

## Out and About with 'Heartland'.

Not to confuse you; but there are always great **rags-to-riches stories** in **Country Music**. There are five friends who never gave up on their dream. After 12 years of toil and trouble their band... **'Heartland'** have hit the **big time**.



Years ago the group attempted a national tour and possible fame, but some of the guys had family commitments and jobs and it just wasn't the right time, so they split up and joined other bands.

Now back together they're on the doorstep of **Country Music stardom**.

Signing with **Lofton Creek Records** in **June of 2006**, **'Heartland'** had the **No. 1 single in the country in October** with **"I Loved Her First,"** ...a ballad about a father watching his daughter get married. It touched thousands of fans.

**Heartland** has to date sold more than **260,000 copies of their debut album and 300,000 digital downloads** of the debut album. Another single, **"Let's Get Dirty,"** should be coming out in **May**.

"It's been great to see some rewards for all of the years of sacrifice, not only by us, but by our families and friends as well," **guitarist Craig Anderson** said.

'We have been to places and seen things that never in our wildest imaginations would we think would come true. We've been blessed and finally had a little luck come our way just at the right time.'

The band **'Heartland'** featured here are from the **USA** and are not to be confused with our **local heroes** also named **'Heartland'**. But with full **heart** and living in the right **land** .....you'll never know if don't give it a go!

## 'The Last of the Breed'

The trio **Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson and Ray Price** represent the very best of classic male **country music** artists.



The sad part is that the name **'The Last of the Breed'** accurately describes the reunion of the three **Country Music Greats**.

**Waylon** is gone; **Johnny** has moved on; and there are not many who could fill their shoes.

The three have a new album released March 20 in the USA. **'The Last of the Breed'**.

Their tour is currently on the road.

**Merle Haggard**, 69, continues to be the outlaw and renegade, a quality that has taken him to jail and to the top of the charts.

He says, **'Willie** and I have done a couple of albums. **Ray's** getting on up there in age, and I really wanted to do this with him. We've all been friends for a lot of years."

'Check it out for availability in **South Australia!**'

### Here's the Supergroup's Profile.

#### • Merle Haggard

**Born:** Bakersfield, Calif., 1937

**Breakthrough:** Sing a Sad Song, 1963

**Signature songs:** Okie From Muskogee, Sing Me Back Home, Mama Tried

#### • Willie Nelson

**Born:** Fort Worth, Texas, 1933

**Breakthrough:** Crazy, 1961 (for Patsy Cline)

**Signature songs:** *On the Road Again, Always on My Mind, Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys*

#### • Ray Price

**Born:** Perryville, Texas, 1926

**Breakthrough:** Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes, 1952

**Signature songs:** Crazy Arms, For the Good Times, Faded Love.

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