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MALIBU, CALIFORNIA, USA, September 23, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The distinctive vocals of multi-platinum singer/songwriter and Arizona native Dierks Bentley resonate throughout "Hold The Light," his first-ever song written and recorded for a motion picture. Also featuring Bon Iver's S. Carey, "Hold the Light" is featured in Columbia Pictures and Black Label Media's "Only The Brave," in theaters nationwide October 20th. The song was written by Bentley, Carey, Joe Trapanese and Jon Randall.

"Only the Brave," based on the true story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, is the heroic



Michael Shawn Hartman, photo credit: Michael Sargent

story of one unit of local firefighters that through hope, determination, sacrifice, and the drive to protect families, communities, and our country become one of the most elite firefighting teams in the country. As most of us run from danger, they run toward it - they watch over our lives, our homes,

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everything we hold dear, as they forge a unique brotherhood that comes into focus with one fateful fire. The film stars Josh Brolin, Miles Teller, Jeff Bridges, James Badge Dale, with Taylor Kitsch and Jennifer Connelly. Directed by Joseph Kosinski and written by Ken Nolan and Eric Warren Singer, based upon the GQ Article "No Exit" by Sean Flynn, the film is produced by Lorenzo di Bonaventura, Michael Menchel, Erik Howsam, Molly Smith, Thad Luckinbill, Trent Luckinbill, Dawn

Ostroff, and Jeremy Steckler.

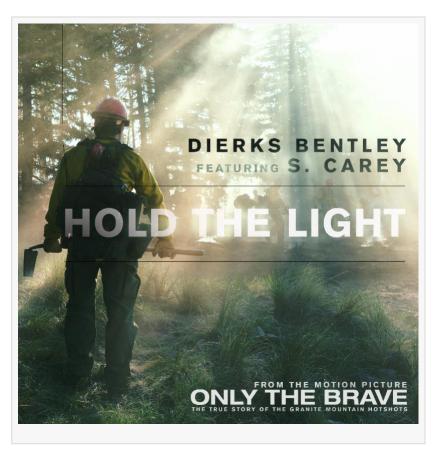
Country Singer Michael Shawn Hartman is completing recording his new single, "We Are American's," about healing from the national divide the last political election brought about, and standing up for our country, united as one people. Hartman, the son of a WWII U.S. Veteran said about his peer Dierks Bentley new work; "I commend Dierks success, and the topic of this film. Our firefighters are some of America's finest, bravest heroes!"

Dierks Bentley said, "This is at the top, if not the most meaningful experience I've ever been a part of. It hits me harder than any other song I've had a chance to be a part of. Over the last couple years I've met and gotten to know Brendan, the sole survivor, and my mom has met with some of the guys' families, and it's still unfathomable to put yourself in any of their shoes. But, our goal was to create a message of hope and love. I'm honored to have been a part of it."

Joseph Kosinski, the director of the film, added, "This story resonated deeply with Dierks from the beginning - he was one of the first to raise money to support the families of the Granite Mountain Hotshots and his commitment has been unwavering since then. The theme comes from the score and the lyrics come from the heart, so it was a natural fit for the film."

# ABOUT DIERKS BENTLEY

Current CMA "Male Vocalist of the Year" nominee Dierks Bentley has a "reputation as one of the hardest-working entertainers in country music" (Music Row) as "he sells out enormous tours, is a perennial favorite of format radio stations, and earns critical acclaim without compromising his artistic vision," (Entertainment Weekly). With 17 No. One hits and more than one billion digital streams he "continues to take risks that



pay off," (USA Today) as his eighth studio album BLACK, has been hailed the "most fully-formed LP of his career," (TIME). After making its debut at the No. his 2017 tour claimed the top spot on Billboard's Hot Tours selling over 750 million tickets. For more information visit <a href="https://www.dierks.com">www.dierks.com</a>.

# ABOUT MICHAEL SHAWN HARTMAN

Recently named "The Next Johnny Cash," (NEWS BLAZE), rising country star Michael Shawn Hartman was heard recently in the media (FOX NEWS), suggesting that America's self-esteem had been damaged by criticizing America and our U.S. President. Michael Shawn Hartman has stunningly learned to play over 500 songs, and as a "masterful songwriter" (HOLLYWOOD SENTINEL) has written nearly 100 new songs, with several of his newly released tracks, now on his website found below, being called "brilliant" (HOLLYWOOD SENTINEL DAILY). According to ABC news, Michael Shawn Hartman has also recently started a new organization called FAITH, FREEDOM, COUNTRY; to help advance positive messages in country music. The singers slogan, as noted on NBC news, also has a new line of t-shirts saluting America, with--according to the artist, a portion of the proceeds going to the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, for the rest of this month.

When asked what his life philosophy is, Michael admits, "My philosophy is don't take advantage of people, and be comfortable with everything around me. I try be the fairest I can to everybody." Hartman adds, "Country music makes me happy when I hear it. It makes me feel good. I want to do the same for people. I want to make people happy and feel good with my music, and I have been told that's just what I do!" For more information visit <a href="https://www.mikehartmanmusic.com">www.mikehartmanmusic.com</a>

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