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Top 20 Country Artists to Watch in 2016

TUCKER BEATHARD

Tucker Beathard recently released a five-song EP on Spotify to give fans a gritty preview of what to expect while working on his debut album. Nashville fans may recognize Beathard from his guest appearance (as himself) in this year's winter finale. Although Beathard is only 20, he's a second-generation songwriter and has been playing in bands for half his life. The Nashville native will kick off 2016 playing shows with Chase Rice before heading to the UK and Ireland in April with Dierks Bentley.

Describe yourself to fans in one sentence:

Unique and edgy, or at least that's what I've been told.

2015 accomplishment you're most proud of:

I'm proud of how hard we've been going out on the road. This year we've really been grinding, we've played 25 states this year, a handful of those multiple times.

One surprising or unique thing about yourself:

I took a leap of faith when I finished high school and bailed on a baseball scholarship in order to follow my music dreams.

Thing you're most looking forward to in 2016:

I'm looking forward to being able to share more of the songs we've been working so hard on, and if I'm lucky enough to hear them back on the radio that will be the best payoff I can imagine.