



JD Shelburne is that rare artist for whom the dream, the life, and the music have all come together.

“I’ve been blessed enough to hit that sweet spot,” says JD, whose musical journey has taken him from his hometown of Taylorsville, Kentucky, to national prominence—and most recently to the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. “One by one, the dreams have come true, and the Opry is the biggest dream of all, the one I’ve had since I first started playing. And the best part is that I have the truest and most loyal fans in the world, and they’ve been with me every step of the way.”

At 19, when he returned from college for his grandmother’s funeral, he found a guitar in her closet and took it back to school. He began playing every day between classes, and when he came home for the summer, he practiced in a local church.

“That’s where it all started for me,” he says, “and it just all came naturally.” Friends urged him to play clubs, and it wasn’t long before he had a loyal following and sellout dates on his hands. He began playing in Louisville and then moved to Nashville after graduation.

Along the way, he has been featured in *Country Weekly Magazine*, debuted as the #1 trending artist on CMT.com, and performed at hundreds of fairs and festivals spanning the eastern U.S. He has been part of the CMA Music Festival, the NCAA Women’s Final Four, and the Quaker State 400 NASCAR Race, and has performed at SunTrust Park, Guaranteed Rate Field, Great American Ballpark, Freedom Hall, and Rupp Arena, to name just a few, sharing the stage with over 70 national acts. He was featured as the Texas Roadhouse Artist of the Month nationwide in May 2020 in 580 restaurants, a feat shared with the likes of Kenny Chesney, George Strait, and Rodney Atkins. He has made numerous appearances at the Kentucky Derby and his outfits have been featured on display in the museum at historic Churchill Downs. He performed the Kentucky state song at the capital by request of the state’s Senate and House of Representatives, and he was part of *Hometown Rising* in Louisville, headlined by Tim McGraw, playing for a crowd of tens of thousands. He has been featured in *Kentucky Monthly* and *Kentucky Alumni* magazines and was named Most Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Kentucky’s College of Communication and Information in 2016.

In addition, JD has raised thousands of dollars for charities including St. Jude Children’s Hospital, Blessings In a Backpack, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure to name a few.

A dedicated family man, JD loves giving his fans a taste of his home life with wife Amy and son Jax. That too is part of the sweet spot as his social media connects him to that growing fan base.

“I couldn’t ask for a better life,” he says, “and I try with every song I put out to share the blessings and offer encouragement along with the fun. I wouldn’t trade it.”

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- + Grand Ole Opry Debut July 5th, 2025! + Performed over 3,000 Concerts.+ 6 original albums released since 2012.
- + Recorded with Grammy Award Winners, Country Music Hall of Famer Members, The Oak Ridge Boys.
- + “Straight from Kentucky” reached #9 on Itunes Country Chart in 2021. Top 60 on All Albums chart on Itunes.