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Brad Phillips, Michigan's Sideman, Steps Into The Limelight with Debut Songwriting Single, "Dance Again"

On February 10th, **Brad Phillips** will release his new single "***Dance Again***" a tender, melancholic story song that calls listeners to embrace their nostalgic past loves.

Phillips, the Michigan native known for his fifteen years serving as a sideman, has played with a star studded roster: Jeff Daniels, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, The Verve Pipe, May Erlewine, Joshua Davis, Grammy winner Mark O'Connor and more. As a solo artist, he weaves his twelve years as the fiddler for the Celtic-fusion super-group Millish with his country-esque storytelling lyricism and folk/Americana croon.

"Dance Again" began its origin story as the theme song for the sold-out play *Willow Run* which had its world premiere at the nationally recognized Purple Rose Theater Company. Opening with atmospheric guitar building into romantic allegory of lovers rent apart, Phillips' gentle, clear, angelic voice and unflinching honesty constructs a heartfelt examination of grief. "These embers in my chest have finally turned into ash," he sings backed by a noteworthy band of Chris Dupont (producer, pianist, guitarist, background vocalist), Michael Shimmin (percussionist), Brennan Andes (bassist), and Lauren Mounsey (background vocalist).

Phillips' dynamic musicianship translates impeccably through the soaring instrumentals with the highlight being his heartbreaking lead acoustic guitar and intoxicating violin. No stranger to accolades, he was first awarded Michigan State Fiddle Champion at the tender age of sixteen. "Brad Phillips is a consummate pro, a master at his craft and far too young to be both," states the Emmy Award-winning actor, playwright, musician, singer/songwriter Jeff Daniels.

"Dance Again" will be joined by several new songs by Phillips on his upcoming EP (set to be released in 2023).