

# Robert Henry



## Raised on Traditional Country Music

Florida-born and Oregon-raised, Robert's northwest upbringing simultaneously juxtaposed and complimented his southern roots. Reinforced by his musically inclined family of six, four of which, including Robert, also consider themselves singers, it was a smooth transition when Robert made the ultimate decision to pursue music full-time. As a student of history in all facets, it isn't surprising that Robert draws musical influence across a spectrum of genres, yet most significantly from his Honky Tonk forebears like Buck Owens, Merle Haggard, George Jones and Waylon Jennings, to name a few.

At age 14, Robert learned to play guitar in his first band, "Bigger Trigger" where he discovered his initial passion for music. "Somewhere along the way, my voice changed and it got a lot easier to sing all that traditional country music my parents raised me on," Robert says.

## Highlights

- Winner of ponderosa lounge battle of the bands 2018 in Portland, OR
- 2 time headliner for Main Street cowboys at Pendleton round up
- Opened for Shenandoah & Casey Donahew
- Featured on the Western AF YouTube channel
- Played Wild Hare Country Festival in Canby, OR
- Recorded duet with George Jones & Tammy Wynette's daughter Georgette Jones
- World Songwriting Award Winter 2020 "Best traditional country song" for "Storm the gate"
- Regular artist at legendary Million Dollar Cowboy bar in Jackson, WY



## Storm the Gate

At a 2019 songwriting session in Nashville, Robert's producer turned to him and said, "if you want to get these songs on the radio, you've gotta please the gatekeepers." "I don't know if you've listened to country radio lately, but there's not a whole lot of country music on it" said Robert. "Storm the Gate" tells the story of an old soul who wants nothing more than to revive the "roots that run so deep" of country music's past, yet is eager to storm the gate with a sound of his own.

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