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Charles Kelley, Dave Haywood and Hillary Scott, otherwise known as **Lady Antebellum**, are reinventing modern country music with their unique sound. Heralded by critics and listeners alike, country's "next big thing" sits down with us to discuss future plans, marriage proposals and the keys to tour bus harmony.



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**HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE YOUR SOUND?**

**CHARLES:** When the three of us met, we brought in all of our different influences. I guess it's a pop-country sound, with a little bit of southern rock thrown in there, and some soul.

**WHERE ARE YOU ON YOUR QUEST TO GREATNESS?**

**CHARLES:** We're just at the beginning. There are still a lot of new fans to make, a lot more music to get out there, and a lot more we want to say as artists.

**DO YOU STILL GET PRE-SHOW JITTERS?**

**HILLARY:** The most nerve-racking are the ones that aren't routine;

the TV shows, the live performances; award shows...Those are where we're freaking out!

**CHARLES:** We always get a little nervous. We might have a beer to calm the nerves and get into show mode.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR BEST FRIEND WOULD SAY IS YOUR BEST QUALITY?**

**DAVE:** I don't know, let's ask them (turns towards Hillary and Charles). Maybe staying calm and composed...

**HILLARY:** He is pretty even-keeled.

**CHARLES:** I'm pretty even-keeled too. (shakes head) No, I'm the complete opposite.

**WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT LIFE LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED ON THE ROAD?**

**HILLARY:** I've learned to let things go. We have a full bus - so its about keeping the vibe good, enjoying each other, and not getting caught up in the little things.

**WHAT IS THE MOST OUTRAGEOUS REQUEST YOU HAVE EVER GOTTEN, EITHER YOU OR THE BAND?**

**DAVE:** We did have someone propose at a signing.

**HILLARY:** He got down on his knee and he was using our song lyrics in his proposal... but the ring was pretty, I saw it!

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IN YOUR CAREER?**

**DAVE:** Other than a weird name...

**CHARLES:** Trying to find something that sets you apart from the rest.

**HILLARY:** Eventually you just stop trying. I think that's when you find it.

**WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO WRITE MUSIC?**

**CHARLES:** The pursuit of greatness. Wanting to write 'that' song, that perfect song, that will be here forty years after you're gone.

**DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL MANTRA OR WISDOM STATEMENT?**

**HILLARY:** Live wisely but unapologetically. To not be afraid to be who you are and say what you think.

**WHO WOULD YOU SAY HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST INSPIRATION, MUSICALLY OR OTHERWISE?**

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