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## Denny as Kenny Concert Scheduled for Full Moon Jam Tribute Series

Dennis Murphy is the drummer for the gospel group, The Kingdom Heirs. However, with the tip of a hat, he transforms from Dennis to Denny, Kenny Chesney's look-a-like.



Dennis is taking his act on the road again this summer and is heading back to Bristol's Downtown Center for the Full Moon Jam Tribute Series. The "Denny as Kenny" show is set for 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 23. "The concert is free of charge, but get there early because last year was packed. Dennis Murphy came in at the last minute to fill in for another band that had to cancel.

That band was a rock and roll and we were concerned about how the crowd would react. Boy were we surprised, the 1800+ people had a great time and stayed throughout the evening," said Darlene Cole, Venues Manager. "He is being brought back this year by popular demand. We are expecting a larger crowd since word spread about his performance last year."

In a recent conversation with Dennis he recalled how the "Denny as Kenny" show began. "When it first started, I was like they recognize me being with the Kingdom Heirs," says Dennis. "Then, they would approach me and say are you Kenny Chesney. I'd blow it off and say no, no, no."

Dennis had to see it for himself.

"I went to the store and looked at that cd and I said, 'OK, I see where people are getting this,'" says Dennis. "I thought ok there's something I can turn this into and have a lot of fun with, but part time."

"Denny as Kenny" was born. His fans even include Kenny's own father who is a regular at the Kingdom Heirs Show. "I put my hat on and he was like, 'Oh wow,'" says Dennis recalling the first time Kenny's father noticed the resemblance. "If I can convince his dad, I guess I can convince anybody."

"There's only one Kenny Chesney though, I totally respect that," says Dennis. "Kingdom Heirs is me... the drummer. This is where I'll retire."

Still, Dennis will play off his looks as he can. After all, "Denny as Kenny" is better than no Kenny at all. "Sometimes, it's ok to settle," smiles Dennis.

The Full Moon Jam Concert Series is in its 16<sup>th</sup> season and is the longest continuous running live music series in downtown Bristol. It is free to the public, with restroom facilities on site along with concessions that are economically priced for the family. Over 500 seats are available on site, however, concert patrons are welcome to bring their own chairs, but please refrain from bringing blankets due to limited space. For more information contact, Darlene Cole, Venues Manager at 423-764-4171 or e-mail [dcole@bristoltn.org](mailto:dcole@bristoltn.org)

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