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Aldean:
Wide Open
album due
in April.



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Music

Jason Aldean enlists his 'Alabama' hero

If all goes according to schedule, Jason Aldean will have one of his musical heroes on his new album. Alabama frontman Randy Owen is to record vocals for a version of the band's *My Home's in Alabama* that will appear on Aldean's *Wide Open*, due April 7.

Coming attractions

"I made my band learn and record it as true to the original track as possible, tried to get the same guitar tones, play the same licks," Aldean says.

Wide Open also will include *She's Country*, No. 25 on the USA TODAY country airplay chart. Aldean points to *My Highway* and *Big Green Tractor* as potential follow-ups. "We've found a lot of great songs, and I'm excited to see what happens."

— Brian Mansfield