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## Candlebox's Kevin Martin: A Lesson in Contrasts

*From Music, Business, and Touring to Retirement, the Enigmatic Frontman Always Keeps Us Guessing*

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Candlebox Frontman Kevin Martin is, perhaps, one of the most interesting and utterly complex artists that I've had the pleasure of meeting. Much like his lyrics, which wax and wane through the emotional realms of love, loss, sickness, and sorrow, so do his personal views on the world and those around him. In one instant he appears as a modern-day Holden Caulfield, vexed by society's vain obsession with social media and espousing political greed and in the next he's founding his nonprofit The Riptide Society, to help young adults and at-risk youth, and donating time and money to charities he believes in. Because, to him, it's just the right thing to do.

But when it comes to music, one thing about Martin has never wavered. His passion for creating meaningful art that will resonate with his fans and stand the test of time. So, as Candlebox surpasses the 30-year mark and Martin has, indeed, said his goodbye, one has to wonder – is 2024 really his last chapter? Or is there an epilogue in store for this iconic group, after all? Guitar Thrills spoke with Martin to try to unearth this answer and so much more.

### INTERVIEW WITH KEVIN MARTIN AND GUITAR THRILLS MAGAZINE

**Guitar Thrills:** Welcome, Kevin, to Guitar Thrills. We are honored to feature you in this month's issue and appreciate you taking the time to speak with us about the forthcoming release of your new digital deluxe album *A Little Longer Goodbye (The Tour Edition)* as well as Candlebox's upcoming special guest appearance with Jerry Cantrell on the "Loaded: The Greatest Hits Summer 2024 Tour" featuring headliner Bush.

I'd love to start the interview by asking what you've been up to since Candlebox's "The Long Goodbye Tour" and your dates with 3 Doors Down on their "Away From The Sun Anniversary Tour"?

**Kevin Martin:** I've been pretty busy working on my Riptide Society Charity, launching a bourbon with my buddy Nick Brown from the band MONA, and helping my wife Natalie with her business, no rest for the wicked as they say!

**Guitar Thrills:** You previously thought 2023 would be the final year for Candlebox, correct? Now, you're about to release *A Little Longer Goodbye (The Tour Edition)* and head out on the "Loaded: The Greatest Hits Summer 2024 Tour," what changed?



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**Multi-Platinum Rockers Candlebox Announce New Digital Deluxe Album to Coincide with Their Special Guest Appearance on Bush's "Loaded: The Greatest Hits Tour"**

*A Little Longer Goodbye (Tour Edition) Will Feature the 12 Tracks on The Long Goodbye Record Plus Two Bonus Live Songs and the Official Launch of the Single "Washed Up"*

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