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ORLANDO, FL, USA, July 15, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- To say that Ron Artis II plays music from his heart and soul would be a bit of understatement. With his family upbringing and incredible early success, you may even say it has been pre-ordained. So how does one of the great musical talents of his generation come seemingly out of nowhere? Well, that part of the mystery is easy to solve. He's been paradise's best kept secret for years and now he's finally making big waves on the mainland and beyond.

Ron moved to Oahu, Hawaii with his family when he was only four years old. And what a prodigious family it is! He is one of eleven total children, all of whom grew up immersed in a creative and religious household led by his musically gifted parents. Ron explains "My mother is a beautiful singer and my biggest influence on my approach to singing. My father was always the performer, the writer and arranger."



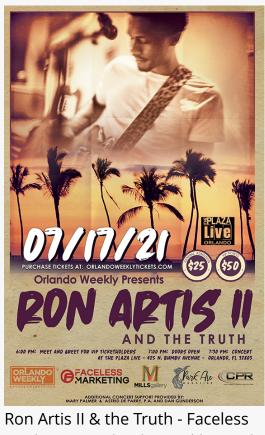
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While developing his multi-instrumental prowess playing in the Artis Family Band, Ron quickly took to piano and guitar as his main modes of expression. His mastery of both—in addition to numerous other instruments—quickly made evident that he was special. As he got older and played more around Oahu, others quickly recognized his gifts as well. Mick Fleetwood (Fleetwood Mac), Jack Johnson, Jake Shimabukuro and many others recognized the incredible talent that was taking root on their isolated island paradise. Ron has gone on to play with all of them and more across Hawaii's most prestigious venues with his own band that he put together (featuring brother Stevon on drums) aptly called, "The Truth."

Those opportunities led to more exposure to artists from the mainland who, while they were touring the islands, all immediately recognized the unique talent they were witnessing. Booker T Jones, Eric Krasno (Soulive, Lettuce) and G Love all invited (and in some cases demanded) Ron to collaborate and encouraged him to share his music with the broader world. This support aligned perfectly with Ron's vision for his music: "To me, music is about



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giving. When I'm performing, I let go of everything. I look out into an audience and feel: 'What do they need right now?' We as artists have been given a gift and gifts are meant to be shared."

Which catches us back up to today. Ron has played sell out shows from coast to coast with his

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Music is about giving. When I'm performing, I let go of everything. I look out into an audience and feel: 'What do they need right now?' " *Ron Artis II* long list of collaborators and more. His debut full length album "Soul Street" dropped in early April, 2020 and has already garnered wide critical praise. The album crystallizes the full range of Ron's influences—deep Delta Blues and Gospel, plus Northern Soul and R&B, alongside in-depth and personal lyrics—into a tight collection of fresh yet familiar songs that are at once urgent and timeless.

It is becoming readily apparent that the rest of the world

will be finding out soon enough about this incredible talent from the remote island in the middle of the Pacific. So get ready for the tidal wave of heart and soul music that is Ron Artis II & The Truth as they come to a city near you! But come this weekend and Ron and the truth will be playing live at The Plaza Live in Orlando. They have set up an intimate setting for these smooth sounds. Come and see some talented music aficionados do what they do best. Sponsored by <u>Orlando Weekly</u>, <u>Faceless Marketing</u>, <u>Park Ave Magazine</u>, Mills Gallery, CPR (Complete Production Resources)

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