait, John Michael Montgomery, Dierks Bentley, Alan Jackson, Jon Pardi, Tim McGraw, John Anderson, Blake Shelton, Garth Brooks, Glen Campbell, Don Henley, and more. His song selections and performances always leave each member of the audience reminiscing on the country classics, while also being introduced to new country music that Cory is currently bringing to the industry.

Cory's childhood dream of performing on stage has driven him to achieve significant milestones throughout his career. In 2015, Cory gained widespread recognition when his music video for his original song "Sun Kissed Lips" placed in the top five of Snag-a-Job's competition to open for country star Brett Eldredge. This success was followed by back-to-back wins in independent artist competitions in 2016 and 2017, where he connected with the legendary country radio station WSM-650AM in Nashville. During this time, Cory had the honor of opening for the Oak Ridge Boys in Tennessee and Tracy Lawrence in Kentucky. In 2018, Cory further solidified his path in country music by winning the Arkansas Country Music Association (ACMA) "Country Artist of the Year" award. His national breakthrough came in 2019 on Season 17 of NBC's The Voice, where his standout three-chair turn performance earned him a spot on Team Blake, providing invaluable mentorship from Blake Shelton. Cory's momentum continued in 2022 when his music video for "Put Some Country in Your Country" won "Video of the Year" at the Arkansas CMAs. His single "Your Love" was a Top 5 nominee for "Song of the Year" in 2023, and in 2024, he was named "Male Vocalist of the Year" at the 7th Annual ACMAs, where he performed his original song "When the Needle Drops." Cory's latest singles skillfully bridge the gap between traditional and modern country, bringing a fresh yet familiar sound that resonates with fans of all ages.

Despite his many achievements, Cory understands that being an entertainer is about more than just performing. He stays true to his country roots, connects with his fans, and creates music that reflects who he is. Whether it's a laid-back acoustic set or a high-energy stage show, Cory always finds a special connection with his audience through the music that first inspired him.

Cory is active on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. As the demand for his storytelling performances grows across the country, his ever-expanding fan base continues to fuel the steady rise of his music career.

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