



**Matthew West**  
*Founder/CEO*

Matthew West is the founder/CEO of Story House Collective. Matthew is not only an incredible musician with widely recognized and beloved songs, but he's also an extremely successful entrepreneur, host, and communicator. He uses his talents and gifts in a way that challenges the status quo of the industry with innovative ventures—all while spreading a message of hope to a hurting world. He is a four-time Grammy nominee, a multiple-ASCAP Christian Music Songwriter/Artist of the Year winner, a Dove Award recipient, and was most recently named Billboard's Hot Christian Songwriter of the Year (2016). On the road year-round, he has headlined many of his own tours. He has also added "author" to his list of accolades, with five books to date. Along with his father, Matthew founded popwe, a non-profit ministry helping others to craft, share, and live a more meaningful life. He recently founded Story House Collective from his sincere desire to impact culture by championing the next generation of storytellers. He is passionate about providing hope and healing through the power of prayer and story. Matthew is a gifted leader who loves people in a way that the gospel commands.

Mark Drury serves as Story House Collective's Artist and Operations Specialist. He works closely with Matthew West on a day-to-day basis. Mark offers support to Matthew in a variety of capacities. In addition to his direct work with Matthew, Mark also helps with the advancement of special projects within the company, such as new albums, tours, and books. Mark is from Franklin, Tennessee, and has twelve years of experience in the music business industry. He has experience as a Producer/Recording Engineer and has worked with artists such as All Sons & Daughters, Hawk Nelson, Audio Adrenaline, Crowder, and Big Daddy Weave. He also served as the Director of Digital Sales for a Christian distributor. Mark is driven and maintains a consistent positive attitude. He possesses strong attention to detail and brings all Story House Collective projects to completion in a thorough manner.



**Mark Drury**  
*Artist and Operations Specialist*



**Kacie Barnwell**  
*Project Operations Specialist*

Kacie Barnwell serves as the Project Operations Specialist for Story House Collective. She works alongside strategic partners in order to facilitate the advancement of projects and innovative new ventures. She also communicates with Matthew's fans and develops ultimate fan experiences. She is from Atlanta, Texas, and has earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Business Administration from Henderson State University. She has experience in college sports promotions and missions as a Communications Specialist. Kacie has also worked as a Development Specialist for a nonprofit that feeds the elderly in Arkansas. In the summer of 2016, she founded a Christian nonprofit that provides mentorship for young adults. Her enthusiasm, drive, and passion contribute to the continuous development of exciting, new initiatives for Story House Collective.



**Sharen King**  
*SHC Strategist*

Sharen King serves as the lead strategist and vision architect for Story House Collective. She works alongside Matthew, strategic partners, and the team to create, resource, and execute the SHC vision, cultural values, and strategic priorities. Sharen is a business consultant from Milwaukee, WI and has over 20 years of corporate, sales, and leadership experience. She serves on multiple boards, including Matthew's ministry, popwe. Coming from outside the music industry, Sharen's fresh perspective provides the challenge to disrupt status quo and strive for excellence in all areas of the business. Her bold approach to strategy and her passion for leadership development contribute to the strong foundation for SHC and our future plans for explosive growth.

Jeremy Pruis serves as the Video and Creative Design Specialist for Story House Collective. Jeremy creates video and design material for music videos, live events, and merchandising. He takes ideas and converts them seamlessly into eye-catching content. Jeremy is from Kalamazoo, Michigan, and has experience in both music and creative design. He has developed visuals for artists such as Hilary Scott and Jon Pardi and labels such as Universal Music Group and Capitol Christian Music Group. His skill set includes animation, branding, cinematography, design, and more. Jeremy's passion and determination are the driving forces behind his captivating visual work. He is capable of balancing multiple projects at a time, and he is committed to the vision and heart behind Story House Collective.



**Jeremy Pruis**  
*Video and Creative Design Specialist*



**Steve Kahler**  
*Tour Manager*

Steve Kahler joins Story House Collective as Tour Manager. He advances and directs all concert planning and logistics. Throughout the execution of his many projects and tasks, he confirms that all contracts are honored. Steve is from Denver, Colorado. He has extensive touring experience, ranging from lighting, stage, camera, and management work. He has toured with musicians such as Jeremy Camp, Natalie Grant, Danny Gokey, Lecrae, and many more. His time on the road has provided him with a broad set of skills that serve him well in his new position as Tour Manager. Steve has an energy and charisma that allows him to develop solid relationships with managers, promoters, vendors, and media. His perseverance and problem-solving skills accompany his spirited demeanor, making him the perfect fit for Story House Collective.



**Phil Bledsoe**

*Front of House Engineer &  
Production Manager*

Phil Bledsoe is Story House Collective's Front of House Engineer and Production Manager. Phil's role encompasses all technical aspects of live production, including audio, video, and lighting. Phil is from Knoxville, Tennessee, and has extensive experience as a Technical Director for various artists and establishments. He has covered a host of production and technical responsibilities for musicians such as Skillet, Tree63, Sara Groves, and many more. Phil has also production managed ShoutFest, a traveling Christian music festival, for several years. His incredible work ethic, combined with his reliability, diligence, and leadership, serves the team tremendously in this critical role within the Story House Collective touring team.

David Childress is Story House Collective's Music Director. David is also a skilled and seasoned bass player for Matthew West. Not to mention, he also has an incredible set of pipes! He provides assistance in planning creative elements for all live shows. David is also the main point of contact for the band members. He creates smooth communication between the band and any other outside source. David is also known for his kindness through Christ-centered mentorship. He guides, serves, and advises members of the entire touring team with wisdom and compassion. David has accumulated over twenty years of experience playing live shows, working with set and production, and attracting and developing Nashville's best and brightest new musical talent. David has natural leadership abilities and maintains an even-keel demeanor. His reliability and talent combined with his passion make him the perfect fit for Story House Collective's Music Director.



**David Childress**

*Music Director*

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