

# 'I'm Gone' is here

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It's been a long time coming for Beaumont's own Jimmy Kaiser. On June 11, Kaiser will release his debut solo album "I'm Gone" at Antone's on Crockett Street in downtown Beaumont.

Kaiser, known for his work with brother David Lee, was born with music in his blood. But it wasn't until he had worked several years in pharmaceutical sales that he decided to dive into music full time.

"I always had music on the back burner," said Kaiser. "I always felt like if I had the right opportunity, I would make something out of it."

After a few years in the corporate world, Kaiser decided to make his own opportunities. He began performing around the state with David Lee, and in 2003, the duo recorded an album, "Spurlock Road," which produced several top 25 hits on the Texas Music Chart, including "Ringo" and "Best Times."

"Last year, we decided to record our own (solo) albums," said Kaiser. "It took a lot of planning and preparation, organizational-wise. It takes a lot to get going."

Kaiser recorded the album "I'm Gone" at BGM Studios in San Antonio, where Texas greats such as Johnny Bush, Bobby Flores and Cooder Graw have recorded. The album is a return to classic Texas country — with a Jimmy Kaiser twist.

"It's my own brand of music," Kaiser said, who added that the album also had alternative rock and alternative country influences as well.

Kaiser credits the years spent in pharmaceutical sales with teaching him the business side of country music.

"I wouldn't change anything I've done," he said. "I've learned a lot."

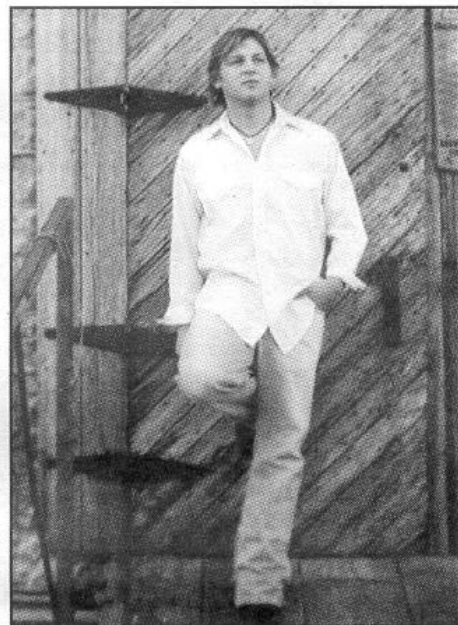
Like the Southeast Texas country greats before him, Kaiser doesn't plan on leaving home.

"This time, we've really had the community behind us," he said. "I want to thank Beaumont and the surrounding communities for getting behind us. Beaumont has such a rich background in country music."

In the coming months, Kaiser fans can look forward to seeing the artist around Texas and surrounding states doing what he does best — getting the crowd to its feet.

Beginning at 7 p.m. June 11, fans will get the first taste of Kaiser's premiere solo CD "I'm Gone" when Kaiser takes the stage at Antone's. Through [www.jimmykaiser.com](http://www.jimmykaiser.com), fans can purchase a pre-release VIP package for \$25 that will include a VIP t-shirt, autographed numbered CD, Jimmy Kaiser koozie and free admission to the pre-release party. After June 11, the album will be on sale through [www.jimmykaiser.com](http://www.jimmykaiser.com) and will hit stores in July.

For more information about the CD pre-release party, call (409) 833-9113.



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