

## Rising Indie-Pop Star Ryan Lindsey to Perform at SXSW Oklahoma Showcase

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, indie-pop singer-songwriter Ryan Lindsey will perform in Austin, Texas at the Palm Door (401 Sabine St.) as part of the Oklahoma Film & Music Commission's South by Southwest party. The Oklahoma showcase will feature Lindsey and four other prominent Oklahoma acts, which include Stillwater's Colourmusic (Great Society) and Oklahoma City's The Uglysuit (Quarterstick/ Touch & Go).

Lindsey, who is currently signed to Bug Digital, will be the second to perform at the party, which is scheduled from 3 to 6pm. The party will be hosted by the Music Commission and the Tulsa-based Diversafest, Oklahoma's largest music festival & conference.

"South by Southwest is one of the largest showcases in the country, and really in the world," Angie Devore-Green, co-founder of Diversafest, explained. "This is the first time that there's ever been an official party event that showcases and spotlights Oklahoma talent."

Lindsey, a Norman, Oklahoma resident who also moonlights as the keyboardist for hot indie band The Starlight Mints, has created quite a buzz over the last year with the slow-burn exposure of his self-released debut *White Paper Beds*. After a successful performance at 2007's SXSW Music Festival, he signed a publishing deal with Bug Music, a prominent leader in the music publishing industry.

"Ryan in particular, is an artist who has been working really hard for the past few years and has seen success in television and film placement," Devore-Green continued. "He has a promising career ahead of him."

Thanks to Lindsey's unique blend of observational wit, emotional intimacy and infectious melody, the multi-instrumentalist's songs were quickly licensed for use in everything from television shows and commercials (notably *One Tree Hill* and a Pay Less Shoes spot), to in-store radio rotation (Starbucks, The Gap and Old Navy among others). In perhaps his biggest accomplishment to date, Lindsey was commissioned to write songs for the Sundance award-winning documentary *American Teen*. The project yielded the catchy pop-rock anthem "Let's Go Out", a track the L.A. Times called "the perfect teenage love song".

Lindsey has also collaborated with Grammy award-winning songwriter and Semisonic frontman Dan Wilson, and has performed on KCRW's *New Ground*.

*White Paper Beds* was recently released through Bug's digital distribution arm (Bug Digital). Lindsey's music can now be purchased through online stores such as iTunes, subscription services such as Rhapsody, ringtone providers and mobile music stores.