

## Biography: Pat Green

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**Pat Green was born in San Antonio, TX, on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1972.** He had a big family - growing up with four brothers and five sisters.



**Pat Green: one of the biggest names in independent country music.**

After moving to Waco, TX, his parents divorced when he was seven year old and his mother remarried. Pat was an avid fan of all kinds of music – he enjoyed (in his own words) “some really crappy eighties music to the best of Motown to a little classical music”. However, he didn’t get involved with country music until just before he started college at Texas Tech University.

A friend of his introduced him to Robert Earl Keen and it wasn’t long before he immersed himself in the music of artists like Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, and Jerry Jeff Walker.

Shortly after, he began playing his first gigs in Lubbock, TX, as an 18 year old.

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"I Like Texas" from *Dancehall Dreamer* has been adopted as the victory tune for the Texas Rangers baseball team!

While he played at various venues around the state over the next several years, he eventually settled in Austin and found himself an audience. By 1995, he released his first album, *Dancehall Dreamer*, and in 1997 he released his second, *George's Bar*.

Both were independently produced using money he borrowed from his parents, but were successful enough to draw the attention of Willie Nelson who invited Pat to tour with him. It wasn't long before he was playing sold out shows.



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**Pat Green got his start playing bars, dives, and honky-tonks across West Texas. Eventually, in 1998, he would be featured at the Willie Nelson 4 July Picnic in Austin.**

Pat released his first major-label album, *Three Days*, in 2001. The first of three records produced by Universal Records, it reached #7 on the US Country charts.

His next record,

*Wave on Wave*

, was released in 2003 and peaked at #2 on the US Country charts and at #10 on the Billboard 200 – to date, it is his only album to be gold-certified.

The title track of the album reached #3 as a country single, a feat he has not yet reproduced or succeeded.

He released one more album on the Universal/Republic label,

*Lucky Ones*

, in 2004 that reached #6 as a country record.

By this point, Pat Green was considered a major touring artist in his own right.



***Wave on Wave* is Pat Green's seventh studio album. It is also Green's best-selling album.**

By 2006, Pat had moved to the BNA Records label and released another #2 US Country album, *Cannonball*. While on tour, he documented his travels and made a book called “Pat Green’s Dance Halls & Dreamers” which featured iconic Texas locations like “Gruene Hall” and interviews with Texas stars like Willie Nelson and Robert Earl Keen. In 2008 he released *Wh*

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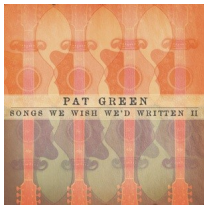
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*at I'm For*

, which also reached the #2 spot.

This marked the end of his relationship with BNA records. He then joined with Sugar Hill Records to release his latest album, *Songs We Wish We'd Written II*, on May 8, 2012.



**The latest album features the single "My Home Town", written by the one and only Bruce Springsteen!**

After spending so much time with major labels and the Nashville sound, Pat has decided to return to his roots and once again write and produce independent Texas country music. He is currently on tour throughout the United States, making sure to hit small Texas towns along the way to bigger venues.

At only 40 years old, Pat Green is sure to be bringing us a lot more music before it's all said and done. You can find more information about Pat Green on his website,

[www.patgreen.com](http://www.patgreen.com)