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Flatland Cavalry and Keelan Donovan Appearing at SWOSUpalooza

Southwestern Oklahoma State University is planning a huge two-day music festival on April 6-7 in Weatherford, and the two main concerts at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center will feature impressive opening acts for headliners Stoney LaRue and Ben Rector.

On April 6, opening for LaRue will be Flatland Cavalry and April 7, the opener for Ben Rector will be Keelan Donovan.

At some point between Lubbock and Midland (TX), the land shifts from endless cotton rows and rich farmland into pump jacks and mesquite tree filled pastures. Lubbock roots-country outfit Flatland Cavalry straddles that line between the Panhandle and the badlands of West Texas with their bright, earthy country ballads and gritty folk rambles.

Vocalist and chief songwriter Cleto Cordero's honest, smooth songwriting revolves around the vernacular world of West Texas that he has constructed with dusty, sun-soaked character sketches, brooding self-evaluations, and candid love songs that all have the ability to turn into singalong anthems.

Formed in the fall of 2012, the quintet was rounded up by Cordero after stretches of acoustic outings around the Panhandle town of Lubbock. With guitarist Reid Dillon, fiddler Laura Jane, bassist Jonathan Saenz and drummer Jason Albers joining Cordero, Flatland quickly began to garner the attention of the masses with the release of the debut EP, *Come May*, in the spring of 2015. Building off successes of *Come May*, Cordero and company recorded their full-length follow-up, *Humble Folks*.

Keelan Donovan has an energetic tenor tone and perceptive lyrics that showcases his passion and humor for life. Originally from Portland (ME), he now calls Nashville home and has immersed himself in the Nashville music scene.

In 2014, Donovan started touring Tennessee and adjacent states and has now played in 48 states and four countries. His work ethic, along with a set list of colorful songs and witty stage banter, caught the attention of many in the Nashville music scene.

In 2016, Donovan signed his first deal with Big Yellow Dog Music. He released his new self-titled EP, which debuted at #14 on the Singer-Songwriter iTunes chart. He has also been featured on various playlists including Spotify's New Music Friday, Weekly Buzz and Apple Music's "The A-List: Singer/Songwriter." Along with signing a publishing deal, Donovan has had placements on TV shows on ABC, Syfy Network, CMT and a number of upcoming independent films.

Donovan writes songs that are able to captivate fans of all ages.

Tickets are on sale at [stubwire.com](http://www.stubwire.com) (<http://www.stubwire.com/t/5rbkg7g9>) or in the SWOSU PR & Marketing Office, located in Room 205 of the Administration Building. More information is available by calling 580.774.3063.

Other SWOSUpalooza events taking place on Saturday afternoon will be outdoor live music, food trucks, games and vendors.

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