



Niagara Falls Songwriter Teams Up with The Trews' John-Angus and Colin MacDonald for "Cut The Music" 🎸

From the upcoming album Abandon All Hope

Artist: Evan Rotella

Single: *Cut The Music*

Release Date: November 21, 2025

Produced by: John-Angus MacDonald (The Trews)

Co-Writers: Evan Rotella, John-Angus MacDonald, Colin MacDonald

Featuring: Mark Rogers (LMT Connection) on drums

Overview:

Niagara Falls-born singer-songwriter Evan Rotella steps into a new era with *"Cut The Music,"* the first single from his forthcoming album *Abandon All Hope*. Co-written and produced by John-Angus MacDonald of The Trews, alongside his brother Colin MacDonald, the song fuses heartfelt storytelling with gritty rock energy and a sense of hometown honesty.

For Rotella — a lifelong Trews fan — the collaboration was both humbling and transformative. The song captures the rhythm and solitude of living in a tourist town, as millions pass through while locals hold on to their roots.

Quote from Evan:

"'Cut The Music' is the first song I brought to John Angus, and wrote with him and Colin MacDonald... We leaned into writing about my hometown of Niagara Falls, what it's like to live here and watch the crowds come and go every year. It was an honour to write with both Colin and John Angus."

Quote from John-Angus:

“We wanted to focus on the unique loneliness of being a permanent resident in a transient tourist town—something Evan understood well, and something Colin and I could relate to from our early days spent in Niagara Falls.”

Musical Direction:

After his acclaimed Americana debut, Rotella sought to capture a fuller, more energetic sound inspired by The Gaslight Anthem, Jesse Malin, and The Trews. *“Cut The Music”* introduces that next chapter — vibrant, raw, and unmistakably real.

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