

Rascal Flatts Tip Their Hand for Las Vegas Shows

Concert Series Will Be More Intimate Than Ever Before



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Rascal Flatts are gearing up to try their luck in Sin City.

The trio will kick off a Las Vegas stint at the Joint in the Hard Rock Hotel on Feb. 25 with nine dates locked in through mid-March.

CMT Hot 20 Countdown caught up with the band's Gary LeVox, Jay DeMarcus and Joe Don Rooney during rehearsals for the concert series, and the guys say they're looking forward to a unique experience.

"We hadn't had a chance to do this before, so we wanted to go test the water and see how we like it and see how they liked it," said DeMarcus. "And we're honored to be the first country band that they've ever asked to do a residency in there."

As a smaller space than the amphitheater-filling stars usually play in, the venue provides an opportunity to create a more intimate setting,

and the guys plan to rise to the challenge, hoping to make their Vegas Riot series one of the best yet.

“We’ve never really gotten to do this, and it’s been a long time since we’ve scaled back to where it’s gonna be,” Rooney said. “But it’s also exciting because it’s Vegas, it’s the Joint and we’re the first country artists there ... so we’re bringing our A game. We’re gonna do some things different. We’ve got some new band personnel and some special things that Rascal Flatts is gonna do that we haven’t done before, just for Vegas.”

Fans that can’t make it to Las Vegas will still have a chance to catch the trio in another brand-new setting sometime next year — an HBO miniseries following soldiers in the Civil War.

“We all have roles in the miniseries,” DeMarcus revealed. “It’s been in the works for a long time. It’s taken 15 years to finish this script.

“The guy that wrote our CSI episode, Michel Beckner, wrote this miniseries, and it’s kinda the Band of Brothers for the Civil War. It follows the same group of guys from the beginning of the Civil War to the end of it. ... Now it’s finally greenlit and they’re gonna start pre-production in the spring, so we’ll be doing our part sometime in the fall.”

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