

Emmy-Winning Singer Songwriter Claude Carmichael Performs In Nashville During Americana Music Festival Week

Franklin-based artist performed songs from his new album Tennessee Hill at long-running Debi Champion's Writer's Nights in the Commodore Grille at Vanderbilt.

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EINPresswire.com/ -- Fresh off the release of his debut solo album, Tennessee Hill, Claude Carmichael joined the iconic, long-running Debi Champion's Writer's Nights at the Commodore Grille at the Vanderbilt Holiday Inn. The performance

coincided with the annual Americana Music Festival, which celebrates music rooted in America, including folk, country, blues, blues rock, roots rock, and bluegrass.



Claude Carmichael With Guitar [(C)2026]

Tennessee Hill, released in August 2026, fits squarely under the Americana banner. It blends rootsy melodies with the storytelling of country, folk, and blues. Recorded and co-produced by Grammy-winning engineer and Keb' Mo' band member Casey Wasner at Purple House Studio in Leipers Fork, the album has drawn unanimous praise. Jennifer Munoz of Vents Magazine praised both the artist and the album for having a "sense of genuine reverence for a timeless art form."

At Debi Champion's Writer's Nights, now in its 34th year, Carmichael showed that reverence, along with his sly sense of humor in three songs, two from the album ("Bottom of a Well" and "Sonia Lee") as well as the yet-to-be-released "Road Rage."

"It was a blast playing at Debi Champion's Writers' Night at the Commodore Grille.

On one of my songs, at first I thought I was imagining a sweet harmony on the chorus. Turns out it was Debi harmonizing pitch-perfectly from the mic at the mixing board. I hope we'll get to sing together again!"

Of Carmichael's appearance at the 34-year-old Nashville institution, host Debi Champion says, "Claude Carmichael is a wonderful talent. He is welcome to play his songs at my writer's nights anytime. I hope he'll be back soon."

About the performance former writer and journalist (People) Laura Sanderson Healy said, "In these life-lived ballads (from Claude), I heard the voice of Warren Zevon. I would vote his round the 'best in show'."

Carmichael may be just launching his solo career, but he has long worked in music. After growing up playing in rock bands and folk clubs in eastern Virginia, he built a career in New York as a session singer and producer. He sang alongside Billy Joel on "The Stranger," at producer Phil Ramone's invitation, and sang the theme to the ABC movie The Bermuda Depths. He later turned to music with an environmental and documentary focus.

Through his company, Big Screen Music, he produced and supervised music for IMAX films (including "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees") daytime television, and soundtrack albums featuring artists including Lyle Lovett, Bonnie Raitt, Paul McCartney, and Bruce Cockburn. As music director for This Island Earth with Kenny Loggins, he won a Daytime Emmy Award. Along the way he also picked up a Genesis Award, a Native American Music Award, and honors from the Environmental Media Awards and the International Film and TV Festival of New York.



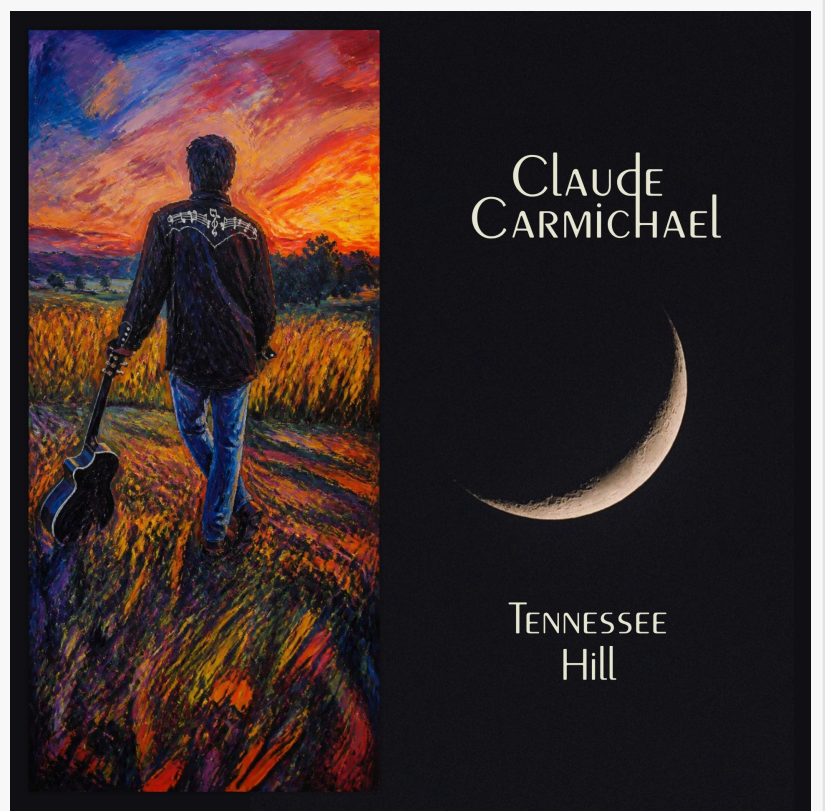
Claude Carmichael Performing At Writer's Nights



Claude Carmichael with Debi Champion [Photo (C) Pamela Lewis]

Tennessee Hill is available now on all streaming platforms. For more information about the album you can visit claudecarmichael.com. For information about Big Screen Music, you can visit bigscreenmusic.com.

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