



**TRANSPARENT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS DANNY GOKEY'S "STAY STRONG"
FALL TOUR**

Featuring Austin French and Introducing Natalie Layne



NASHVILLE, TN. (JULY 31, 2023) Transparent Productions presents the Fall 2023 **Danny Gokey "Stay Strong Tour"** with his friend **Austin French** ("Born Again," "Freedom Hymn") and introducing **Natalie Layne**. Following up on the successful "Jesus People" tour this year, Gokey is revamping his tour this fall with a fresh approach. The 20+ city nationwide tour will feature a unique opportunity to hear new arrangements of old favorites, as well as some of the stories behind the songs that will inspire, refresh and challenge you to 'stay strong' in the midst of whatever life might bring.

"This tour is gonna be a little different from my normal tours, so if you've seen me in the past, come expecting something new," shares Danny Gokey. "In addition to all of the fan favorites you know, there may be a sneak peek of some new music I've been working on, too. Not only that, but I can't wait for you to hear Austin French (he's such an encourager), and introduce you to an awesome new talent, Natalie Layne. I'm really looking forward to joining with them in bringing these special nights and uplifting messages of hope through music. And, if you know me, there will be plenty of fun moments thrown in too!"

Featuring many of Gokey's popular songs, including "Tell Your Heart to Beat Again," "Haven't Seen It Yet," "Love God Love People" and, of course, "Stay Strong," concertgoers will enjoy a powerful evening of uplifting music and encouragement. Tickets are on sale today and can be purchased at the links below.

Austin French adds, "I am super excited to hit the road with Danny. I have been encouraged by his music for so long. I can't wait to join him on stage to share Jesus with people all over the country this fall!"

"Stay Strong" Tour Dates

Sept. 21	Williamsport, MD	Nov. 04	Lafayette, LA
Sept. 22	East Falmouth, MA	Nov. 05	Mobile, AL
Sept. 23	Montgomery, NY	Nov. 07	Evansville, IN
Sept. 24	Youngstown, OH	Nov. 09	Springfield, OH
Sept. 28	Huntington, WV	Nov. 10	Bensalem, PA
Sept. 29	Somerset, KY	Nov. 11	Woodbridge, VA
Sept. 30	Macon, GA	Nov. 12	Elgin, SC
Oct. 01	Fayetteville, NC	Nov. 14	Virginia Beach, VA
Oct. 26	Grand Rapids (Hudsonville), MI	Nov. 16	Winterville, NC
Oct. 27	Green Bay, WI	Nov. 17	North Charleston, SC
Oct. 28	Fort Wayne, IN	Nov. 18	Toccoa Falls, GA
Oct. 29	Davenport, IN	Nov. 19	Montgomery, AL
Nov. 02	Longview, TX		
Nov. 03	College Station, TX		

ABOUT DANNY GOKEY: Three-time GRAMMY® Nominee, three-time KLOVE Male Vocalist of the Year, Dove Award winner, and eight-time Dove Award Nominee, Danny Gokey became a favorite of millions of fans as a Top 3 finalist on Season Eight of American Idol. Following Idol, Gokey dropped his first album, *My Best Days*, and has since celebrated a series of No. 1s including his follow-up releases *Hope In Front of Me*, *Rise*, *Haven't Seen It Yet*, *Jesus People*, and holiday albums, *Christmas Is Here* and *The Greatest Gift*. Spawning singles like, "We All Need Jesus" "Rise," "The Comeback," "Love God Love People," and RIAA Gold-certified "Hope In Front of Me", "Tell Your Heart to Beat Again" and "Haven't Seen It Yet," Danny Gokey has cemented his place on the radio charts with multi-week, multi-chart-topping runs in the United States, Canada, and now Latin markets with the releases of Spanish singles and collaborations. The desire to make a broader impact with his message of hope led to the founding of the nonprofit organization Better Than I Found It, which is doing community giveback 'Bus Stops' during his touring initiatives. He and his wife Leyjet also launched Livin' la Vida Gokey, a podcast featuring conversations about faith and family. They currently live outside Nashville, TN with their four beautiful children, Daniel, Victoria, Gabriel, and Emanuel.

ABOUT AUSTIN FRENCH: Growing up in small-town Georgia, young Austin French dreamed of writing songs as a means to share his faith and passion for Jesus. Being surrounded by a musical family gave him the opportunity to grow towards that goal. As he began to develop his gifts, Austin began touring while in high school, taking his music to stages, churches, and anyone who would listen. At the age of eighteen, Austin began leading at Journey Church in Tifton, Georgia, and eventually became their full-time worship pastor. In 2014, Austin French was featured on the ABC TV show *Rising Star*, where he won the hearts of millions of viewers – including guest judges Ludacris, Ke\$ha, and Brad Paisley. Austin French competed his way to the finale, finished as the runner-up on the show, and had the opportunity to share the stage with multi-platinum recording artist, Josh Groban. Austin's hit singles include "Wake-Up Sleeper," "Freedom Hymn," "Born Again," & "Why God."

ABOUT NATALIE LAYNE: Singer, songwriter, and producer Natalie Layne desire to radiate joy through her original music. With a master's in commercial piano, Layne won Belmont's Christian Showcase at her alma mater in 2019, leading her to sign an exclusive recording and publishing contract with Centricity Music. Prior to landing a record deal, Layne charted a successful path as an independent artist for six years during which she cultivated an impressive social following simply by inviting listeners into her songwriting process online. Moreover, she studied under GRAMMY® award-winning songwriter and producer Bernie Herms (Natalie Grant, Josh Groban, Barbra Streisand) through an apprenticeship that allowed her to shadow him for a semester. She's sung background vocals for Natalie Grant on the Dove Awards stage and also lent BGVs to labelmate Jason Gray's upcoming album. Additionally, she's opened shows for Jeremy Camp, Chris Tomlin and We The Kingdom, among others, as well as headlined full band sets at Bonnaroo — twice. Leading worship since she was 12 under the mentorship of respected worship pastors such as Cory Asbury, Jon Egan and Jared Anderson, the Colorado Springs native now resides in Nashville where she continues to lead worship at her local church. Her introductory EP, *Amen*, builds on her growing momentum, serving up six original songs — all co-penned by Layne.

ABOUT TRANSPARENT PRODUCTIONS: Transparent Productions will promote and produce more than 500 events and sell more than 1 million tickets in 2023. Over the past 25 years, the company has produced first-class Christian concerts, tours, and festivals across the U.S. in churches, theaters, arenas, and amphitheaters. Transparent works with some of the largest names in Christian music including Phil Wickham, CeCe Winans, Brandon Lake, Chris Tomlin, For King + Country, UNITED, Casting Crowns, Crowder, Big Daddy Weave, Danny Gokey, Tauren Wells, Anne Wilson and dozens more. In recent years, they expanded into speaker and podcast tours with best-selling authors Lysa TerKeurst, John Bevere, and Annie F. Downs. The company specializes in every aspect of live events including booking, marketing, ticketing, production, venues, and day-of-show logistics, with expertise encompassing single show dates to large-scale national tours as well as annual festival events including Fishfest, Spirit West Coast, and Family Life Radio Festival. [TransparentProductions.com](https://transparentproductions.com).

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