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Thomas Rhett Talks About His 'Crazy' Collaboration With Brett Eldredge

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Thomas Rhett and Brett Eldredge have cut a song for Eldredge's Illinois album, and the "Crash and Burn" singer says it's pretty wild. It sounds like their upcoming CMT on Tour tour will be crazy, as well. The two friends have a lot in common, and a similar set of rowdy fans.

"You Can't Stop Me" is the song the pair recorded for Illinois, out Sept. 11. When asked if it matched the tone of his new album, Rhett didn't say "yes," but he smiled and admitted it's pretty wild.

"I think it's cool," Rhett, whose second album *Tangled Up* drops on Sept. 25, tells *Taste of Country*. "Me and Brett both have pretty progressive records coming out and we're going on tour together in the fall ... so it'll be fun to see how many people wanna come out to a TR and Brett show."

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Eldredge and Rhett first met through Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley of Florida Georgia Line. The Georgian says they both have the same goofy personalities, so it worked out well. While they haven't hung out much off the stage, they're penciling in a fishing trip out west (Eldredge loves trout fishing) and cementing plans to hang out a lot on the road.

If all of this sounds familiar, there's a reason — even Rhett sees a historical comparison to a group of young rising stars at similar places in their careers. "When we went on the Florida Georgia Line cruise last year," Rhett explains. "Me and Cole Swindell hosted a bingo thing together on the cruise and played shows together. We called each other Kenny and Tim."

Those are big boots to fill, and the 25-year-old realizes that. He's not claiming to be the next Tim McGraw, but says he can see a lot of his friends reaching that level of success in the future.

"It's a lot of fun to talk about it, just to see where you end up in five or 10 years," Rhett furthers. *CMT on Tour* begins in late October. Danielle Bradbery is opening the shows, while the two co-headliners will swap weekends as the final act. Expect a big encore with both singers.