

BILLY CURRINGTON

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When it comes to country music, Billy Currington must be doing something right. Not only did he achieve a No.1 hit with the title track from current platinum selling album, "Doin' Somethin' Right," but another single from the project, "Good Directions," was a No.1 Billboard Hot Country Song for three weeks in a row in 2007.

"Number one songs don't come around that often," Currington said. "So when they come, you just gotta soak it up, enjoy it, and be thankful."

Currington co-wrote four out of eleven tracks for the sophomore album, "Doin' Somethin' Right," including the Michael McDonald duet, "She's Got A Way With Me."

"Michael McDonald is a super talent," Currington said. "It was a great learning experience and the beginning of a new friendship. He's definitely my favorite singer in the world."

Although famous for the hit singles, "Walk A Little Straighter," "I Got A Feelin'," "Tangled Up," and the Shania Twain duet, "Party For Two," the bachelor also became well known for other attributes when Playgirl magazine featured a (clothed) Currington on its March 2005 cover and People magazine stated he was one of the "Hottest 25 Country Stars of 2006."

"That image all came about during a photo shoot," says Currington, who worked as a personal trainer before releasing his '03 self-titled debut album. "The photographer noticed I worked out and asked me to take my shirt off -- just in case we needed some future fitness shots. That's what led to magazine and video shoots always requesting me to have my shirt off. It's fine, but my main concern is making sure that people see and hear the music more than the skin."



Currington, 33, has received rave reviews for his new single, "Don't," which is from his upcoming third album, tentatively scheduled for a late 2008 release.

"I think this third album will change things in the way people say my name and picture my music," Currington says. "It has rock, soulful blues, and some songs I've been wanting to cut for a long time. It's been a fun album to record."