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**COUNTRY MUSIC TRIO RUNAWAY JUNE TO PERFORM OPENING CEREMONY AT RFD-TV'S THE AMERICAN, PRESENTED BY DISH**

## ***The performance will take place at AT&T Stadium on February 25, 2018***

**Nashville, TN.** - Mixing bluegrass tradition with dusty desert cool, the country music trio **Runaway June**, will be performing the opening ceremony for **RFD-TV's The American**, presented by **Dish** on **Sunday, February 25, 2018**.

Natural and effortless in feel, **Naomi Cooke**, **Hannah Mulholland** and **Jennifer Wayne** of Runaway June bring a modern take lyrically to the roots of country music, as their sound is rooted in the past, their stories are of the here and now. All felt pulled to "runaway" from their homes and toward their dreams, the band will take the stage to perform at RFD-TV's The American, which allows qualifiers the opportunity to compete against top invitees to chase their very own "American Dream."

**Who:** Runaway June

**What:** RFD-TV's The American Opening Ceremony

**When:** Sunday February 25, 2018

**Where:** AT&T Stadium

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### **About Runaway June:**

There's a sound that hasn't been heard on country radio in quite some time – the sound of organic, three-part female harmonies, ringing strings and stories that speak the language of modern women everywhere. It's a sound that was the backbone of a little group known as The Dixie Chicks, and now it's making a comeback through a vocal trio called **Runaway June**. Lead singer and guitarist **Naomi Cooke** grew up in Florida enchanted with the other-worldly vocals of Alison Krauss, then made her way to a stage in Nashville's world-famous Tootsie's Orchid Lounge. Singer and mandolin picker **Hannah Mulholland** was raised in Malibu, Calif., a nature-loving hippie chick who latched on to the liberating messages of Sheryl Crow and began writing her own music at 6 years old. Lastly, singer/guitarist **Jennifer Wayne** – another California native – is a Garth Brooks lover so dedicated to country music she gave up a pro tennis career to write songs in Nashville (such as **Eric Paslay's "She Don't Love You"**), and happens to be the granddaughter of Hollywood legend John Wayne. After forming a friendship and discovering their shared love for acoustic soul, soaring

vocals and do-it-yourself positivity, Runaway June was born – a name that nods to their common bonds. Both Jennifer’s grandmother and one of Naomi’s sisters are named June, and Hannah completed a life-changing 25-day, 220-mile hike in the month of June. Part of the Wheelhouse Records imprint of BBR Music Group, Runaway June brings a modern twist on a way-back sound that sets them apart from the pack as a true, self-contained band. In a time when female voices have been squeezed into a few narrow categories at country radio – the bad girls, the good girls, the crusaders – Runaway June want to break the mold, as they know women’s lives are far more diverse. With their debut single “**Lipstick**” - an upbeat and positive breakup song - the trio expresses the central idea that sometimes breakups ARE for the best, and that a girl should be with someone who ruins her lipstick, not her mascara. With their high-voltage harmonies kicking the song off, “Lipstick” (produced by **Mickey Jack Cones**) is the perfect introduction to this new group. All three are great individually, but best together.



#### About RFD-TV's The American:

Taking place at Dallas Cowboys’ AT&T Stadium on Feb. 25, 2018, RFD-TV’s The American is the richest single-day event in the history of rodeo. With \$2 million on the line, the best athletes in the world will gather in Arlington, Texas to battle for the biggest single paycheck of their lives. The American invites the top athletes from the 2017 PRCA, WPRA and PBR world standings and pits them against underdogs who advance from the American Semi-Finals. If a nationally ranked athlete wins, the prize is \$100,000, but if a qualifier from the Semi-Finals – or an athlete who earned an exemption – wins THE AMERICAN, that contestant shares in a \$1 million bonus pool. For more information, please visit: [www.americanrodeo.com](http://www.americanrodeo.com) and [www.RFDTV.com](http://www.RFDTV.com). Follow us on Twitter: @RFDTVAMERICAN and find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RFDTVTheAMERICAN](http://www.facebook.com/RFDTVTheAMERICAN). To buy tickets, go to [AmericanRodeo.com](http://AmericanRodeo.com)



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