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## Jason Aldean Is Dedicating His New Album to Las Vegas Shooting Victims

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Jason Aldean was performing on stage at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival when a gunman opened fire, killing 58 people last October. Since then, the country star has opened up about the shooting, returned to Vegas to visit victims, and raised money for survivors. And now, the singer is dedicating his new album, *Rearview Town*, to festival-goers as well.

"We did dedicate that record to the victims and the people that were there," The Boot reports Aldean as saying at a recent press conference. "That was just something I wanted to do on a personal note, for me."

But, as the album was nearly complete at the time of the tragedy, the star said he "didn't feel the need to go back in and record a 'Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)'-type of moment for the record."

In fact, Aldean said only two songs were recorded post-Vegas: "Ride All Night" and "I'll Wait for You."

"Ninety-five percent of this record was recorded before [the shooting] happened," he explained. "As far as going back to put an exclamation mark on the record for what happened in Vegas, I didn't feel the need to do that. The album was cool before that happened, and I still think it's cool afterwards."

Recently, 13 Action News reported that a group of survivors had invited Aldean back to Vegas to finish his set as a way of healing. And according to The Boot, he's considering it:

"It's a little bit of a process," the publication quotes the singer. "We're talking about it—I can say that. We've had the discussion. I completely understand where they're coming from, and I appreciate the gesture. I appreciate that they want us to come back and finish the show, and that they want to come see it." Aldean will return to Vegas to perform at the 2018 ACM Awards, where he is also nominated for Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year.

In a recent interview with Entertainment Weekly, Aldean opened up about the gun-control debate, explaining that he's wary of speaking out, as he's an entertainer and not a politician.

"I have my opinions, but what the hell do I know?" the star continued, a stance that upset some but garnered support from others. "I think everybody needs to sit down, stop pushing their own agendas, and figure out what will make it safer."

Rearview Town comes out April 13 and features 15 songs, including the title track ("Rearview Town"), one with Miranda Lambert ("Drowns the Whiskey"), and another co-written by Florida Georgia Line's Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley, solo artist Morgan Wallen, and songwriter Jordan Schmidt ("You Make It Easy"), Rolling Stone reports.

Last week, Aldean dropped the latest single from the album, "Gettin' Warmed Up," featuring a bridge which the singer raps.