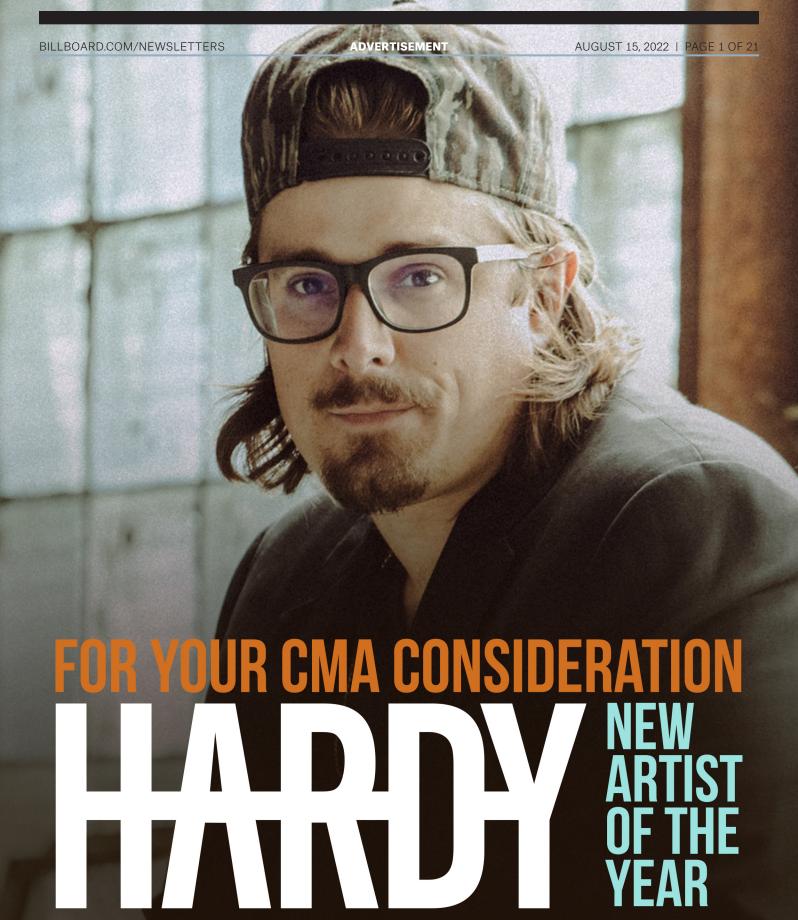
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New Nashville Songwriters Hall Of Fame **Members Riff On The Instrumental Hook**

When Shania Twain launched the best-selling studio album in country history with a cheerleading musical phrase, she un-

derscored the importance of the elusive instrumental hook. The phrase in question — a seven-note sequence that defines her anthemic "Man! I Feel Like a Woman!" — helps

to understand why Twain is one of five 2022 inductees in the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. The official ceremony will take place Oct. 30, just five days before the 25th anniversary of the release of Come On Over, the album led by her pom-pom riff.

Twain and her then-producer/ co-writer, Robert John "Mutt" Lange ("Pour Some Sugar On Me," "Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car"), stuffed Come On Over full of such riffs, which often make the difference between a good song and an addictive one.

Appropriately, Twain's Nashville Songwriters Hall

induction class consists of composers who are quite familiar with the value of an instrumental riff: songwriter-guitarists Steve Wariner ("I Got Dreams," "Nothin' But the Taillights") and Gary Nicholson ("One More Last Chance," "Someone Else's Trouble Now"); Hillary Lindsey ("Knockin' Boots," "Last Name"); and songwriter-producer **David Malloy** ("I Love a Rainy Night," "Love Will Turn You Around").

The riffisn't always a focus in Music City songwriting circles, where wordplay, plot twists and clever titles tend to command the most attention.

"It's really all about the words," Nicholson allows. "That's the first thing I realized arriving here."

But secondary instrumental riffs - the twangy lick at the outset of Jake Owen's "Best Thing Since Backroads," the relentless guitar in Dwight Yoakam's "Fast As You," the bluesy piano in the opening of Crystal Gayle's "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" or the woozy guitar intro in Dierks Bentley's "Drunk On a Plane" — often elevate the songs they inhabit. None of those titles would be quite the same recording without that defining musical support.

"When James Burton kicked out 'Mama Tried,' you knew right

away that's 'Mama Tried,' " says Wariner, citing one of Merle Haggard's trademark efforts. "The song had hooks, and it was like another hook."

It's harder than it sounds. The chord-driven opening riff to Billy Ray Cyrus' "Achy Breaky Heart" or the ascendant introduction to Walker Hayes' "Fancy Like" might be key elements to lighthearted pieces. The "We Will Rock You" drum



Four of the 2022 Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame inductees posed for a photo during the Aug. 2 announcement. From left: Wariner, Lindsey, Malloy and Nicholson.

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part is a defining moment in Twain's "Any Man of Mine," and the soulful bass is an essential addition to **Ronnie Milsap**'s "(There's) No Gettin' Over Me."

But creating a memorable riff requires the songwriter—or, often, a studio musician and/or producer—to find a very short space in which to develop an earworm. Tammy Wynette's "Stand By Your Man" employed two repeating riffs: the unison sound of Bob Moore's bass and Hargus "Pig" Robbins' left-hand piano on a six-note fill, and Pete Drake's spiky steel bursts. But where those all-important lyrics can draw from thousands of words in a vocabulary, the riff gets crafted from just 12 available notes, and it has to be kept short and stay out of the way of the lead vocalist.

"It's tricky," Nicholson concedes.

Runaway June's "Buy My Own Drinks" illustrates how that works with a simple, emphatic **Dan Dugmore** steel riff filling holes after the title. Lindsey, who co-wrote it, isn't sure exactly how that key instrumental part evolved in the song, though she says it could have come from her own noninstrumental riff factory.

"I'm actually known for my guitar mouth solos," she says with a laugh. "I know it's very bizarre, but when we're doing a work tape, I'll be singing and then I'll get to the part and [mimic a guitar]. A lot of times those actually make the demo—the guitar players are like, 'Wait a minute, I love that lick.'"

The instrumental riff is often associated with top 40 classics — **Keith Richards**' guitar in **The Rolling Stones**' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," the bassline in **Michael Jackson**'s "Billie Jean," the snarling guitar in **Nirvana**'s "Come As You Are," the back-and-forth horn figure in **James Brown**'s "I Got You (I Feel Good)" or the syncopated kalimba-like tones beneath **Ed Sheeran**'s "Shape of You."

Identifying those kinds of features helped Malloy earn his place in the Nashville Songwriters Hall. The "snaps and claps" behind **Eddie Rabbitt**'s "I Love a Rainy Night," the ringing nylon strings of "Drivin' My Life Away," the staccato keyboard figure in the **Kenny Rogers/Dolly Parton** duet "Real Love" and the rolling chord progression in **Reba McEntire**'s "One Honest Heart" are typical of Malloy's compositions.

Developing an instrumental trademark was one of the takeaways he got from the records that his father, recording engineer **Jim Malloy** (Elvis Presley, Henry Mancini), would bring home.

"I would listen to the records and stuff, but I really listened to the radio a lot," says David. "My obsession was hit singles, not album cuts."

Those are generally the kinds of copyrights that land people in the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. And while the lyrics may still be king in Music City, Malloy figured out something that this year's class seems to know innately: that the message frequently stands out more when it's encased with a catchy instrumental hook.

"The words ride on the magic carpet, which is the music," he says. "If you're hearing music off in the distance on a speaker, it's not the words that our mind effortlessly goes to. It goes to the melody. I always felt that it was the music that gave the words a ride."



Adam Doleac (center) visited with Mid-West Family/Madison, Wis., vp of programming Randy Hawke and events/promotions director Kristi Harms during an Aug. 3 WWQM Madison event at a Madison Mallards baseball game.



Brooke Eden (right) guested on the July 28 edition of Amazon Music's Country Heat Weekly podcast with hosts Amber Anderson (left) and Kelly Sutton.



LOCASH members Chris Lucas (left) and Preston Brust (right) joined Sugar Ray's Mark McGrath among the surprise guests during an Aug. 7 Beach Boys show at Los Angeles' Greek Theatre, where all three joined the headliners on the closing "Fun, Fun, Fun."



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Kane Brown Is Tops In 'Country' Airplay; Olivia Newton-John Remembered



Kane Brown's "Like I Love Country Music" (RCA Nashville) becomes his eighth No. 1 on *Billboard*'s Country Airplay chart as it rises to the top of the tally dated Aug. 20. In the week ending Aug. 14, the song increased by 6% to 25.5 million impressions, according to Luminate.

Brown co-wrote the **Dann Huff**-produced song with **Matt McGinn**, **Taylor Phillips** and **Jordan Schmidt**. The track shouts-out country cornerstones **Johnny** and **June Carter Cash**, **Alan Jackson**, **Willie Nelson** and **Brooks & Dunn**, with the duo making a cameo on the recording. It's the second single from Brown's album *Different Man*, due Sept. 9.

The song was penned "on the road a few years ago. We recorded it in 2019 and never put it out," Brown recalls. "I always loved the song, so I went back into the studio with Dann Huff and we recut it for *Different Man*. I'm really proud that we were patient enough to get the song right. I'm especially grateful to **Ronnie Dunn** and **Kix Brooks**, who made it complete."

The new Country Airplay leader is Brown's third in a row, following "One Mississippi," which reigned for one week in March, and "Famous Friends," his duet with **Chris Young** that led for one week in July 2021.

Meanwhile, as "Country" reaches the penthouse in its 15th frame, it completes the fastest trip to No. 1 since Jason Aldean and Carrie Underwood's "If I Didn't Love You" began a three-week domination in its 14th week last October. It's also Brown's quickest coronation, eclipsing "Good As You" (21 weeks, 2019).

On *Billboard*'s streaming-, airplay- and sales-based Hot Country Songs chart, "Country" remains at No. 5

after reaching No. 3 in July. It drew 6 million U.S. streams (up 1%) and sold 3,000 downloads in the latest tracking week.

'HEADS' UP Cole Swindell notches his 12th Country Airplay top 10 as "She Had Me at Heads Carolina" (Warner Music Nashville/WMN) jumps 12-6

(20.3 million in audience, up 26%). The song, which Swindell co-authored, tips its hat to **Jo Dee Messina**'s launch single, "Heads Carolina, Tails California," which hit No. 2 in May 1996.

Swindell's "Carolina" is from his album Stereotype, which opened at its

No. 6 Top Country Albums peak in April and has ranked in the list's top 20 since. Lead single "Single Saturday Night" led for two weeks starting in July 2021, and "Never Say Never," with Lainey Wilson, ruled for two frames starting in April, becoming Swindell's seventh leader.

On Hot Country Songs, "Heads" holds at its No. 4 high. It drew 10.6 million streams and sold 5,000 downloads in the tracking week.

'DEVOTED' FANS Olivia Newton-John, who died Aug. 8 at age 73 after a long battle with cancer, ranks at No. 1 on Country Digital Song Sales for the first time. Her "Hopelessly Devoted to You" (RSO/Polydor/Universal Music Enterprises) — which reached No. 20 on Hot Country Songs and No. 3 on the all-genre Billboard Hot 100 in 1978 — sold 5,000 downloads in the week ending Aug. 11, up from a nominal sum.

The beloved singer-actress achieved five Hot 100 No. 1s among 15 top 10s (1974-84) and was commercially successful with country crossover titles in the early part of her career, as she scored seven Hot Country Songs top 10s (1973-76).

"Devoted" is one of five Newton-John classics new to Country Digital Song Sales, which launched in

2010. "Have You Never Been Mellow," which reached No. 3 on Hot Country Songs in 1975, enters at No. 11 (3,000 sold). "I Honestly Love You" (No. 6, 1974) starts at No. 15 (2,300). "Please Mr. Please" (No. 5, 1975) opens at No. 17 (2,000), and "If You Love Me (Let Me Know)," her highest-charting Hot Country Songs hit (No. 2, 1974), begins at No. 21 (1,700).



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		WKS		AUDIENCE (I	N MILLIONS)		PLAYS	,
THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	ON CHART	TITLE Imprint/Label Artist	THIS WEEK	+/-	THIS WEEK	+/-	RANK
0	2	15	LIKE I LOVE COUNTRY MUSIC RCA Nashville ★★ No. 1 (1 Week) ★★ Kane Brown	25.478	+1.383	7156	530	1
2	3	44	TAKE MY NAME Stoney Creek Parmalee	23.649	-0.176	5748	-87	4
3	7	26	LAST NIGHT LONELY Capitol Nashville Jon Pardi	22.024	+2.418	6202	351	2
4	4	43	DAMN STRAIT Triple Tigers Scotty McCreery	21.618	-1.793	5690	-210	6
5	6	48	ATTHE END OF A BAR RCA Nashville Chris Young With Mitchell Tenpenny	21.550	+1.302	6057	324	3
6	12	10	SHE HAD ME AT HEADS CAROLINA Wamer Music Nashville/WMN ** Most Increased Audience ** Cole Swindell	20.270	+4.129	5572	1136	8
7	8	9	THE KIND OF LOVE WE MAKE River House/Columbia Nashville Luke Combs	19.967	+1.463	5303	383	9
8	10	32	TRUTH ABOUT YOU Riser House/Columbia Nashville Mitchell Tenpenny	19.761	+1.882	5659	457	7
9	9	42	WITH A WOMAN YOU LOVE Valory Justin Moore	19.628	+1.473	5745	264	5
10	1	50	NEWTRUCK Curb Dylan Scott	19.086	-6.648	5176	-2069	10
0	17	9	YOU PROOF Mercury/Republic/Big Loud Morgan Wallen	14.170	+3.055	3832	820	15
1	13	22	GHOST STORY Capitol Nashville Carrie Underwood	14.148	+0.819	4528	194	11
B	16	33	WISHFUL DRINKING Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Ingrid Andress With Sam Hunt	13.932	+1.919	4174	489	12
12	18	13	5 FOOT 9 EMI Nashville Tyler Hubbard	13.268	+2.379	3920	471	14
1 5	15	24	DON'T COME LOOKIN' Big Machine Jackson Dean	12.442	+0.268	3948	-16	13
16	19	35	NO HARD FEELINGS Arista Nashville Old Dominion	10.320	+0.763	3573	221	16
①	21	7	COUNTRY ON Capitol Nashville ** Airpower ** Luke Bryan	9.100	+1.980	2910	525	17
B	20	11	HALF OF ME Valory/BMLG Thomas Rhett Featuring Riley Green	8.282	+1.109	2669	225	21
19	24	27	PARTY MODE Broken Bow ** Airpower ** Dustin Lynch	7.308	+0.528	2799	-4	19
20	22	24	SON OF A SINNER Bailee & Buddy/BMG/Stoney Creek Jelly Roll	7.302	+0.186	2797	74	20
21	23	28	OUT INTHE MIDDLE Home Grown/Warner Music Nashville/WAR Zac Brown Band	7.202	+0.357	2613	109	22
22	25	51	COUNTRY'D LOOK GOOD ON YOU Stoney Creek Frank Ray	7.015	+0.253	2840	94	18
23	26	19	SHE LIKES IT Triple Tigers Russell Dickerson & Jake Scott	6.035	+0.436	2148	126	25
24	28	9	FALL IN LOVE Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Bailey Zimmerman	5.890	+0.831	1986	223	27
25	27	27	PICK ME UP Warner Music Nashville/WAR Gabby Barrett	5.196	+0.004	2195	69	24
26	29	22	DOWN HOME Stoney Creek Jimmie Allen	4.295	+0.330	2071	18	26
3	31	37	SOUL Curb Lee Brice	4.208	+0.489	2253	25	23
28	30	19	HEARTFIRST Black River Kelsea Ballerini	4.025	+0.120	1929	89	28
29	34	4	THAT'S WHATTEQUILA DOES Macon/Broken Bow ★★ Most Added ★★ Jason Aldean	3.962	+0.812	1370	348	31
30	32	12	WHAT MY WORLD SPINS AROUND MCA Nashville Jordan Davis	3.821	+0.455	1647	192	29

COUNTRY AIRPLAY CHART LEGEND

RANKINGS

Country Airplay is ranked by total audience impressions for the week ending Sunday based on monitored airplay of 148 stations by Luminate, formerly MRC Data. Audience totals on the chart are derived, in part, using certain Nielsen Audio- copyrighted Persons 12+ audience estimates (under license © 2022, Nielsen Audio). The list of all Country Airplay chart reporters can be viewed on Luminate, formerly MRC Data's platforms.

BULLETS

 Awarded on Country Airplay to titles gaining audience or remaining flat from the previous week. A song will also receive a bullet if its percentage loss in audience does not exceed the percentage of monitored station downtime for the format. Titles that decline in audience but increase in detections will also receive a bullet if the total audience erosion for the week does not exceed 3%.

TIES

On Country Airplay, if two songs are tied in total audience, the song with the larger increase in audience is placed first.

RECURRENTS

On Country Airplay, descending titles below No. 10 in either audience or detections are moved to recurrent after 20

weeks, provided that they are not still gaining enough audience points to bullet or if they rank below No. 10 and post a third consecutive week of (non-bulleted) audience decline, regardless of total chart weeks.

HOT SHOT DEBUT

Awarded to the highest-ranking new entry on Country Airplay.

MOST ADDED

The total number of new adds officially reported to Billboard by each reporting station, or by an automatic-add threshold (seven plays for the first time in a chart tracking week, according to Luminate, formerly MRC Data) for stations that do not report adds.

MOST INCREASED AUDIENCE

Most Increased Audience on Country Airplay lists the songs with the greatest week-to-week increases in total audience.

AIRPOWER

Awarded on Country Airplay to titles ranking inside top 20 in plays and audience rankings for the first time, with increases in both plays and audience.

BREAKER

Awarded on Country Airplay to titles achieving airplay (at least one detection) at 60% of reporting stations for the first time

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	316	88	59
50 53 15 EVERYTHING SHE AIN'T Songs & Daughters/Pigasus/Big Loud Hailey Whitters 0.831 +0.076	357	38	56
NEW HANDLE ON YOU MCA Nashville ** Hot Shot Debut ** Parker McCollum 0.810 +0.537	208	177	-
59 11 SALT, LIME & TEQUILA Red Street Ryan Griffin 0.805 +0.124	383	24	52
53 51 4 DOING LIFE WITH ME EMI Nashville Eric Church 0.789 -0.122	465	22	48
57 6 SOMETHING INTHE ORANGE Belting Bronco/Warner Zach Bryan 0.708 +0.004	220	15	-
60 17 HELLYEAH Capitol Nashville Little Big Town 0.700 +0.026	444	20	50
RE-ENTRY STRANGE Vanner/RCA Nashville Miranda Lambert 0.649 +0.096	281	29	-
57 55 8 MAN MADE RECORDS Nashville Matt Stell 0.616 -0.098	419	-1	51
8 NEW EASYTONIGHT RCA Nashville Niko Moon 0.533 +0.042	311	12	60
NEW NEVERTIL NOW Back Block/BMLG/Big Loud Ashley Cooke + Brett Young 0.499 +0.141	369	66	55
60 54 11 KEYSTOTHE COUNTRY Warner Music Nashville/WAR Chris Janson 0.491 -0.240	328	-85	58



GOING FOR ADDS

8/22

BOOMTOWN SAINTS All Trucks Go To Heaven

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KAYLEE BELL Keith

Kaylee Bell

LAUREN RENO Bottle's Worth A Dime

Majestic Ape Studios

PARMALEE Girl In Mine

Stoney Creek

8/29

ANDY ROSS All American Heart

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LUCIE TIGER Burn It Down

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COREY LAYNE Between George Strait And Geore Jones

Mountaintop

billboard Country Airplay



MOST ADDED®					
TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	ADDS			
THAT'S WHAT TEQUILA DOES Macon/Broken Bow	Jason Aldean	22			
FALL IN LOVE Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Bailey Zimmerman	20			
GOOD DAY FOR LIVING Quartz Hill	Joe Nichols	19			
WHAT MY WORLD SPINS AROUND MCA Nashville	Jordan Davis	17			
GOLD Capitol Nashville	Dierks Bentley	17			
JOY OF MY LIFE Mercury Nashville	Chris Stapleton	14			
NOTE TO SELF Magnolia	Randy Houser	13			
Y'ALL LIFE Monument	Walker Hayes	13			
YOU Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Dan + Shay	9			
TRY LOSING ONE Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Tyler Braden	9			

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NEW AN	D ACTI	VE		
TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	TOTAL Audience	TOTAL STATIONS	ADDS
LONGNECK WAY TO GO Big Machine Midlar	nd Feat. Jon Pardi	0.467	14	0
DOWNTOWN BABY Monument	Caitlyn Smith	0.418	42	0
HOW IS SHE Warner Music Nashville/WMN	Cole Swindell	0.313	1	0
JUST DRIVE RECORDS Nashville	Erin Kinsey	0.279	31	0
THAT'S HOW IT OUGHTA BE BMLG	Shane Profitt	0.247	2	2
BUY A GIRL A DRINK Mercury Nashville	Travis Denning	0.231	1	1
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MIOST INCKEASED AUDIENCE						
TITLE Imprint/Label Artist	GAIN (IN MIILIONS)					
SHE HAD ME AT HEADS CAROLINA Warner Music Nashville/WMN Cole Swindell	+4.129					
YOU PROOF Mercury/Republic/Big Loud Morgan Wallen	+3.055					
LAST NIGHT LONELY Capitol Nashville Jon Pardi	+2.418					
5 FOOT 9 EMI Nashville Tyler Hubbard	+2.379					
COUNTRY ON Capitol Nashville Luke Bryan	+1.980					
WISHFUL DRINKING Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Ingrid Andress With Sam Hunt	+1.919					
TRUTH ABOUT YOU Riser House/Columbia Nashville Mitchell Tenpenny	+1.882					
WITH A WOMAN YOU LOVE Valory Justin Moore	+1.473					
THE KIND OF LOVE WE MAKE River House/Columbia Nashville Luke Combs	+1.463					
LIKE I LOVE COUNTRY MUSIC RCA Nashville Kane Brown	+1.383					

	RECURRENTS	
THIS WEEK	TITLE Imprint/Label Artist	TOTAL AUD. (IN MILLIONS)
1	TROUBLE WITH A HEARTBREAK Macon/Broken Bow Jason Aldean	19.820
2	WASTED ON YOU Republic/Big Loud Morgan Wallen	18.917
3	'TIL YOU CAN'T CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN Cody Johnson	14.876
4	THINKING 'BOUT YOU Broken Bow Dustin Lynch Featuring Lauren Alaina Or MacKenzie Porter	13.412
5	IF I DIDN'T LOVE YOU Macon/Capitol Nashville/Broken Bow Jason Aldean & Carrie Underwood	10.527
6	SAND IN MY BOOTS Republic/Big Loud Morgan Wallen	8.860
7	23 MCA Nashville Sam Hunt	8.281
8	FOREVER AFTER ALL River House/Columbia Nashville Luke Combs	8.261
9	NEVER SAY NEVER Broken Bow/Warner Music Nashville/WMN Cole Swindell / Lainey Wilson	8.242
10	BUY DIRT MCA Nashville Jordan Davis Featuring Luke Bryan	8.144

MOST INCREASED PLAYS	
TITLE Imprint/Label Artist	GAIN
SHE HAD ME AT HEADS CAROLINA Warner Music Nashville/WMN Cole Swindell	+1136
YOU PROOF Mercury/Republic/Big Loud Morgan Wallen	+820
LIKE I LOVE COUNTRY MUSIC RCA Nashville Kane Brown	+530
COUNTRY ON Capitol Nashville Luke Bryan	+525
WISHFUL DRINKING Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Ingrid Andress With Sam Hunt	+489
5 FOOT 9 EMI Nashville Tyler Hubbard	+471
TRUTH ABOUT YOU Riser House/Columbia Nashville Mitchell Tenpenny	+457
THE KIND OF LOVE WE MAKE River House/Columbia Nashville Luke Combs	+383
LAST NIGHT LONELY Capitol Nashville Jon Pardi	+351
THAT'S WHAT TEQUILA DOES Macon/Broken Bow Jason Aldean	+348





TEXAS REGIONAL RADIO REPORT

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2022

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON Chart	TITLE (Label) ARTIST	TW SPINS	SPINS +/-	THIS WEEK	LAST Week	WKS ON Chart	TITLE (Label) ARTIS	T SPINS	SPINS +/-
0	2	17	TELLING ON MY HEART (Independent) ★★1 Week at 1★★ Casey Donahew	1917	36	11	1	23	TRACTOR TOWN (Independent) Jake Bus	h 1227	-761
2	4	16	ONE HONKY TONK TOWN (Independent) David Adam Byrnes	1652	141	1	15	19	THAT WAY (Cielo Azul Ent) Sarah Hobi	s 1124	89
3	3	19	WORKING MAN'S WOMAN (Independent) Jesse Raub Jr.	1635	107	B	16	17	ALL I NEEDED (Independent) American Aquariu	n 1069	41
4	6	12	A COWBOY KNOWS HOW (Independent) Flatland Cavalry	1573	98	14	18	12	LIKE CONWAY TWITTY (Independent) James Lan	n 1025	60
6	12	16	STRANGER TONIGHT (Independent) Micky & The Motorcars	1498	229	1B	17	14	HUMAN (Independent) Cody Johnson	n 1018	48
6	8	20	LOVESICK DRIFTING COWBOY (Independent) James Robert Webb	1424	44	16	7	27	WAVE DANCER (Soundly Music) The Wilder Blu	e 923	-478
0	9	26	LOVES GOT A HOLD ON YOU (Independent) Bart Crow Band	1391	15	O	21	13	HARDER STUFF (Independent) Adam Hoo	d 897	55
8	5	24	THE HIGHWAY KIND (Independent) Josh Abbott Band	1320	-181	18	10	28	COME HOME TO YOU (10X Music Group) Brodie Lan	e 882	-460
9	13	10	HONKY TONK HIGHWAY (Independent) Case Hardin	1309	178	19	26	5	MILES DON'T MATTER (Independent) Curtis Grimo	s 877	153
10	11	26	BEAUTIFUL LOVE SONGS (Independent) George Navarro	1234	-93	20	23	12	BLOOD (Independent) Jon Sto	k 850	47

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FOR YOUR CMA CONSIDERATION

JASON ALDEAN

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

THE YEAR MACON

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

OF THE YEAR "IF I DIDN'T LOVE YOU" WITH CARRIE UNDERWOOD

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MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR "IF I DIDN'T LOVE YOU" WITH CARRIE UNDERWOOD

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LAINEY WILSON

NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR

BUM OF THE YEAR SAYIN' WHAT I'M THINKIN'

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JIMMIE ALLEN

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

ALBUM OF THE YEAR TULIP DRIVE

OF THE YEAR "FREEDOM WAS A HIGHWAY" WITH BRAD PAISLEY

ELVIE SHANE

NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR THE YEAR "MY BOY"

PARMALEE

CAL GROUP OF THE YEAR

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VOCAL DUO OF THE YEAR

JOHN MORGAN

G OF THE YEAR "IF I DIDN'T LOVE YOU" JASON ALDEAN & CARRIE UNDERWOOD

NASHVILLE & NATIONAL TOM ROLAND



Chris Lane and Lauren Alaina performed "Dancin' in the Moonlight" during an Aug. 2 appearance on NBC's *Today*. From left: NBC co-host Hoda Kotb, Alaina, Lane and NBC co-host Jenna Bush Hager.

AWARDS TAKE NASHVILLE SPOTLIGHT

Taylor Swift, Dolly Parton and Carrie Underwood all figured in a wave of announcements about awards events occurring between August and November.

In chronological order:

- Final nominees for the 56th annual Country Music Association Awards will be announced Sept. 7 at 7 a.m. CT.
- Kane Brown will become the first male country singer to perform on MTV's Video Music Awards on Sept. 9.
- BMI will recognize **Lucinda Williams** with its troubadour award during a private dinner at the organization's Nashville office on Sept. 12.
- The Academy of Country Music's ACM Honors will air as a Fox special for the first time on Sept. 13.
- · Swift will be recognized as songwriter-artist of the decade and **Ashley Gorley** will receive the songwriter of the decade honor during the fifth annual Nashville Songwriter Awards on Sept. 20 at the Ryman Auditorium.
- Dan Tyminski and Ronnie Bowman will serve as hosts of the 33rd annual International Bluegrass Music Association's Bluegrass Music Awards on Sept. 29 in Raleigh, N.C.
- Parton is one of five honorees to receive the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy during a private ceremony on Oct. 13 in New York.
- A number of country artists, songwriters and musicians are sprinkled among the final nominees for the 53rd annual Gospel Music Association Dove Awards, set for Oct. 18. The ballot includes Underwood, Parton, Gary LeVox and Sawyer Brown's Mark Miller. Go here for the full list.

RADIO & RECORDS®

Big Machine Label Group hired Megan Joyce as senior vp of business and legal affairs, replacing executive vp/general counsel Malcolm Mimms, who transitions to a consulting role. Joyce spent the previous 19 months as Provident Entertainment vp of business and legal affairs ... Provident, a Christian label group that reports to Sony Music Nashville chairman/CEO Randy Goodman, is undergoing a changing of the guard. Provident president/ CEO Terry Hemmings will step down at the end of August after 20 years with the company. Holly Zabka is promoted to president from Provident head of creative ... BBR Music Group is searching for a director of publicity, following the departure of senior director Quinn Kaemmer. Go here to apply ... Marty Stuart signed a recording contract with British label Snakefarm ... A Thousand Horses has established its own label, Highway Sound, and will release its next album, Another Mile, on Aug. 26 ... Singer-songwriter Bradley Gaskin signed with Walton County, Fla.-based 30A Life Records and is currently recording music for an album with producer Keith Stegall (Alan Jackson, Zac Brown Band). Gaskin received national attention with his Columbia single "Mr. Bartender" (No. 32, 2011) ... WFMS Indianapolis tapped Matt Longhenry - aka Matt Malone - as music director/afternoon drive personality, effective Aug. 22. He was previously WYTZ St. Joseph, Mich., PD/morning host ... Brandi Carlile launched a monthly Sirius XM show, Somewhere Over the Radio, on Aug. 10 on The Spectrum ... Jimmy Ray Dunn, who recently returned to on-air duties at WGH Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, Va., was promoted to PD, RadioInk.com reported. Music director Karen West also added assistant PD stripes ... Former WOTW Orlando, Fla., morning co-host/social media coordinator Susie Korgul has departed the station, according to RadioInsight.com, after her position was eliminated in conjunction with a format change ... KYGO Denver afternoon host Paul Donovan has left the station, where he spent 23 of the last 26 years, RadioInsight.com reported ... WKIS Miami will host its Stars and Strings concert on Nov. 2 at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood, Fla. Jason Aldean, Kane Brown, Old Dominion, Randy Houser, Elle King and Dustin Lynch will perform, with proceeds benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project.

'ROUND THE ROW

Quinton Digital hired two new employees and promoted two existing staff members. Ashley White was upped to senior director of marketing and operations from marketing director, and Maria Abdelnour was bumped to senior director of management services from senior account director. Quinton also added director of digital and creative strategy Megan Clemens, formerly Big Blue Truck Publishing marketing manager, and digital and creative coordinator Kelly Cunningham, previously a WHY&HOW marketing coordinator. Additionally, Quinton Digital is hiring a social media manager. To apply, reach founder Amanda Quinton here ... Pam Tillis joined the booking roster at Reliant Talent ... Singer-songwriter Sydney Mack signed a publishing deal with Warner Chappell Nashville ... The Po' Ramblin' Boys, currently nominated for the entertainer of the year award from the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA), signed a management contract with SJ21 Music, founded by Steve Johnson ... Bluegrass trio The Goodwin Brothers engaged Mark Newton Entertainment for management ... PLA Media welcomed singer-songwriter Branden Martin as a PR client ... Former T.J. Martell executive vp/GM Melissa Ann Goodwin was sentenced Aug. 11 to four years in prison after she pleaded guilty to embezzling \$3.7 million ... Kane Brown has been appointed chief flavor officer for Dewey Crush canned cocktails ... Carrie Underwood launches her 10th season as the voice of NBC's show open for Sunday Night Football on Sept. 11 prior to a game between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Dallas Cowboys ... Tracy Lawrence delivered checks to 12 charities with funds from his second Mission:Possible Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament ... Lauren Alaina will perform Sept. 7 at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum's Nightfall at the Fall celebration for its Troubadour program's members ... Pat Green raised \$1.2 million for charity with his Texas National Golf Tournament Aug. 2-5, with appearances by Ray Wylie Hubbard and The Bellamy Brothers ... Musicians On Call president/CEO Pete Griffin and iHeartMedia executive vp of global music marketing and strategy Alissa Pollack participate in WHO KNEW's Smartest People in the Room webinar series at 1 p.m. CT on Aug. 18. Go here to register.



Tim McGraw (right) participated in a Q&A with *Billboard* country chart manager Jim Asker prior to an Aug. 6 performance outside Nashville's Nissan Stadium in conjunction with the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix.



Dylan Scott guested on the Aug. 5 edition of Apple Music Country's Today's Country Radio With Kelleigh Bannen.

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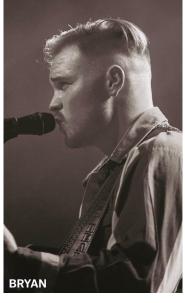
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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS AGO	WKS ON Chart	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT / PROMOTION LABEL	COUNTRY AIRPLAY RANK	PEAK Position
0	1	2	8	THE KIND OF LOVE WE MAKE ★★ No. 1 (3 Weeks) ★★ CHIP MATTHEWS, J. D. SINGLETON, L. COMBS, J. DAVIS, D. ISBELL, R. ISBELL)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	7	1
2	2	1	51	WASTED ON YOU J.MOI,J.DURRETT (M.WALLEN,E.K.SMITH,J.THOMPSON,CHARLIE HANDSOME)	Morgan Wallen REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	RC	1
3	3	3	13	YOU PROOF J.MOI,CHARLIE HANDSOME (M.WALLEN,A.G.GORLEY,E.K.SMITH,CHARLIE HANDSOME)	Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	11	1
4	4	4	15	SHE HAD ME AT HEADS CAROLINA ** Airplay Gainer ** Z.CROWELL (A.G.GORLEY,C.SWINDELL,J.FRASURE,M.D. SANDERS,THOMAS RHET,T.NICHOLS)	Cole Swindell WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	6	4
5	5	5	14	LIKE I LOVE COUNTRY MUSIC D.HUFF (K.BROWN,M.J.MCGINN,T.PHILLIPS,J.M.SCHMIDT)	Kane Brown RCA NASHVILLE	1	3
6	6	11	12	5 FOOT 9 T.HUBBARD,J.M.SCHMIDT (T.R.HUBBARD,J.JOHNSTON,C.MCGILL)	Tyler Hubbard EMI NASHVILLE	14	6
7	7	7	9	ROCK AND A HARD PLACE A.R.SHAWN (B.ZIMMERMAN,H.WARREN,J.HACKWORTH,J.HARVEY)	Bailey Zimmerman ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	-	2
8	8	8	26	FALL IN LOVE A.R.SHAWN (A.R.SHAWN, B.ZIMMERMAN, G. J.LUCAS)	Bailey Zimmerman ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	24	6
9	10	9	25	LAST NIGHT LONELY J.PARDIJB.BUTLER.R.GORE (J.BELL, J.FOX, D.MARLOWE)	Jon Pardi Capitol Nashville	3	9
10	9	10	16	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE R.HADLOCK (Z.L.BRYAN)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER	54	3
0	12	12	19	SON OF A SINNER ERNEST K,I.TOSHINSKY (J.B.DEFORD,E.K.SMITH,D.R.STEVENS)	Jelly Roll BAILEE & BUDDY/BMG/STONEY CREEK	20	11
12	11	6	25	DAMN STRAIT FROGERS, D. WELLS, A. ESHUIS (J.A. COLLINS, T. TOMLINSON)	Scotty McCreery TRIPLE TIGERS	4	6
13	13	15	26	NEW TRUCK ★★ Sales Gainer ★★ M.ALDERMAN,C.GIBBS,J.E.NORMAN (M.W.HARDY,H.PHELPS,B.J.JOHNSON,A.G.GORLEY)	Dylan Scott CURB	10	13
14	17	16	14	WHISKEY ON YOU LRIMES (N.SMITH,LRIMES,R.SUTTON) ★★ Streaming Gainer ★★	Nate Smith ARISTA NASHVILLE	32	14
15	14	13	46	WISHFUL DRINKING LANDRESS,J.M.SCHMIDT (LANDRESS,J.P.STARKER SAXE,J.PRICE,D.D.BROWN,R.WILLIAMSON)	Ingrid Andress With Sam Hunt ATLANTIC/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	13	13
16	18	25	21	WITH A WOMAN YOU LOVE J.S.STOVER,S.BORCHETTA (J.MOORE,P.DIGIOVANNI,C.MCGILL,J.S.STOVER)	Justin Moore VALORY	9	16
Ð	16	20	54	TRUTH ABOUT YOU J.M.SCHMIDT,M.TENPENNY, (M.TENPENNY, M. ALDERMAN, T. ARCHER)	Mitchell Tenpenny RISER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	8	16
18	21	24	33	AT THE END OF A BAR C. DESTEFANO,C.YOUNG (C.YOUNG,C. DESTEFANO,M.TENPENNY)	Chris Young With Mitchell Tenpenny RCA NASHVILLE	5	18
19	22	30	35	PICK ME UP R.COPPERMAN,Z.KALE (G.BARRETT, J.M.NITE, R.COPPERMAN)	Gabby Barrett WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR	25	19
20	19	21	30	SHE LIKES IT J.KERR,J.SCOTT (R.DICKERSON,J.SCOTT,J.KERR)	Russell Dickerson & Jake Scott TRIPLE TIGERS	23	13
21	23	19	21	GHOST STORY D.GARCIA,C.UNDERWOOD (D.A.GARCIA,J.KEAR,H.LINDSEY,H.WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW)	Carrie Underwood CAPITOL NASHVILLE	12	12
22	24	23	14	THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW J.MOI (M.WALLEN,N.GALYON,M.LAMBERT)	Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	1
23	15	18	22	WILD AS HER C.FARREN (M.WALLEN, BRETT TYLER, K. ARCHER)	Corey Kent COMBUSTION MASTERS/RCA NASHVILLE	49	15
24	26	29	21	NO HARD FEELINGS S.MCANALLY,OLD DOMINION (M.RAMSEY,T. ROSEN,W.SELLERS,G.SPRUNG,B.F.TURSI,S.MCANALLY)	Old Dominion Arista Nashville	16	24
25	25	26	11	DON'T COME LOOKIN' LDICK (J.DEAN,C.L.DICK)	Jackson Dean BIG MACHINE	15	25

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	8	CHARLIE HANDSOME
	9	LINDSAY RIMES
TIE	10	CHIP MATTHEWS
TIE	10	JONATHAN SINGLETON
TIE	10	LUKE COMBS

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26	27	27	25	PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) SOUL	Lee Brice CURB	27	26
27	28	28	11	B.GLOVER,K.JACOBS,LBRICE (K.KADISH,T.FERRARI) WHAT MY WORLD SPINS AROUND	Jordan Davis	30	27
28	NE	W	1	P.DIGIOVANNI (J.DAVIS,M.DRAGSTREM,R.J.HURD) TOLD YOU I COULD DRINK ** Hot Shot Debut **	MCA NASHVILLE BRELAND Featuring Lady A	_	28
29	30	32	6	S.SUMSER,S.SMALL,Z.MANNO (Z.MANNO,C.KELLEY,D.BRELAND) COUNTRY ON	BAD REALM/ATLANTIC Luke Bryan	17	19
30	29	31	32	J.STEVENS,J.STEVENS (D.FRASIER,S.HAURY,M.NESLER,MITCH OGLESBY) JOY OF MY LIFE	CAPITOL NASHVILLE Chris Stapleton	35	27
3	32	45	3	D.COBB,C.STAPLETON (J.C.FOGERTY) HALF OF ME	MERCURY NASHVILLE Thomas Rhett Featuring Riley Green	18	31
32	31	33	18	D.HUFF,J.FRASURE (THOMAS RHETT,R.AKINS,W.BUNDY,J.THOMPSON) HEARTFIRST	VALORY/BMLG Kelsea Ballerini	28	25
33	34	42	11	J.BUNETTA,S.MCANALLY (K.BALLERINI,K.FAIRCHILD,A.VANDERHEYM) WHAT HE DIDN'T DO	BLACK RIVER Carly Pearce	46	33
34	35	37	16	S.M.CANALLY,J.OSBORNE (C.PEARCE,A.G.GORLEY,E.M.SHACKELTON) PARTY MODE	BIG MACHINE Dustin Lynch	19	30
35	44	50	6	Z.CROWELL (J.FLOWERS, R.BEAVER, R.ALEXANDER, J.KEIM, M.M.CGINN) CAN'T HAVE MINE	BROKEŇ BOW Dylan Scott	15	35
36	37	39	10	M.ALDERMAN (D.SCOTT,M.ALDERMAN,J.MELTON,D.WILSON) DOWN HOME	CURB Jimmie Allen	26	36
				A.BOWERS, J.ALLEN (J.ALLEN, R.BALL, C.BEDELL, T.HOWELL) Y'ALL LIFE	STONEY CREEK Walker Hayes	-	
37	40	38	4	J.THIBODEAU,W.HAYES (W.HAYES,P.GOOD,J.JENKINS,C.HAYNES, JR.,J.EPPERSON) OUT IN THE MIDDLE	MONUMENT Zac Brown Band	42	32
38	38	43	5	Z.BROWN,B.SIMONETTI (B.SIMONETTI,Z.BROWN,L.COMBS,J.D.SINGLETON)	HOME GROWN/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR	21	38
39	33	35	16	TOMORROW ME CHIP MATTHEWS,J.D.SINGLETON,LCOMBS (L.COMBS,D.DILLON,R.FULCHER)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	13
40	36	34	20	DEAR ALCOHOL LEX NOUR (D.NWOSU JR.)	Dax LIVING LEGEND/RECORDS/COLUMBIA	-	28
41	42	40	7	HELL YEAH LITTLE BIG TOWN (J.WESTBROOK,P.SWEET,C.CROWDER,T.R.HUBBARD)	Little Big Town CAPITOL NASHVILLE	55	40
42	41	41	17	DON'T THINK JESUS J.MOI (J.LALEXANDER,M.LHOLMAN,C.MCGILL)	Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	RC	1
43	43	44	12	GOOD OL' MAN M.TRUSSELL (D.GREEN,J.MILLER,L.STARR,M.TRUSSELL)	Drew Green VILLA 40/RCA NASHVILLE	-	41
44	NE	:W	1	HANDLE ON YOU JON RANDALL (P.MCCOLLUM,M.CRISWELL)	Parker McCollum MCA NASHVILLE	51	44
45	48	_	3	WORTH A SHOT R.COPPERMAN (S.MCANALLY,R.COPPERMAN,J.OSBORNE)	Elle King Featuring Dierks Bentley RCA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	45
46	46	_	2	OKLAHOMA SMOKE SHOW E.SPEAR (Z.L.BRYAN)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER	-	46
47	47	49	8	COUNTRY'D LOOK GOOD ON YOU FROGERS (D.GEORGE,M.CRISWELL,T.PHILLIPS,C.TAYLOR)	Frank Ray STONEY CREEK	22	47
48	NE	w	1	SON OF THE DIRTY SOUTH ABAYLIS,DJ CHILL (B.GILBERT,A.BAYLIS,J.B.DEFORD)	Brantley Gilbert Featuring Jelly Roll VALORY	-	48
49	49	46	4	SONGS ABOUT YOU N.CHAPMAN (B.ELDREDGE,J.J.DILLON,B.WEST)	Brett Eldredge Warner Music Nashville/WMN	48	43
50	RE-E	NTRY	3	BROWN EYES BABY D.HUFF;K.URBAN (W.BUNDY,R.CLAWSON,J.THOMPSON,M.WALLEN)	Keith Urban HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	40	42

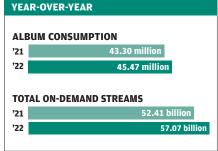
The week's most popular country songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Luminate, formerly MRC Data, sales data as compiled by Luminate, formerly MRC Data and streaming activity data from online music sources tracked by Luminate, formerly MRC Data. Descending titles below No. 25 are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks.

COUNTRY MARKET WATCH

A Weekly National Music Sales Report

WEEKLY UNIT COUNT							
	ALBUM CONSUMPTION	AUDIO ON-DEMAND	VIDEO ON-DEMAND				
This Week	1,497,000	1,763,372,000	123,643,000				
Last Week	1,517,000	1,785,686,000	122,628,000				
Change	-1.3%	-1.2%	0.8%				
This Week Last Year	1,350,000	1,532,401,000	126,381,000				
Change	10.9%	15.1%	-2.2%				

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	2021	2022	CHANGE
Album Consumption	43,297,000	45,466,000	5.0%
Album Sales	5,487,000	4,268,000	-22.2%
Audio On-Demand	48,037,422,000	53,011,540,000	10.4%
Video On-Demand	4,369,567,000	4,054,229,000	-7.2%



All data measures U.S. activity as of the week ending August 11, 2022. All units counts are rounded to the nearest thousand. Album consumption units — also known as albums plus TEA plus SEA — consists of albums asles; track-equivalent album (TEA) sales whereby 10 tracks equal one consumption unit, and stream equivalent albums (SEA) whereby 1,250 paid and/07 3,750 ad-supported audio on-demand streams (OAD) gual one consumption unit.



FALL FOR A BOY FROM SOUTH GEORGIA

STEREOTYPE

- **TOP 10 BILLBOARD COUNTRY ALBUM DEBUT**
- 675 MILLION GLOBAL ALBUM STREAMS
- "SHE HAD ME AT HEADS CAROLINA"
 - #6 IN NINE WEEKS
 - 97 MILLION STREAMS + 800K TRACK EQUIVALENTS
 - 2 WEEK NUMBER ONE ON SIRIUSXM
- 2 CONSECUTIVE MULTI-WEEK NUMBER ONES

2 NIGHTS AT THE RYMAN

- 11TH CAREER #1 IN JUST 23 WEEKS

"NEVER SAY NEVER"

- 175 MILLION STREAMS

ALBUM | MALE VOCALIST | SINGLE | SONG | MUSICAL EVENT | VIDEO

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STREAMING & SALES DATA COMPILED BY LUMINATE

billboard top country albums

THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST TITLE	CERT	PEAK POS.
1	1	1	83	MORGAN WALLEN BIG LOUD 033180*/REPUBLIC DANGEROUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM	2	1
2	2	2	12	ZACH BRYAN AMERICAN HEARTBREAK BELTING BRONCO 86979/WARNER		1
3	3	3	7	LUKE COMBS GROWIN' UP RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 997801/SMN		1
4	5	4	219	MORGAN WALLEN BIG LOUD 783*	2	1
5	4	5	271	LUKE COMBS THIS ONE'S FOR YOU RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 538883"/SMN	3	1
6	6	6	144	LUKE COMBS WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 595687*/SMN	2	1
7	7	8	380	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	4	1
8	8	9	39	TAYLOR SWIFT RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION) REPUBLIC 034504*		1
9	9	7	202	ELVIS PRESLEY ELV1S: 30 #1 HITS RCA 68079*/LEGACY (19.98/12.98)	6	1
10	11	10	91	CHRIS STAPLETON STARTING OVER MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN		1
11	12	11	18	COLE SWINDELL WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 694948/WMN		6
Ð	NE	w	1	DYLAN SCOTT LIVIN' MY BEST LIFE CURB 79521*		12
13	15	14	29	WALKER HAYES COUNTRY STUFF: THE ALBUM MONUMENT 98353	•	2
14	13	23	233	SHANIA TWAIN GREATEST HITS MERCURY NASHVILLE 003072/UMGN (13.98)	4	1
Œ	16	15	357	ZAC BROWN BAND GREATEST HITS SO FAR HOME GROWN 546369*/BMG		3
16	17	16	161	TYLER CHILDERS PURGATORY HICKMAN HOLLER 001*/THIRTY TIGERS		9
Ð	20	18	90	LEE BRICE HEY WORLD CURB 79537*	•	7
18	19	17	323	TIM MCGRAW NUMBER ONE HITS CURB 79205 (13.98)		6
19	18	13	4	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO DIGITAL EX/WARNER SUMMERTIME BLUES		7
20	21	28	112	GABBY BARRETT GOLDMINE WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 629930/WMN		4
21	14	12	290	GEORGE STRAIT 50 NUMBER ONES MCA NASHVILLE 000459/UMGN (25.98)	7	1
22	23	19	192	TOBY KEITH 35 BIGGEST HITS SHOW DOG-UNIVERSAL 010334/UME (19.98)		1
23	22	20	70	TAYLOR SWIFT FEARLESS (TAYLOR'S VERSION) REPUBLIC 033578*		1
24	24	21	44	CODY JOHNSON HUMAN: THE DOUBLE ALBUM COJO/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 666969*/WMN		3
25	25	24	293	BROOKS & DUNN THE GREATEST HITS COLLECTION ARISTA NASHVILLE 18852/LEGACY (18.98/12.98)	4	2

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THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST TITLE	CERT.	PEAK POS.
1	1	2	12	ZACH BRYAN AMERICAN HEARTBREAK BELTING BRONCO 86979/WARNER		1
2	2	3	326	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	4	1
3	4	4	91	CHRIS STAPLETON STARTING OVER MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN		1
4	5	6	178	TYLER CHILDERS PURGATORY HICKMAN HOLLER 001*/THIRTY TIGERS		2
5	7	7	372	HOZIER RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA 309996*/LEGACY	3	1
6	6	5	4	ZACH BRYAN SUMMERTIME BLUES BELTING BRONCO DIGITAL EX/WARNER		2
7	9	8	331	THE LUMINEERS CLEOPATRA DUALTONE 1738*		1
8	13	12	36	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 654022*/WARNER (VINYL)		6
9	NE	w	1	NEIL YOUNG + PROMISE OF THE REAL THE OTHER SHOE/REPRISE 21*/WARNER NOISE & FLOWERS		9
10	11	9	382	THE LUMINEERS DUALTONE 1608*	3	1

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COUNTRY DIGITAL SONG SALES

STREAMING & SALES DATA COMPILED BY

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THIS	LAST WEEK	WKS ON CHART	TITLE ARTIST	THIS	WEEK	WEEK	WKS ON CHART	TITLE ARTIST
0	1	13	YOU PROOF MORGAN WALLEN	1		NE	w	HOPELESSLY DEVOTED TO YOU OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN
2	2	8	THE KIND OF LOVE WE MAKE LUKE COMBS	2		NE	w	KISS GOODBYE ALL NIGHT DRAKE MILLIGAN
3	4	9	ROCK AND A HARD PLACE BAILEY ZIMMERMAN	3		2	16	SHE HAD ME AT HEADS CAROLINA COLE SWINDELL
4	3	82	WASTED ON YOU MORGAN WALLEN	4	. :	3	8	THE KIND OF LOVE WE MAKE LUKE COMBS
6	6	11	SHE HAD ME AT HEADS CAROLINA COLE SWINDELL	5	Ι.	4	13	YOU PROOF MORGAN WALLEN
6	5	16	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE ZACH BRYAN	6	R	E-EI	NTRY	SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING I'D DO DRAKE MILLIGAN
0	7	16	FALL IN LOVE BAILEY ZIMMERMAN	•	1	10	4	Y'ALL LIFE WALKER HAYES
8	8	7	5 FOOT 9 TYLER HUBBARD	8)	8	10	SON OF A SINNER JELLY ROLL
9	10	177	WHISKEY GLASSES MORGAN WALLEN	9		6	9	ROCK AND A HARD PLACE BAILEY ZIMMERMAN
10	9	278	TENNESSEE WHISKEY CHRIS STAPLETON	10)	5	14	LIKE I LOVE COUNTRY MUSIC KANE BROWN
0	15	9	WHISKEY ON YOU NATE SMITH	Œ)	NE	w	HAVE YOU NEVER BEEN MELLOW OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN
12	12	59	FANCY LIKE WALKER HAYES	12	2	7	33	WASTED ON YOU MORGAN WALLEN
ß	16	14	THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW MORGAN WALLEN	Œ) 1	14	61	FANCY LIKE WALKER HAYES
4	17	58	SAND IN MY BOOTS MORGAN WALLEN	14	1 1	11	18	FALL IN LOVE BAILEY ZIMMERMAN
15	14	60	YOU SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE CHRIS STAPLETON	Œ)	NE	w	I HONESTLY LOVE YOU OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN
16	13	42	'TIL YOU CAN'T CODY JOHNSON	Œ) 1	19	38	AA WALKER HAYES
17	18	53	BUY DIRT JORDAN DAVIS FEAT. LUKE BRYAN	Œ		NE	w	PLEASE MR. PLEASE OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN
ß	19	9	LIKE I LOVE COUNTRY MUSIC KANE BROWN	18	3 1	12	11	5 FOOT 9 TYLER HUBBARD
19	20	213	BEAUTIFUL CRAZY LUKE COMBS	Œ) 1	17	15	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE ZACH BRYAN
20	24	3	LAST NIGHT LONELY JON PARDI	20) 1	15	8	DON'T COME LOOKIN' JACKSON DEAN
21	21	29	AA WALKER HAYES	2)	NE	w	IF YOU LOVE ME (LET ME KNOW) OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN
2	23	68	CHASIN' YOU MORGAN WALLEN	Œ	2	23	2	NO HARD FEELINGS OLD DOMINION
23	11	8	WILD AS HER COREY KENT	2	R	E-EI	NTRY	JOY OF MY LIFE CHRIS STAPLETON
24	22	23	FLOWER SHOPS ERNEST FEAT. MORGAN WALLEN	24	1	1	3	PROGRESS JOHN RICH
3	25	90	FOREVER AFTER ALL LUKE COMBS	2!	5 2	25	10	SOUL LEE BRICE

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SALES DATA COMPILED BY LUMINATE

THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST TITLE IMPRINT & NUMBER / DISTRIBUTING LABEL	CERT.	PEAK POS.
1	1	1	38	ROBERT PLANT / ALISON KRAUSS RAISE THE ROOF ROUNDER 610127*/CONCORD		1
2	2	3	46	BILLY STRINGS RENEWAL ROUNDER 610142*/CONCORD		1
3	3	2	23	DOLLY PARTON RUN, ROSE, RUN BUTTERFLY RECORDS 001*		1
4	6	4	51	STURGILL SIMPSON THE BALLAD OF DOOD & JUANITA HIGH TOP MOUNTAIN 36800*/THIRTY TIGERS		1
5	7	6	19	MOLLY TUTTLE & GOLDEN HIGHWAY CROOKED TREE NONESUCH 677309*/WARNER		2
6	RE-EI	NTRY	5	THE HILLBILLY THOMISTS HOLY GHOST POWER DOMINICANA 1771		5
7	5	_	9	THE DEAD SOUTH EASY LISTENING FOR JERKS - PART 2 (EP) SIX SHOOTER 154		5
8	NEW 1		1	FIRESIDE COLLECTIVE ACROSS THE DIVIDE MOUNTAIN HOME 21162*/CROSSROADS		8
9	RE-ENTRY 24		24	VARIOUS ARTISTS COUNTRY FAITH BLUEGRASS CURB/BILLY BLUE 2334 CB EX		8
10	4	_	5	THE DEAD SOUTH EASY LISTENING FOR JERKS - PART 1 (EP) SIX SHOOTER 152		4

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Corey Kent's 'Wild As Her': How An Episode Of Sex And The City Inspired A Vocal Challenge

It's a hallmark of Southern dialects that one-syllable words are frequently stretched into two: "There" becomes "they-er," or "damn" — in the title of a Florida Georgia Line album cut — becomes "Dayum, Baby."

The thing is, that passage is tough. It covers a wide melodic range, for start-

ers, and without any separation between the notes, it can quickly devolve into nondescript mush. Create too much separation, it sounds choppy and amateurish. Kent navigates the middle ground with easy-sounding conviction.

"There's no discounting God here," he says. "I was of the mentality that muscle memory — if you can practice a free throw over and over or if you can practice playing the piano, eventually, muscle memory will make you good at that. I thought the same thing about singing, and I'm realizing that there is a certain element that is God-given ability. But then the other part is honing your craft and putting in tens of thousands of hours."

Even among vocal pros, that 25-syllable ride limited opportunities for "Wild As Her."

"A lot of people really liked that song, but they were worried that they wouldn't be able to sing it just because of that part at the end," says songwriter **Brett Tyler** ("Cold Beer Calling My Name," "Hell Right"). "It could have been a bad situation."

Actually, they didn't expect they would need to pitch "Wild As Her" since **Morgan Wallen** had co-

written it with Tyler and **Kelly Archer** ("After a Few," "Sleep Without You") on May 31, 2017, at Nashville's Combustion Music. Wallen was the target artist for the day, and his spin on the 25 notes convinced them it was a viable melodic approach.

"He's just such a great singer," Archer says. "I mean, the demo of the song sounds like a record. Obviously, we have a great band in Nashville, but his vocal is just awesome. There's only a handful of my own songs I listen to while I'm driving, and it was definitely on the list."

Archer had the "Wild As Her" title that day, a reversal of the standard gender stereotype in which the free-wheeling male finds that a woman stabilizes him. It was inspired by an episode of *Sex and the City* in which **Sarah Jessica Parker**'s character, Carrie, is surprised to discover she's the person in her relationship that needs more space. The "Wild As Her" male protagonist is supportive rather than threatened.

They clarified the direction in the opening line, "She never wanted to be white-picket-fenced-in," portraying the couple in the chorus on a life journey together with the windows rolled down and the wind blowing through her hair. Initially, four lines seemed enough for that stanza, though Archer felt it needed a little more. She brought up the **Travis Tritt** release "It's a Great Day To Be Alive," in which a wolf-like howl brings more character to the end of the chorus, as a template.

"I'm 99% sure I threw this out as a joke," Tyler says, recalling the 12-note "wild" trademark. "And then Morgan did it. Morgan's voice is about 100 times better than mine. If you're going to sing a song with the word 'wild,' you want to hear it that way."

Wallen, who hadn't yet scored his first hit at the time, surprised everyone when he passed on "Wild As Her." But Combustion Music believed strongly and kept pitching it. Indie artist **Colby Keeling** released a version on Jan. 10,

2020, and Canadian Tyler Joe Miller issued his take on Feb. 11, 2022.

Meanwhile, Kent's day-to-day manager, **Chris Fox**, heard "Wild As Her" in the Combustion vaults and thought it was a good fit for his client. And Kent agreed, sensing that the woman in the song was independent like his wife, **Dana**.

"If she was having a good time, she would get up on a table and dance and everybody would stare at her like she's crazy, and she would not care because she was having so much fun," he says. "That is like the essence of what this girl in the song is about. You're not going to control her, you're not going to

tame her. And the best way to make her fall for you is to embrace who she really is."

Kent was not intimidated by Wallen's demo performance.

"One of my childhood heroes is **Kobe Bryant**, and he was never afraid to guard the best," he says. "That kind of mentality is how I approached the song: being competitive, but in a healthy way."

But he and producer **Chris Farren** (**Deana Carter**, **Jameson Rodgers**) were determined to create greater dynamics in the end version, recorded at Nashville's Sound Stage in November 2021.

"I really wanted it to sound like a band, to sound real and authentic," says Farren. "And we wanted it to be guitars front and have some attitude. The bridge is something that we're pretty proud of because that was something we kind of evolved. The bridge comes way down. We wanted to kind of take you on this emotional ride and then explode at the last chorus."

Farrenpulled together drummer Fred Eltringham, bassist Jacob Lowery, keyboardist Gordon Mote and guitarists Rob McNelley and Ilya Toshinsky to set an emotional foundation for Kent's interpretation

of the song, including its challenging 12- and 13-note runs. Farren understood the degree of vocal difficulty for those passages since he sings harmony on "Wild As Her."

"It's an open note, and there's not other consonants to help you attack the note," Farren assesses. "Typically, when you get to reattack the note with a consonant or another word, it's just easier. When you hold those long notes and then you move all around on the same vowel sound, that shows a lot of strength, a lot of control."

The song went to streaming providers in the spring and surpassed the commercial performance of Kent's previous work. But as "Wild As Her" gained steam, it also inspired a good chunk of the audience to listen to his catalog, solidifying his brand. Sony Music Nashville, recognizing the single and Kent's body of work, signed him to a recording contract and ultimately released "Wild" to country radio via PlayMPE on July 18 the same week it moved into the top 20 on Hot Country Songs through sales and streaming consumption.

Archer was ecstatic to see "Wild As Her" get its due. "I've been in love with this song since the day we wrote it," she says. "I've been having internal temper tantrums about it not getting cut. There's just a handful of songs that, for me, check so many boxes. Plus, I know it's got what I think is the 'it' factor for a hit song. You just get a feeling about a song, and I had that feeling from day one."

"Wild As Her" sits at No. 23 on the Hot Country Songs chart dated Aug. 20 and lifts to No. 49 on Country Airplay as Kent moves forward with his career, which is even more challenging than the single's vocal.

"I feel like I'm chasing two dreams at the same time," he says. "I'm trying to build a family and become the kind of dad that I've always wanted to be and be a good husband, and also trying to be a rock star at the same time. It's kind of this crazy, ironic thing to try to do both."

Maybe even wi-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-ild.



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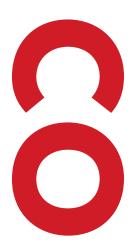
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25 Years Ago Lonestar Was 'Cryin' 'Happy Tears At No. 1

In 1997, the group notched its second of nine leaders on Hot Country Songs On Aug. 16, 1997, Lonestar's "Come Cryin' to Me" led Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart for its first of two weeks at No. 1. The group's John Rich wrote the song, which was released as the lead single from the band's second LP, Crazy Nights, with Mark D. Sanders and Wally Wilson.

In addition to Rich, Lonestar's original lineup included Michael Britt, Richie McDonald, Randy "Keech" Rainwater and Dean Sams. Rich left in 1998 and reemerged in 2004 as half of Big & Rich (with Big Kenny Alphin).

Lonestar has landed nine Hot Country Songs No. 1s among 18 top 10s. The group achieved its biggest crossover success with "Amazed," which led the list for eight weeks in 1999 and the Billboard Hot 100 for two in 2000 — marking the first country hit to crown the allgenre chart in over 16 years.

Lonestar is still active as a fourman unit, comprising Britt, Rainwater, Sams and new lead vocalist Drew Womack (formerly of Sons of the Desert). The act's next stop is Aug. 18 at the Grant County Fair in Moses Lake, Wash. —JIM ASKER



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		10	11	T.BROWN, T. YEARWOOD (D. WARREN)	◆ TRISHA YEARWOOD (C) (D) (V) MCA 72015	5

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