

# Pittsburgh Author Chip Bell Collaborates with Florida Songwriter for a Trop Rock Performance at Mastic Trail Brewing

*Author of the Jake Sullivan tropical adventure series taps John McDonald to celebrate the release of his new book with an end-of-the summer book signing party*

PITTSBURGH, PA, UNITED STATES, September 27, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Local author [Charles "Chip" Bell](#) will hold a book signing on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Pittsburgh's "Caribbean Brewpub" - Mastic Trail Brewing, featuring a performance by singer songwriter [John McDonald](#) from 2 to 6 pm.

Bell, a Tarentum PA native and practicing attorney specializing in personal injury litigation, will release the next installment of his Jake Sullivan Series, which takes place in tropical destinations throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America.

Titling the book Why Don't We Get Drunk, Bell proclaims "now that we have a wonderful, new brewery in Pittsburgh with a Caribbean theme, it's an ideal time to bring back John McDonald and throw a fun, end-of-the summer party with great, live music celebrating my 19th novel which is set in Martinique."

McDonald, best known in Western PA as the front man of the perennial party band John McDonald & the Mango Men, recently brainstormed long-distance with Bell about his hero/protagonist Jake Sullivan and the specific plot of Why Don't We Get Drunk; the result is a brand, new theme song for the novel called La Diabliesse (The Devil Woman), written by McDonald and his collaborator Rick Beresford.

"As a songwriter, I'm always looking for new sources of inspiration and Chip's novels are full of



The Jake Sullivan Series by Pittsburgh author Chip Bell takes place in tropical destinations throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America.

compelling characters and adventures, all of which take place in beachy, island settings that are right up my alley” laughs McDonald.

Although Bell and McDonald are both Duquesne University graduates who traveled in similar circles for many years by virtue of their mutual passion for tropically flavored stories, Caribbean history, and Jimmy Buffett’s Parrot Head lifestyle generally, they didn’t meet in person until 2018 when they bumped into each other outside Captain Tony’s Saloon in Key West, Florida.

“I’ve been a fan of John’s original music for a long time and his career as a ‘Coastal Americana’ artist has really blossomed since his move to Florida.”



Singer Songwriter John McDonald's new song is based on the plot of Why Don't We Get Drunk, the next installment in the Jake Sullivan Series

McDonald’s 2021 CD release, *Islandology*, has received glowing reviews. A music critic from Brevard Live Magazine writes, “I’m a hard rocker but absolutely love this.” Rooftop Island, the first single, went to #1 on the Weekly Trop40 chart, hosted by the Tropical Americana station Radio A1A.

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McDonald was also recently nominated in 8 categories for the Annual TRMA Trop Rock Music Awards held on November 5, 2021 at The Key West Theater, including Album, Music Video and Song of the Year. His Mango Men bandmate Dale Cinski was nominated for Musician of the Year.

Along with a brief presentation by author Chip Bell, guests can sample Mastic Trail Brewery’s best-selling Mexican-style beer, aptly named Jake Sullivan’s Caribbean Lager, as they listen to the Floribbean sounds of John McDonald’s Trop Rock.

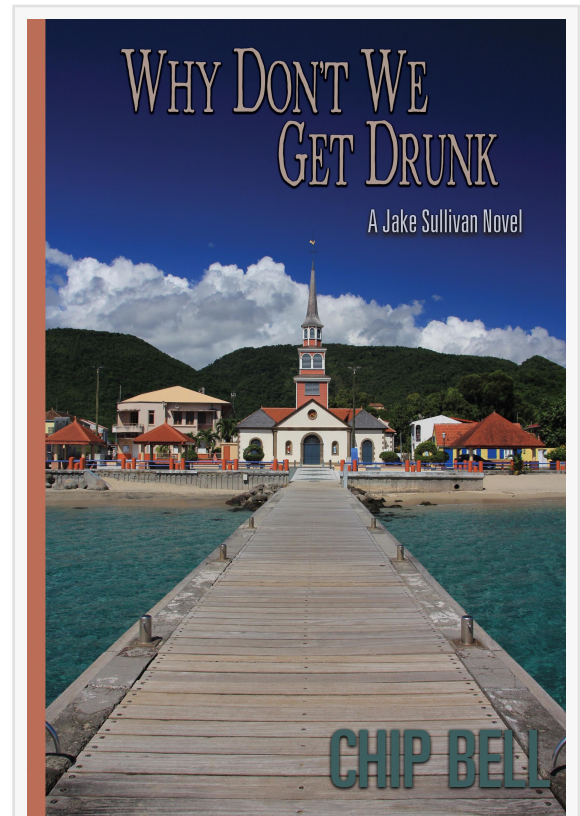
For event information or to purchase tickets in advance, please visit:

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[Mastic Trail Brewing](#) is Pittsburgh's Caribbean Brewpub providing guests with a Caribbean-inspired menu, tropical mixed drinks, and craft beers in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Mastic Trail Brewing invites you to get away to the islands without jumping on a plane.

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Jake Sullivan's adventure in *Why Don't We Get Drunk* takes place on the island of Martinique, steeped in French creole culture and mythology

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