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### **Roots N Blues N BBQ Festival Announces Paul Thorn as Sunday Gospel Celebration Artist**

COLUMBIA, MO: Thumper Entertainment continues to prepare for the upcoming Roots N Blues N BBQ Festival to be held at Stephens Lake Park on September 26-28. With seven weeks leading up to the event, another musician, Paul Thorn, has been announced as the featured artist of the Sunday Gospel Celebration, sponsored by Broadway Christian Church.

As a Mississippi native, Thorn was raised with an influence of southern gospel. His forte was discovered in a middle school talent show when he performed Lionel Richie's "Three Times A Lady." However, he pursued a career as a middleweight boxer, where he became the mid-south champion and was even nationally televised in his fight against former champion Roberto Duran. Soon after claiming the title, he would again pick up the guitar and start writing his history in songs.

"Well, Paul Thorn is not your conventional Gospel artist; he's crossover, bridge, provoker, earthy, real, spiritual, worldly wise, believer and skeptic all rolled up in one. You may not resonate with his notions about the divine but you'll never for a minute doubt that he's singing straight from that little God box right in the middle of his chest," says Tim Carson, Senior Minister of Broadway Christian Church. Don't miss out on Thorn's high-energy presence and his gospel-inspired lyrics as he joins in on this year's festivities. He will play at 12:15pm on Sunday, September 28, on the Shelter Insurance Stage. Gates open at 11:30am.

Visit [rootsnbluesnbbq.com](http://rootsnbluesnbbq.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.

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