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**JOHN DRISKELL HOPKINS RELEASES NEW HOLIDAY ALBUM
YOU BETTER WATCH OUT
WITH THE JOE GRANSDEN BIG BAND**

*Featured Artists To Include Béla Fleck, Aoife O'Donovan, Joe Gransden,
Daniel De Los Reyes and Clay Cook*

ALBUM RECORDED AT HOPKINS' NEW BRIGHTER SHADE STUDIOS

**HOLIDAY SHOWS TO INCLUDE PERFORMANCES WITH
ATLANTA POPS ORCHESTRA AND JOE GRANSDEN BIG BAND**

*Callanwolde Holiday Gala, Red Sky Tapas and
Kennesaw State University's Morgan Concert Hall*

ATLANTA — Today, [John Driskell Hopkins](#) (founding member of the [Zac Brown Band](#)) has released his second holiday album, entitled ***You Better Watch Out***, with [The Joe Gransden Big Band](#). This follows the success of *[In the Spirit: A Celebration of the Holidays](#)*, released in 2015 with the [Atlanta Pops Orchestra](#) (and on vinyl in 2016). *You Better Watch Out* is **available immediately** for purchase or download on [johndriskellhopkins.com](#), and will be available for download and purchase at additional sites — including iTunes, Amazon, Spotify and Pandora — beginning [Friday, November 24](#).

Hopkins will also perform three holiday shows this season, including the annual [Callanwolde Holiday Gala](#) on [Thursday, November 30](#), at 8 p.m. with Katie Deal, the Atlanta Pops Orchestra Ensemble and The Joe Gransden Big Band; at [Red Sky Tapas](#) on [Sunday, December 3](#) at 7 p.m. with the Atlanta Pops Orchestra; and at [Kennesaw State University's Morgan Concert Hall](#) on [Thursday, December 14](#) at 8 p.m. with the Atlanta Pops Orchestra.



Recorded and mixed at Hopkins' new studio — **Brighter Shade Studios** — *You Better Watch Out* will feature appearances by musicians including [Béla Fleck](#) (“Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer”), [Joe Gransden](#) (“I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus”), [Aoife O'Donovan](#) (“Santa Baby”), [Daniel De Los Reyes](#) (“Donde Esta Santa Claus?”) and [Clay Cook](#) (“Here Comes Santa Claus”).

“Brighter Shade Studios is a space I look forward to making music in for the rest of my life. For me, it is very creative and comfortable — I like that it's private, yet functional on a professional level,” said John Driskell Hopkins. “When I'm in this space, I feel as if I've transported to another place, another world. I plan to record my music there, as well as the music of my favorite musicians, friends and family. It's the kind of spot I'll be using as a producer, writer and engineer —

all facets of my musical life. This is where I want to hone my craft and continue to actively contribute to the Atlanta music community.”

You Better Watch Out is the first album to come from this new incarnation of Brighter Shade Studios. Hopkins has also recorded Joe Gransden’s holiday album (coming soon), and will be recording Katie Deal’s new album, among other projects. The studio, a stunning and expansive 2500 square feet, includes an oversized, flexible-use main recording space large enough to hold a 30-piece orchestra. The space also boasts a voice-over booth, machine and mixing room, lounge and full-service bar — made of Sapele (from Taylor Guitars) with customized song lyrics carved into the wood. The space is garnished with hallmarks of Hopkins’ esteemed career, including guitars, awards, photos and mementos from his musical journey.

NEW HOLIDAY ALBUM

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT

JOHN DRISKELL HOPKINS AND THE JOE GRANSDEN BIG BAND

*Available immediately at johndriskellhopkins.com

1. “Santa Claus is Coming to Town”
2. “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer” (featuring Bela Fleck) [WATCH VIDEO](#)
3. “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” [WATCH VIDEO](#)
4. “Santa Baby” (featuring Aoife O’Donovan) [WATCH VIDEO](#)
5. “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus” (featuring Joe Gransden)
6. “Here Comes Santa Claus” (featuring Clay Cook)
7. “Happy Holidays/The Holiday Season”
8. “Sing a Kris Kringle Jingle”
9. “¿Dónde Está Santa Claus?” (featuring Daniel De Los Reyes)
10. “Zat You, Santa Claus?”
11. “Jolly Old Saint Nicholas”
12. “The Man with the Bag”

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

[Callanwolde Holiday Gala](#)

Thursday, November 30 | 8 p.m.

John Driskell Hopkins

Katie Deal

Atlanta Pops Orchestra Ensemble

The Joe Gransden Big Band

[Red Sky Tapas](#)

Sunday, December 3 | 7 p.m.

John Driskell Hopkins

Atlanta Pops Orchestra

[Kennesaw State University | Morgan Concert Hall](#)

In The Spirit: A Celebration of the Holidays

Thursday, December 14 | 8 p.m.

John Driskell Hopkins

Atlanta Pops Orchestra

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[WATCH VIDEO](#): “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”

[WATCH VIDEO](#): “Santa Baby” (featuring Aoife O’Donovan)

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