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Mary Millben debuts single 'On to Victory' featuring Lee Greenwood ahead of the inaugural March for Kids event in D.C. on August 31

NEW YORK – Award-winning International Singer Mary Millben is set to release her new single “On To Victory” featuring Grammy, ACM, and CMA award-winning singer-songwriter Lee Greenwood ahead of the inaugural ‘March for Kids’ event in Washington, D.C. next Saturday, August 31st, 2024. Projected to draw thousands of parents from across America, this nonpartisan event is birthed from America’s grassroots movement defending parental rights and prioritizing

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To listen : marymillben.com/on-to-victory

Greenwood, the voice of Amer-

ica’s most-recognized patriotic anthem “God Bless the U.S.A.,” and Millben, coined as America’s “National Anthem Singer” globally, both performed on the final night of the 2024 Republican National Convention, just prior to President Donald J. Trump accepting the nomination to be the 47th President of the United States.

“Just as I have for almost 15 years, for decades Lee has dedicated his life and music career to singing anthems about freedom and liberty. Anthems have the power to recenter us on what is right, true, and beneficial for hu-

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manity. A country is at its best when freedom and liberty are celebrated, truth is upheld, and children take priority. And this priority includes their protection. Children are God’s greatest gift to us, and I believe we all must do everything possible to protect them. So does Lee,” Millben said.

“This song will not only elevate March for Kids and bring inspiration to America’s moms, dads, grandparents, and guardians, but I truly believe every American and global citizen will be singing this song for years to come. Our kids are our future and hope,” Millben said.

With seven #1 songs & 25 charted singles to his credit, choosing songs proved to be a success for Greenwood. Lee Greenwood has won numerous industry awards including, Male Vocalist of the Year from the Academy of Country Music in 1983, two Male Vocalist of the Year awards from the Country

Music Association in 1983 & 1984 and a Grammy for Top Male Vocal Performance in 1985 for “I.O.U.”. The CMA also named “God Bless The U.S.A.” its Song of the Year in 1985.

“God Bless the U.S.A.” went far beyond what Greenwood expected when he wrote it in the back of his tour bus in 1983. The song has been in the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001 and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat. It was also #1 on the pop charts after 9/11/01. In addition, CBS News voted “God Bless The U.S.A.” the most recognizable patriotic song in America. Having performed for five consecutive U.S. Presidents, 2024 marks the 40th anniversary of “God Bless The U.S.A.!”

Millben is a story of the American dream. A preacher’s daughter from Oklahoma, Millben has performed the National Anthem and patriotic music for four consecutive U.S. Presidents - President George W. Bush, President Barack Obama, President Donald Trump, and President Joe Biden, international royalty, and world leaders. Millben has been featured at the 58th Presidential Inauguration Victory Celebration for President Trump, The White House, the United States Congress, 2024 International Cricket

Council T20 World Cup, for the National Football League (NFL), National Basketball Association (NBA), Major League Baseball (MLB), 2016 RIO Olympics, off-Broadway, in India, China, Europe, Canada, Africa, and in concert halls worldwide. Pairing her message of unity with diplomacy, Millben has gained international recognition for her performances of global anthems for India, China, Brazil, UAE, Israel, and other G20 countries.

February 2020, Noteformote Entertainment released Millben’s debut single “Grace Will Lead Me Home” on THE MEANEST MAN IN TEXAS original motion picture soundtrack now on all leading digital platforms globally and received Academy Award/Oscar eligibility. “Grace Will Lead Me Home” was written for THE MEANEST MAN IN TEXAS and the film is available on Amazon Prime Video. Millben is devoted to using her voice and platform to share God’s love to hearts and lands globally.

March for Kids is a collaboration of grassroots organizations and their members from across the U.S. to advocate for the protection of parents’ fundamental right to direct the upbringing of their children.

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The Memphis Hustle opens registration for kids in the Hustle Cubs Reading Club

MEMPHIS, TENN. – The Memphis Hustle, the NBA G League affiliate of the Memphis Grizzlies, opened registration for the fourth annual Hustle Cubs Reading Club program. Teachers

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and students are encouraged to register at memphishustle.com/hustle-reading-cubs by Friday, Sept. 13, to be eligible for the program.

Hustle Cubs Reading Club is a program to encourage students to read 20 minutes a day for six weeks, excluding weekends, totaling 600 minutes, starting Monday, Sept. 30, through Monday, Nov. 11.

Each student who successfully completes the program will receive one (1) complimentary ticket* to a Memphis Hustle home game during the 2024-25 season. Additionally, teachers who have 50 percent or more of registered Hustle Cubs Reading Club students complete the 600-minute challenge will receive two (2) complimentary tickets* to a Memphis Hustle home game during the 2024-25 season.

*Excludes Education Day games
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For more information on the Memphis Hustle, visit memphishustle.com, follow the team on Twitter/X and Instagram (@MemphisHustle) or like Memphis Hustle on Facebook.

Bierman and Kitagawa earn AAC Weekly honors

IRVING, Texas, August 26, 2024 – Senior goalkeeper Kaylie Bierman won the AAC’s second Goalkeeper of the Week award, while freshman midfielder Ai Kitagawa collected her second straight AAC Freshman of the Week honor, the conference announced Monday.

The accolades come on the back of the No. 8/10 Tigers’ 2-1 victory over Ole Miss on Sunday evening, which improved their 2024 record to 3-0.

Bierman was instrumental in stifling Ole Miss’ attack on Sunday in Oxford, collecting two official saves and diving to collect several loose balls. The only Rebel goal, the first allowed of Bierman’s season in 225 minutes, came through a penalty kick.

Kitagawa continued her sensational start to her Memphis career, scoring the Tigers’ two

goals to up her tally to three on the season. She is the fastest player to reach three career goals in the Brooks Monaghan era (2000-present).

This is the second award for both Bierman and Kitagawa in their respective careers. Bierman was named Goalkeeper of the Week in August 2023 while Kitagawa makes it two Freshman of the Week awards in as many weeks.

Memphis will be back in action this Sunday, Sept. 1, when they host Iowa State at 8 p.m., the second game of a double header at the Track and Soccer Stadium.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Soccer, visit

www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team’s social media channels on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

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