



Johnny
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Johnny Hiland can be counted among the greats of the guitar world and his peers readily acknowledge it. Eric Johnson once joked that he wouldn't take the stage after Johnny finished opening for him. Rod Stewart and Little Feat flat out stopped their shows on adjoining stages at a festival just to hear Johnny play. That's how dynamic a Johnny Hiland show is.

Millions of YouTube hits, successful instructional videos and a rabid worldwide fan base that blew up Johnny's Facebook page with requests for him to come to their cities when he announced his new management deal - That's the artist that we can offer venues across the country and all over the world. As his bio testifies, Johnny Hiland has been recognized by the guitar press, by his peers and by the public. He is held in such high esteem in the guitar world that legendary guitar journalist, Andy Ellis (currently senior editor of Premier Guitar magazine), came out of interview retirement to interview Johnny for his upcoming press kit.

Johnny has been off the road for the past few years doing studio work, side-man opportunities and just taking a break from front-man duties. But, he's is back with twice the energy he had before, new music that's some of the best of his career, a team of professionals at his side and a readiness to get on the road to play for his loyal fans.

Getting Johnny back on the road is our first priority. He released a new album, *Standing Strong*, in late 2017 and our branding and merch package is developing and on track to be ready for his planned mid-2018 touring schedule.

We hope everyone sees the potential that we do in supporting Johnny Hiland in 2018 and we look forward to collaborating with you.

John Haring
Crush Worldwide, Inc.

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BIOGRAPHY

Guitarist Johnny Hiland began his music career in 2002 and, by 2004, he signed his first record deal with Steve Vai's Favored Nations label, releasing a self-titled debut album later that year. Legally blind, he is world-renowned as a guitarist, clinician, guitar instructor and session musician.

Johnny Hiland has been named to many "Best of" lists in the guitar world over the years including being named one of the "Five Best Chickenpickers" by Gibson.com, one of the "50 Fastest Guitarists of All Time" by *Guitar World* magazine and, most recently, one of the "Top 3 Country Guitar Players" in a 2017 *Vintage Guitar* magazine reader's poll. In addition, Johnny has played on records for such artists as Toby Keith, Ricky Skaggs, Hank Williams III, Randy Travis, The Dillards, Lynn Anderson, Janie Fricke, Rebecca Lynn Howard, The Ventures' Nokie Edwards and many others. He has performed on stage with Sammy Hagar, Joe Satriani, Steve Vai, John Jorgenson, George Clinton and P-Funk, Joe Bonamassa, Ricky Skaggs, Toby Keith, Albert Lee, The Kentucky Headhunters, Jack Pearson and others as well as multiple appearances on the Grand Ole Opry.

Ricky Skaggs once said of Johnny, "I think Johnny Hiland is the most versatile guitar player I've ever heard. From Bill Monroe to Eddie Van Halen, he can play it all."

Johnny has released instructional materials for a number of respected companies - Truefire, Mel Bay, Hot Licks and Jam Track Central. He has an enthusiastic fan base from all over the world, and a number of signature products on the market through his many endorsements.

Ted Nugent said of Johnny, "I've jammed with the best the world has produced. Johnny stands spirit-to-spirit with them all."

In 2008, Johnny independently released his second album, *Loud and Proud*, with a standout track, "Chicken Pickin' Heroes," that includes Vince Gill, Steve Wariner and Ricky Skaggs. In 2010, he signed with Shrapnel Records and recorded his third album, *All Fired Up*, which was released to rave reviews.

Sammy Hagar said of Johnny, "We jammed for days ... We're not trying to hype nothin', he doesn't need no hype."

In August 2015, Johnny signed with Crush Worldwide for management, production and booking. Since that time, he re-released *Loud and Proud* in August 2016 (with a bonus track featuring Thumbpickers Hall of Famer Thom Bresh) and a new studio album, *Standing Strong*, in August 2017 and he has Gospel and Christmas albums in the planning stages. A weekly radio show, *Guitarmania with Johnny Hiland*, co-hosted with Crush Worldwide's John Haring, began in late 2017 on Renegade Radio and has garnered a worldwide listenership. And a new relationship with Kiesel Guitars has Johnny back playing a t-style guitar with a signature model planned for release in the Summer of 2018.



PRINT MEDIA LINKS

Premier Guitar

“Johnny Hiland: Going for the Big Grin” (feature article) (April 2018)

<http://bit.ly/PGApril2018>

KHDK Electronics Magazine

“Johnny Hiland: Never Allow the Business of Music to Overtake Your Love of Music”
(March 2018)

<http://bit.ly/KDHKMarch2018>

Guitar World

“Need for Speed: The 50 Fastest Guitarists of All Time” (March 2015)

<http://bit.ly/GW50Fastest>

Guitar Player

“Johnny Hiland on String Bending” (July 2014)

<http://bit.ly/GPStringBending>

Premier Guitar

“Johnny Hiland: Chicken Pickin’s Champion” (October 2011)

<http://bit.ly/PGOctober2011>

Crush Worldwide is currently booking Johnny Hiland for performances, appearances and guitar clinics. He is available for both in-person and phone interviews. Please contact John Haring at 615-974-4886 or jharing@crushworldwide.com.

** New branding is currently being developed and a full merchandise package will be available when Johnny begins touring.*



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VIDEO LINKS

Premier Guitar Rig Rundown (2016)

389,500 views (Named the #2 Rig Rundown of 2016)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjpmWVs5T-8&t=87s>

Johnny Hiland and Sammy Hagar at Tahoe Wabo

294,700 views (over 2,000,000 total between all copies)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qia0T2M1LD0&index=8&list=RDdvQ0IC6wpHE>

Johnny Hiland and Albert Lee at Summer NAMM 2016

76,700 views

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1066x5TzoM>

"Honky Tonk Night Time Man" / Winter NAMM Muriel Anderson's All Star Guitar Night 2010 (with Stu Hamm and Danny Gottlieb)

84,900 views

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zw8Y_NHVGs&list=RDdvQ0IC6wpHE&index=23

"All Fired Up" at Crossroads, Nashville, TN

61,900 views

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxnoyrS2TDc#t=142>

Truefire Video – "Mercury Blues"

413,000 views

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGlyRfumNz4&index=26&list=RDdvQ0IC6wpHE>

Slow Blues Jam - 2009 Dallas Guitar Festival

379,000 views

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZqhCYO2s6s&index=27&list=RDdvQ0IC6wpHE>

** Counts are approximates as of March 27, 2018*

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