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WILL BREMAN

Will Breman first gained national attention as the first artist on the autism spectrum to compete on NBC's *The Voice*. Under the mentorship of John Legend, he soared to the Top 8 semifinals in Season 17, leaving an indelible mark with his raw talent and heartfelt performances. During his time on the show, Will worked alongside music legends like Usher, Taylor Swift, Kelly Clarkson, Gwen Stefani, and Blake Shelton, gaining invaluable insights that continue to shape his artistry. His journey on *The Voice* not only showcased his musical prowess but also served as a powerful testament to breaking barriers and embracing authenticity.

Since 2019, Will has been a prolific recording artist. His latest EP, *Searching For The Crown Of Bliss*, is a captivating exploration of life's peaks and valleys, crafted with a multi-instrumentalist's touch. Will's unparalleled ability to record all the instruments for his projects—including guitar, banjo, harmonica, mandolin, dulcimer, bass, and percussion—speaks to his dedication to creating music that is as diverse as it is deeply personal. A staple of California's Central Coast music scene, Will plays regular shows in Santa Barbara and beyond, where his dynamic performances and magnetic stage presence have cemented his reputation as a community favorite.

Will's eclectic influences and genre-blending style have earned him opportunities to share stages with legends like Michael McDonald, Neil Young, Joe Walsh, Willie Nelson, and Stephen Stills. Whether performing intimate folk ballads, infectious soul-pop anthems, or foot-stomping bluegrass tunes, he weaves together his diverse inspirations to craft a sound that is uniquely his own. With a commitment to storytelling and a vision that transcends boundaries, Will Breman continues to carve out a meaningful space in today's music scene.

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JESS BUSH

Born into a musical family, **Jess Bush** took her first piano lesson at age seven and was instantly hooked. Inspired by the musical open heart surgery of legends like Carole King, Elton John, Al Green, and Brandi Carlile, her soulful vocals, raw, honest lyrics, and bluesy piano stylings result in an unmistakably earnest Americana sound. In May of 2023, Jess was awarded "Best Overall" at the Songwriters at Play songwriting competition. This landed her a session at Joel Jacks Studios in Santa Ynez, CA, where she has since recorded several singles in the same room that has captured the music of icons like David Crosby, Olivia Newton-John, Michael McDonald, and more.



MENDELEYEV

Mendeleyev is a baritone Singer/Songwriter/Producer based in Los Angeles, CA. Ben Harper's opening act for his fall 2023 tour. Appearing on Season 17 of NBC's *The Voice* on John Legend's Team, his low booming voice got all 4 coaches to turn their chairs with his viral rendition of *Girl from the North Country*. Multi-instrumental, humorous, and full of energy, Mendeleyev is a storyteller never bound by genre and is always taking the next step in creative expression...



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OMAR VELASCO

Based in Los Angeles, **Omar Velasco** is an accomplished singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who draws inspiration from a range of artists, including Stevie Wonder, Milton Nascimento, Mercedes Sosa, and folk luminaries like Leonard Cohen, Nick Drake, Bob Dylan, and John Martyn.

Omar honors the sounds of the past while conjuring his own eclectic and distinctive blend of multicultural musical flavor. Born to a Jewish American father and Mexican mother, he proudly represents the richness of his upbringing in his music.

A captivating performer, Omar has collaborated and toured with acclaimed artists such as Jonathan Wilson, Jim James and My Morning Jacket, Poolside, and Father

John Misty. He has performed on iconic stages such as Red Rocks, Ohana Music Festival, The Lobero Theater Santa Barbara, The Fillmore, The Troubadour, and many stages across Europe and the world.

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CÉLEIGH CHAPMAN

Bakersfield native **Céleigh Chapman** (pronounced Kaleigh) grew up singing country standards in the juke joints of California's Central Valley. Her roots run deep — from a 3rd grade performance of "Home On The Range" to recording in Buck Owens' private studio with The Buckaroos themselves and selling out the Buck Owens' Crystal Palace.

Céleigh's voice has been described as polished and angelic, yet haunting, raspy, and badass — a sound that imbues every song with meaning beyond its lyrics. Her authentic California country credentials

have attracted a wide variety of fans and collaborators throughout her career. Her self-released EPs earned iTunes' "New and Noteworthy" recognition and multiple spins on LA's KCRW, and her latest, *Easy Now*, was produced with Grammy Award-winning John Spiker and features musicians who have worked with Shania Twain, Kacey Musgraves, and Tenacious D.

An accomplished songwriter for film and television, Céleigh received recognition for her collaboration with BAFTA & Grammy-nominated composer Austin Wintory on the Columbia Records soundtrack *I'm Lucky*, nominated for Best Original Song at the Hollywood Music and Media Awards. Her work has since been featured by Apple TV, Netflix, Disney, Sony Pictures, NBC, and beyond.