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Keith, Adkins Playing Hard Rock

Toby Keith and Trace Adkins are coming to Atlantic City. The country stars will perform at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sunday, August 26. The show starts at 8 p.m in Etes Arena.

Keith, a singer, songwriter and producer, released four studio albums, plus a greatest hits collection, between 1993-98. All went gold. Among the hit singles was “Should’ve Been a Cowboy,” a song played more than any other country tune in the 1990s.

For his career, the Oklahoma native has released 19 studio albums and a pair of Christmas collections. He’s had 61 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, 20 of which have held the top spot. Keith has sold more than 40 million albums.

“The Bus Songs,” a compilation album by Keith, was released in September 2017. It climbed to No. 6 on the Top Country Albums chart and reached 38 on the Billboard 200.

A former semi-pro football player, Keith’s been honored numerous times by the American Music Awards and the Academy of Country Music. In 2009, Billboard named him the top country artist and songwriter of the decade.

Adkins, legendary in Nashville for more than 20 years, has sold 11 million albums. Born in Louisiana, he released his debut record, “Dreamin’ Out Loud,” in 1996. He also appeared on the PBS music show, “Austin City Limits,” in 1998. Since those early years, Adkins has had more than 20 songs make Billboard’s country music charts. Three of those songs hit No. 1.

Just one of his studio albums hasn’t gone gold or platinum in the U.S.

Known for his distinctive voice, Adkins has been on a variety of TV shows, including as a panelist on “Hollywood Squares” and “Pyramid.” He also provided the voice for a recurring character on “King of the Hill.” Among the films he’s appeared in are “The Lincoln Lawyer” and “Moms’ Night Out.”

Adkins wrote an autobiography, “A Personal Stand: Observations and Opinions from a Free- Thinking Roughneck,” released in 2007.

His latest album, “Something’s Going On,” was his first on his new label, BBR Music Group/ Wheelhouse Records.”