



Florida Georgia Line: where country soul meets rock n' roll. This dynamic duo, comprised of members Tyler Hubbard of Monroe, Georgia and Brian Kelley of Ormond Beach, Florida, combines electrifying, hard-driving rock with honest, expressive lyrics for a modern country sound that is evocative of country's most recent superstars Jason Aldean and Lee Brice.

The two colleagues from Belmont, one of the nation's most prominent universities for music business, met at a local dive near campus one night over two years ago. Their meeting was no accident; in fact, it was a divine appointment according to Tyler Hubbard. "After meeting Brian, God led me to set up a writing session with him during worship at church later that week. I knew we were supposed to do music together," remembers Hubbard.

Since meeting and coming together for a writing session and performing writers rounds together at Hotel Indigo, the two have collaboratively written over 50 songs and have come to form a duo that is sensationalizing Nashville.

Much like the duo, their musical influences are very diverse and come from different genres, ranging from worship to rap. Alan Jackson, Garth Brooks, Neal McCoy, Casting Crowns, Shane & Shane, and Lil Wayne are among the many acts who have inspired their music.

While their influences may seem eclectic, they both feel there is a common bond. "All of our idols create great music that's real and that everyone can relate to. That's the same kind of music we want to make," said Kelley.

A mosaic of authentic music is exactly what you will find on their newly released, "Anything Like Me" EP. The EP ranges from poignant pieces such as, "Man I Am Today," "Black Tears," and "Never Let Her Go," to fist pumping, feel-good songs such as "You're Country," "Backwoods Beauty Queen," and "Now That She's Gone."

With the release of their new EP, the duo will continue to push the limits musically, with live, full-throttle shows at national venues. "It's such a blessing that we get to do this for a living, not just a hobby," says Hubbard. As the two live out their dream, they are a true testament that with hard work, passion and a little help from above, even country boys can survive the music industry.

And if you're anything like them - you're country!