

New Holiday Music: Christmas Angels From Johnny & The Mongrels

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PLEASANT VIEW, TN, UNITED STATES, December 2, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Consistent with the band's deep roots in Louisiana music, "Christmas Angels," the first holiday release by Johnny & The Mongrels, is set to a churchy, swaying beat, deepened by gospel-flavored piano. Co-bandleaders Johnny Ryan and Jeff Bostic share the lead vocals, each conveying powerful



Johnny & The Mongrels - Jeff Bostic, Johnny Ryan Credit: J.Mimna Photography

emotion and an intense connection to the song's message. The lyric reminds us that Christmas draws us closer to those we all love, including those who are no longer with us:

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Johnny Ryan, Johnny & The Mongrels Christmas Angels watching over you and me Right by your side or made up of memories. All the memories we cherish, all the signs that we see. Don't be blue this Christmas. Just believe. It's the ones that we've lost that help us to thrive. Always right here with us, their spirits never die. (J. Bostic, J. Ryan)

The track premieres today on American Blues Scene, in

December's issue of Driver Audio Magazine and on AirPlay Direct.

"I lost my father when I was 15 in a car crash," says Bostic. "During the healing process my sister and I both turned to music; that's when we both decided we were going to be musicians. It was great to get in touch with those memories while writing 'Christmas Angels' and actually heal myself as well."

"Remembering and honoring those we've all lost was an inspiration for writing this tune — in

particular, the memory of a good friend, who I lost to cancer," adds Ryan. "He also inspired the song 'Drinking With Angels' on our debut album Creole Skies."

With producer JoeBaby Michaels (Neville~Jacobs, Shaun Murphy) at the helm, keyboardist Bill McKay, drummer Eddie Christmas and guitarist James Dumm helped shape "Christmas Angels" in the studio.

Fans can download "Christmas Angels" at Spotify, iTunes, Amazon, Apple Music and the Creole Skies album here.



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