

Justin Townes Earle to perform at Café

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Take Townes Van Zandt, Hank Williams, Sr. and Steve Earle, put them into a blender and hit puree: That's how to get Justin Townes Earle, promoter Mark Ross said.

Tonight, country-folk heir Townes Earle will take the stage at Café 210 West, 210 W. College Ave.

The singer-songwriter, who has released three records, including the new critically acclaimed "Midnight at the Movies," is the son of famous American songwriter Steve Earle.

"I like the guy a lot. I think his genetics certainly don't hurt," said Ross, a promoter with Apache Music. "I think the cool thing about the guy is that he's not just riding on his father's name. He's writing some good singer-songwriter stuff. I feel like he's 100-percent legit."

Ross took the promoting reins from J.R. Mangan, a co-owner of

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What: Justin Townes Earle performance

When: 8 tonight

Where: Café 210 West, 210 W. College Ave.

Details: Tickets are \$15. Must be 21 or older

Café 210 West who heard about Townes Earle's music from a mutual friend and saw he was passing through the area. Mangan said he hopes the show will help put Café 210 West more into the spotlight of the State College music scene.

"We constantly hear about the lack of local music in State College — I just hope it's the start of having more original music in State College and national acts," he said.

"I hope that we're a stopping point for acts passing through town."

Ross thinks the venue also offers a more cost-conscious opportunity for the show that wouldn't be available if it were held at other places.

"You can pay \$25 to see this guy at the State Theatre, and you can pay \$15 to see him at the Café and be close enough to have him spit on you while he's singing," Ross said.

Jason McIntyre, one of the show's openers, said he has shared the stage with Townes Earle before.

"He's a great songwriter," McIntyre said. "It's gonna be a good time."

McIntyre is also inspired by some of the same artists as Earle — mainly Townes Van Zandt, who Earle takes his middle name from. He said he expects the show to be full of people who are into what Earle is doing.

"Any time you get a room full of people who are attentive and into it, that's the most satisfying feeling



Courtesy of Justin Townes Earle

Country/folk musician Justin Townes Earle will perform at 8 tonight at Café 210 West, 210 W. College Ave.

you can get from the experience," McIntyre said.

McIntyre, like Ross and Mangan, said he hopes the show will generate a positive response from the community.

"I hope that we can make this stuff work so we can continue to

bring in some very righteous stuff," said Ross.

Tickets are now available at Café 210 West or on its Web site cafe210.com for \$15. The show is open to those 21 and over.

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