



## **Award-Winning Country Star Brett Eldredge to Perform at Music Biz 2016 in Nashville**

January 25, 2016 – The Music Business Association (Music Biz) has announced that chart-topping Country star Brett Eldredge will perform live at the Music Biz 2016 Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, May 17, at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel in Nashville. Sponsored by the Country Music Association (CMA) to spotlight the 50th anniversary of the CMA Awards, the Breakfast will also feature the presentation of the Presidential Award for Outstanding Executive Achievement to John Esposito, President and CEO of Warner Music Nashville and Chairman of the CMA Board of Directors, and the Independent Spirit Award to Redeye, a leading physical and digital distributor and label services provider for some of the biggest independent artists and labels in the world.



“Brett is responsible for some of the most exciting new music coming out of Nashville, and his performance is sure to close our Awards Breakfast on a high note,” said James Donio, President of Music Biz. “His second album, *Illinois*, debuted at #1 on the Billboard Country Albums chart and #3 on the all-genre Billboard 200. With four consecutive #1 singles to his credit, the 2014 CMA New Artist of the Year is fast climbing the charts with his new single, ‘Drunk on Your Love.’ We know that even bigger things lay ahead for Brett, and we are honored to share his talents with our attendees.”

“I’ve been blessed to have the support of the Nashville industry as I’ve built my career and am excited to return to my home away from home for this performance,” said Eldredge. “It’s been gratifying to watch

*Illinois*, an intensely personal album for me, reach such amazing heights. I'm looking forward to sharing these songs with the Music Biz community."

Raised in Paris, IL, Eldredge first dipped his toes into the music business when he co-wrote "I Think I've Had Enough" for Gary Allan, which was featured on his 2010 album *Get Off on the Pain*. By the end of the year, Eldredge was signed by Atlantic Nashville, releasing his debut full-length album, *Bring You Back*, in 2013. The record produced three #1 hits on the U.S. Country Airplay chart, including the Platinum-certified "Don't Ya" and Gold-certified "Beat of the Music" and "Mean to Me." In 2014, he was named New Artist of the Year at the CMA Awards, and he has also won two ASCAP Country Music Awards, four BMI Country Awards, a CMT Music Award, and an American Country Countdown Award. His second album, *Illinois*, was released in September 2015, debuting atop the Billboard Country Albums chart and reaching #3 on the all-genre Billboard 200. The record also produced Eldredge's fourth consecutive #1 single with "Lose My Mind."

Music Biz 2016, which will return to Nashville from May 16-18, is the music industry's premier event, giving the commerce and content sectors a place to meet with trading partners, network with new companies, and learn about new trends and products impacting the music business. Registration is open now, with early bird discounts available until March 11, 2016. For more information or to sign up for the conference, visit [www.musicbiz2016.com](http://www.musicbiz2016.com).

#### **About the Music Business Association**

The Music Business Association (Music Biz) is a membership organization that advances and promotes music commerce — a community committed to the full spectrum of monetization models in the industry. It provides common ground by offering thought leadership, resources and unparalleled networking opportunities, all geared to the specific needs of its membership. Music Biz brings a unique perspective and valuable insight into the trends and changes that innovation brings. Today, we put our collective experience to work across all delivery models: physical, digital, mobile, and more. Music Biz and its members are committed to building the future of music commerce — together.

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