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The Friday Billboard Country Update Will Resume Jan. 12





ON THE CHARTS



adds its fourth week atop *Billboard*'s Country

Airplay chart. It increased by 14% to 34 million audience impressions Dec. 29-Jan. 4, according to Luminate. "Fire" continues to light up Hot Country Songs, bulleted at its No. 7 high in its 30th charted week.





DAN + SHAY "Save Me the Trouble" In its 25th frame on Country Airplay, the duo's 11th top 10, and top five hit,

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pushes 4-2 for a new best (30 million, up 23%). On the streaming-, airplay- and sales-based Hot Country Songs list, it rises 12-11 for a new peak. It also gained by 31% to 4.3 million official U.S. streams in the tracking week.





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"Truck Bed" The singer-songwriter from Philadelphia, Miss., earns his fourth Hot Country

Songs top 10 as "Truck Bed" drives 11-10. The single, which **HARDY** co-wrote, drew 7.5 million streams (up 24%) and sold 3,000 (up 146%). On Country Airplay, it holds at its No. 13 high (15.5 million, up 18%).

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MEGAN MORONEY "I'm Not Pretty" The track, which Moroney co-penned, climbs 35-32 for a new Hot Country Songs best, up

31% to 2.7 million streams. On Country Airplay, it revisits its No. 30 high (4.9 million, up 21%). Parent LP *Lucky* arrived on Top Country Albums at its No. 10 peak in May 2023 and has drawn 463,000 equivalent album units to date.



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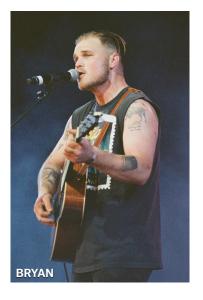
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|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|--|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 | I REMEMBER EVERYTHING ZLBRYAN (ZLBRYAN,K.MUSGRAVES) ** No. 1 (15 Weeks)/Streaming Gainer ** | Zach Bryan Featuring Kacey Musgraves INTERSCOPE/BELTING BRONCO/WARNER/MCA NASHVILLE/WAR | 28 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 49 | LAST NIGHT J.MOI (J.BYRON,A.G.GORLEY,J.K.HINDLIN,CHARLIE HANDSOME) | Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD | RC | 1 |
| 3 | 4 | 4 | 41 | FAST CAR ★★ Airplay Gainer ★★ CHIP MATTHEWS, J.D. SINGLETON, LCOMBS (T.LCHAPMAN) ★★ Airplay Gainer ★★ | Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE | RC | 1 |
| 4 | 3 | 3 | 44 | THINKIN' BOUT ME J.MOI,CHARLIE HANDSOME (J.BYRON, A.G.GORLEY, T.PHILLIPS, CHARLIE HANDSOME) | Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD | 5 | 3 |
| 6 | 5 | 6 | 24 | WHITE HORSE C.STAPLETON, D.COBB, M.STAPLETON (C.STAPLETON, D.D.WILSON) | Chris Stapleton SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE | 6 | 5 |
| 6 | 6 | 5 | 49 | NEED A FAVOR A.NIVAREL (J.B.DEFORD,A.A.NIVAREL,J.RAGOSTA,R.RAGOSTA) | Jelly Roll BAILEE & BUDDY/BROKEN BOW/BMG/STONEY CREEK | RC | 3 |
| 0 | 7 | 8 | 30 | WORLD ON FIRE LRIMES (N.SMITH,A.G.GORLEY,T.PHILLIPS,L.RIMES) | Nate Smith ARISTA NASHVILLE/RCA NASHVILLE | 1 | 7 |
| 8 | 8 | 7 | 32 | SAVE ME Z.CROWELL, D.R.STEVENS (J.B.DEFORD, D.R.STEVENS) | Jelly Roll With Lainey Wilson BAILEE & BUDDY/BROKEN BOW/BMG/STONEY CREEK | 4 | 6 |
| 9 | 9 | 9 | 30 | PRETTY LITTLE POISON R.COPPERMAN (W.ZEIDERS, J.KEIM, R.BEAVER) | Warren Zeiders 717/WARNER/WEA | 10 | 8 |
| 10 | 11 | 11 | 40 | TRUCK BED ** Digital Gainer ** | HARDY BIG LOUD | 13 | 10 |
| 0 | 12 | 12 | 23 | SAVE ME THE TROUBLE D.SMYERS,S.HENDRICKS (A.G.GORLEY,D.SMYERS,J.T.MINTON,J.REYNOLDS,S.MOONEY) | Dan + Shay WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR | 2 | 11 |
| Ð | 10 | 10 | 13 | WILD ONES JEFF GITTY (J.MURPH,F.FERRARO,J.GITELMAN,G.HEIN,J.B.DEFORD) | Jessie Murph & Jelly Roll COLUMBIA | - | 8 |
| ₿ | 14 | 14 | 21 | THE PAINTER T.W.WILLMON (K.HIGGINS,B.DAVIS,R.LARKINS) | Cody Johnson Cojo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN | 12 | 12 |
| 14 | 13 | 13 | 11 | WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE CHIP MATTHEWS,J.D.SINGLETON,L.COMBS (R.MONTANA,D.TURNBULL) | Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE | 8 | 13 |
| Ð | 15 | 15 | 28 | BURN IT DOWN JON RANDALL (P.MCCOLLUM,H.LINDSEY,L.MCKENNA,L.ROSE) | Parker McCollum MCA NASHVILLE | 15 | 15 |
| 16 | 21 | 22 | 15 | I CAN FEEL IT D.HUFF (P.D.C.COLLINS,K.BROWN,G.FOUST,J.FREE) | Kane Brown ZONE 4/RCA NASHVILLE | 11 | 16 |
| Ð | 17 | 17 | 19 | HEY DRIVER ZL.BRYAN (ZL.BRYAN) | Zach Bryan Featuring The War And Treaty BELTING BRONCO/WARNER | - | 5 |
| 18 | 16 | 16 | 12 | MIND ON YOU A.BOWERS (G.BIRGE,J.BOYER,M.TYLER,COLT FORD) | George Birge RECORDS NASHVILLE | 3 | 16 |
| 19 | 19 | 19 | 20 | DIFFERENT 'ROUND HERE D.HUFF (R.GREEN,R.MONTANA,J.D.SINGLETON) | Riley Green Featuring Luke Combs BMLG | 7 | 19 |
| 20 | 20 | 21 | 33 | 23 R.COPPERMAN (C.BECKHAM) | Chayce Beckham 19/BMG/WHEELHOUSE | 14 | 20 |
| 2 | 24 | 24 | 20 | WE DON'T FIGHT ANYMORE S.MCANALLY,J.OSBORNE,C.PEARCE (C.PEARCE,P.GOOD,S.MCANALLY) | Carly Pearce Featuring Chris Stapleton BIG MACHINE | 22 | 21 |
| 2 | 18 | 18 | 5 | WONDERING WHY THE RED CLAY STRAYS (A.G.NIX,B.L.COLEMAN,D.COUCH) | The Red Clay Strays RED CLAY STRAYS | - | 18 |
| 23 | 22 | 20 | 26 | TRY THAT IN A SMALL TOWN M.KNOX (K.M.ALLISON,T.KENNEDY,J.K.LOVELACE,N.THRASHER) | Jason Aldean MACON/BROKEN BOW | RC | 1 |
| 24 | 23 | 23 | 21 | RICH MEN NORTH OF RICHMOND D.RIFFE (C.A.LUNSFORD) | Oliver Anthony Music Oliver Anthony Music | RC | 1 |
| 25 | 25 | 25 | 19 | TOURNIQUET ZL.BRYAN (ZL.BRYAN) | Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER | - | 8 |

COUNTRY SONGWRITERS™

#1 57 WKS **ZACH BRYAN** 2 **ASHLEY GORLEY** 3 **TRACY CHAPMAN JELLY ROLL KACEY MUSGRAVES** 5 6 **CHRIS STAPLETON CHARLIE HANDSOME** 7 **JOHN BYRON** 7 9 **TAYLOR PHILLIPS DAN WILSON** 10



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| 1 | #1 19 WKS | ZACH BRYAN |
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| 2 | JO | EY MOI |
| 3 | RO | SS COPPERMAN |
| 4 | DA | NN HUFF |
| 5 | AU | STIN NIVAREL |
| 6 | LIN | IDSAY RIMES |
| 7 | TR | ENT WILLMON |
| 8 | ZA | CH CROWELL |
| 9 | СН | ARLIE HANDSOME |
| 10 | JE | FF GITTY |

The weekly Country Songwriters and Country Producers charts are based on total points accrued by a songwriter and producer, respectively, for each attributed song that appears on the Hot Country Songs chart. As with Billboard's yearly recaps, multiple writers or producers split points for each song equally (and the dividing of points will lead to occasional ties on rankings).

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|--------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| 30 | 33 | 7 | WILDFLOWERS AND WILD HORSES J.JOYCE (L.WILSON,T.ANDERSON,P.SIKES) | Lainey Wilson BROKEN BOW | 18 | 26 |
| 26 | 26 | 13 | COAL D.GOSSETT (D.GOSSETT) | Dylan Gossett Dylan Gossett/big Loud texas/mercury/republic/big Loud | - | 26 |
| 28 | 30 | 23 | IN YOUR LOVE T. CHILDERS,THE FOOD STAMPS (T.CHILDERS,G.A.SEALE, JR.) | Tyler Childers HICKMAN HOLLER/RCA | 50 | 7 |
| 29 | 32 | 14 | MAMAW'S HOUSE D.HUFF,J.FRASURE (THOMAS RHETT,M.DRAGSTREM,C.MCGILL,M.C.WALLEN) | Thomas Rhett Featuring Morgan Wallen VALORY | 17 | 14 |
| 27 | 27 | 14 | ALL I NEED IS YOU J.RAYMOND (C.JANSON,B.CLAWSON,A.G.GORLEY,MITCH OGLESBY) | Chris Janson BMLG | 9 | 27 |
| 31 | 28 | 15 | SARAH'S PLACE Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN) | Zach Bryan Featuring Noah Kahan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER | - | 5 |
| 35 | 35 | 18 | I'M NOT PRETTY K.BUSH (M.MORONEY,B.WILLIAMS,M.E.CARPENTER,M.CARPENTER) | Megan Moroney Megan Moroney/Columbia/Arista Nashville | 30 | 32 |
| 32 | 31 | 19 | SPOTLESS Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN, W.K.SCHULTZ, J.C.FRAITES) | Zach Bryan Featuring The Lumineers BELTING BRONCO/WARNER | - | 6 |
| 33 | 29 | 24 | WE RIDE N.GIBBENS (B.MARTIN,V.D.BROWN JR.) | Bryan Martin AVERAGE JOES | 41 | 29 |
| 34 | 34 | 7 | CREEK WILL RISE Z.CROWELL (C.MCGILL,C.SMITH,C.LA CORTE,P.WELLING) | Conner Smith VALORY | 16 | 34 |
| 38 | 45 | 8 | GLORY DAYS R.COPPERMAN,G.BARRETT (G.BARRETT,J.MCNAIR,E.L.WEISBAND,S.MOSLEY) | Gabby Barrett WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR | 24 | 36 |
| 37 | 38 | 6 | TUCSON TOO LATE PDIGIOVANNI (J.DAVIS,J.JAVIS,J.JENKINS,M.JENKINS) | Jordan Davis MCA NASHVILLE | 23 | 37 |
| 40 | 50 | 9 | I THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU C.STAPLETON,D.COBB (C.STAPLETON) | Chris Stapleton SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE | - | 38 |
| 45 | 44 | 14 | SOMETHING'S GONNA KILL ME J.JOYCE (COREY KENT,A.GOODLOE,J.TAYLOR,L.VAUGHAN) | Corey Kent COMBUSTION MASTERS/RCA NASHVILLE | 40 | 31 |
| 43 | 41 | 18 | EL DORADO Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN) | Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER | - | 15 |
| 36 | 36 | 19 | EAST SIDE OF SORROW Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN) | Zach Bryan Belting Bronco/Warner | - | 7 |
| RE-E | NTRY | 3 | CAN'T BREAK UP NOW K.BUSH.R.COPPERMAN,OLD DOMINION (M.RAMSEY,T. ROSEN,T.BROWN,E.L.WEISBAND) | Old Dominion & Megan Moroney COLUMBIA NASHVILLE | 32 | 42 |
| 44 | 40 | 6 | THIS TOWN'S BEEN TOO GOOD TO US J.DURRETT,CHARLIE HANDSOME (D.SCOTT,A.G.GORLEY,CHARLIE HANDSOME,J.BYRON,T.PHILLIPS) | Dylan Scott CURB | - | 36 |
| 42 | 37 | 9 | DIRT CHEAP TW.WILLMON (J.PHILLIPS) | Cody Johnson COJO/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN | - | 33 |
| 39 | 39 | 7 | PLEASE DON'T GO TWOODWARD,A.YANKUNAS (W.R.FLORES,R.B.PRICE) | Wyatt Flores OEG/ISLAND/REPUBLIC | - | 39 |
| RE-E | NTRY | 9 | NEW YEAR'S DAY J.M.ANTONOFF,T.SWIFT (T.SWIFT,J.M.ANTONOFF) | Taylor Swift BIG MACHINE | RC | 33 |
| 46 | 48 | 11 | LOVE YOU AGAIN A.R.SHAWN,C.BROWN (C.BROWN,CHASE MATTHEW,T.PHILLIPS) | Chase Matthew CHASE MATTHEW/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN | 33 | 42 |
| RE-E | NTRY | 13 | OUTSKIRTS Z.CROWELL,C.LA CORTE,S.HUNT (S.L.HUNT,J.OSBORNE,J.FLOWERS,Z.CROWELL) | Sam Hunt MCA NASHVILLE | 34 | 35 |
| N | W | 1 | NOBODY'S NOBODY ** Hot Shot Debut ** M.ELIZONDO (J.OSBORNE,T.J. OSBORNE,M.A.ELIZONDO, J.R.,K.MARVEL) | Brothers Osborne EMI NASHVILLE | 25 | 49 |
| 49 | 47 | 4 | BOYS BACK HOME JA.FOX (D.MARLOWE,S.ENNIS,J.A.FOX) | Dylan Marlowe & Dylan Scott PIA/CURB/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE | - | 47 |
| | WEEK 30 26 28 29 27 31 35 32 33 34 38 37 40 45 43 36 REEE 44 42 39 REEE 46 REEE NI | LAST WEEK WEEKS AGO 30 33 26 26 28 30 29 32 27 27 31 28 35 35 32 31 33 29 34 34 35 35 37 38 40 50 45 44 36 36 RE-EVTY 44 46 48 RE-EVTY 46 K | NAEC WEEKS WKEN NY 30 33 7 30 33 7 26 26 13 28 30 23 29 32 14 27 27 14 27 27 14 31 28 15 35 35 18 32 31 19 33 29 24 34 34 7 38 45 8 37 38 6 40 50 9 45 44 14 43 41 18 36 36 19 $RE= III 38 6 44 40 6 42 37 9 39 39 7 84 48 11 93 39 7 84 $ | LAST VERSE WERS WIG 200 VERSE WIGEN TO USER INFORMATION FOR UND INFORMATION ADDRESSING ADDRESSING DECEMBER STATUS 30 33 7 JUNCPECT REGISTORY PRESSING COAL DECEMBER STE DECEMBERS AND WILD HORSES JUNCPECT LINUERS, THE FOOD STAMPS (TCHILDERS, G.A. SEALE, JR.) 28 30 23 14 MANAWS HOUSE DAUFF, JERSEN BEETT, DECEMBERS, G.A. SEALE, JR.) 29 32 14 MANAWS HOUSE DAUFF, JERSEN, BEETT, DECEMBERS, G.A. SEALE, JR.) 31 28 15 SARAH'S PLACE DAUFF, JERSEN, BEETT, MORAS BRETT, M. DRAGSTREM.C. MCGILL, M.C. WALLEN) 32 31 19 SPOTLESS JERSEN JELSEN, M.K. SCHULT, J. C. FRATES) 33 29 24 WE RIDE N. BIBBENS (B. MARTIN, V.D. BROWN, JR.) 34 34 7 CREEK WILL RISE ZLERWAW (J.D. BROWN, JR.) 34 34 7 CREEK WILL RISE ZLERWAW (J.D. BROWN, JR.) 35 38 6 PLOCSON TO O LATE NOBBENS (B. MARTIN, V.D. BROWN, JR.) 36 36 19 ELSTANA (Z.L. BRANA ZLERWAW) 37 38 6 PLOCSON TOO LATE JUNCE(COBER KENT, AGOODLOC, JATELENKINS) 38 41 18 ELDORADO ZLERWAW SC | MATE Water Water The Construction Arriket Material Value Value Material Material </td <td>MAXMAXMAX MAX MAX MAXTHE MAX MAX MAXMAX MAX MAXMAX MAX MAXMAX MAX MAX MAXMAX M</br></br></br></br></br></br></br></br></br></td> | MAXMAXMAX MAX MAX MAXTHE MAX MAX MAXMAX MAX MAXMAX MAX MAXMAX MAX MAX MAXMAX |
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The week's most popular country songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Luminate, sales data as compiled by Luminate and streaming activity data from online music sources tracked by Luminate. Descending titles below No. 25 are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks.

COUNTRY MARKET WATCH

A Weekly National Music Sales Report

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|
| | ALBUM CONSUMPTION | AUDIO ON-DEMAND | VIDEO ON-DEMAND | | 2023 | 2024 | CHANGE | ALBUM CONSUMPTION |
| This Week | 1,545,000 | 1,849,767,000 | 117,213,000 | Album Consumption | 1,404,000 | 1,545,000 | 10.0% | '23 1.40 million |
| Last Week | 1,476,000 | 1,659,699,000 | 113,654,000 | Album Sales | 132,000 | 126,000 | -4.5% | '24 1.55 million |
| Change | 4.7% | 11.5% | 3.1% | | | | | TOTAL ON-DEMAND STREAMS |
| This Week Last Year | 1,399,000 | 1,640,183,000 | 122,541,000 | Audio On-Demand | 1,645,298,000 | 1,849,767,000 | 12.4% | '23 1.77 billion |
| Change | 10.4% | 12.8% | -4.3% | Video On-Demand | 122,615,000 | 117,213,000 | -4.4% | '24 1.97 billion |

All data measures U.S. activity as of the week ending January 4, 2024. All units counts are rounded to the nearest thousand. Album consumption units – also known as albums plus TEA plus SEA – consists of albums sales: track-equivalent album (TEA) sales whereby 10 tracks equal one consumption unit. and stream equivalent albums (TEA) whereby 1,250 paid and/or 3,750 ad-supported audio on-demand streams (OAD) equal one consumption unit.

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Matt Stell 'Boots' Up 2024 With A High-Energy Heartbreak Drama



One of the most engaging singles of **Carrie Underwood**'s early career was "Cowboy Casanova," a warning to other women about a "snake with blue eyes" posing for his next victim in a barroom, delivered as big, **KISS**-quality guitars bashed out power chords underneath.

Matt Stell's "Breakin' In Boots" is the male version of that song. "I've never thought about that," Stell says, but the similarities are all there: the

night-spot locale, the exhortation to another guy about the danger an alluring female patron poses and even a reference to snakeskin. In this case, the serpentine comment is a note about the other man's leather boots, but it's easy to see the reptilian innuendo as an allusion to the woman's forked tongue.

More than anything, it's Stell paying homage to an item in his own closet.

"Years ago, I bought this pair of boots that I had no business buying," he says. "It took them, I don't know, about a year's time to make them. They drew them to my foot and made them and I remember when those boots came in. I'll be married and buried in those boots. They're python."

The storyline of "Breakin' In Boots" is personal, too. Stell had spotted a woman at a Nashville bar in March wearing boots that looked quite similar to his. He was in the process of closing his tab, and by the time he was free to go introduce himself and compare footwear, she was gone.

Within a few days, Stell staked out a writers' room at Apple Music's office in Nashville's Wedgewood-Houston district for a local writing retreat. After a morning co-write, he shared the space that afternoon with writer-producer **Joe Fox** ("Last Night Lonely"), Los Angeles-

based **Nate Cyphert** ("H.O.L.Y.") and **Ben Stennis** (" 'Til You Can't," "Make You Mine"), who presented the "Breakin' In Boots" title. Everyone liked it, particularly Stell.

"The great thing about Stell," Stennis says, "is he knows what he wants to do, and he's very direct about it."

The title allowed them to paint a barroom Barbie as someone who gets a kick out of using and abusing men's emotions, and it was ideal for an aggressive musical framework, which would assist Stell's concerts. With that in mind, Fox kicked into a four-chord progression on guitar that's either in the key of C-major or the related A-minor; since each chord keeps rolling into the next, the home base isn't as clear as it would have been if they were adhering to the rules that guided music-theory icon **J.S. Bach**.

"If you understand Bach, you could definitely understand Matt Stell," Fox deadpans.

Stell wanted to drop **John Anderson**'s "Straight Tequila Night" in the opening line — that 1992 chart-topper documented a similarly bitter beauty — and it set a proper tone, but the writing wasn't entirely linear. They bounced a bit between the opening verse and chorus.

"It's like tightening up the lug nuts on a tire you're changing," Stell says. "You get them all started, and then you cinch them down in kind of a star pattern. You don't go one after the other. Somehow that kind of works."

Midway through the chorus, they ID'd the woman as a "cowboy killer" who's "shooting" bourbon. "Cowboy Killer" was a title Stell had tried to use previously—it has also been the hook for album tracks by **Jason Aldean** and

Ian Munsick & Ryan Charles. And **Dustin Lynch** named his current album *Killed the Cowboy*.

"We all grew up talking about Marlboros being cowboy killers, at least in Georgia," Stennis says. "We knew cigarettes are called cowboy killers, and so we kind of just thought calling a girl a cowboy killer instead was kind of cool." It certainly implies that she's smoking...

> "Smoking cigarettes or just smoking beautiful," Stennis quips. "Either one."

> The writing progressed without many setbacks, but "Boots" still needed a bridge and maybe a little more work on the second verse. Apple, unfortunately, was closing up shop for the day, and since they had maybe just a halfhour of work left, they went out to Stell's Ford F-150 in the parking lot and kept writing there in public, undeterred by the prospect of passersby hearing their unfinished work.

> "I didn't really think about it at the time," Cyphert says. "But I think we were excited about the song and were pretty wrapped up in it. We already had the chorus, where we knew there's something here. So I think that we didn't even put that much thought into, like, who could have heard or who was walking about."

> Despite that public-facing scenario, the parking lot is where "Boots" reached its most vulnerable moment. They fashioned a bridge that temporarily broke the repetitive chord structure, and the singer doubled down on his warning that the smoking-hot woman would leave potential suitors broken. He implied that he had firsthand knowledge.

> "Bridges are always my favorite part of the song," Cyphert says. "It's nice to give a listener one more new little piece of something before

you launch them back into a chorus, and in this case, I feel like the bridge is the most emotional part of the song. It's kind of the soft side of the whole situation."

In the ensuing days, Stennis created a demo with a four-on-the-floor drum pattern that felt sort of danceable. Stell liked it but had other ideas and asked Fox to try something with a little more of a rock tone. Fox infused additional dynamics into it, paring back at the end of the first verse to a haunting piano background, which made the launch of the anthemic chorus even more pronounced. He also developed a down chorus for the post-bridge section, and he rolled in a high-energy banjo part on the chorus to amp it even further.

"There's a banjo on meth cranking through that song," Stennis says.

Stell began using "Breakin' In Boots" as the closer for his concerts almost immediately, replacing "Shut the Truck Up." They subsequently recorded the final master at the Black River compound on Nashville's Music Row during the summer with a cadre of studio musicians playing on top of Fox's demo. Most of his playing on that demo wasn't used, though some of it remained intact.

"I would have programmed drums, but those would be replaced," Fox says. "It was mostly the little things [that stayed in] — the baritone electric guitar that's in there, that's my guitar from the demo. Same with some of the other guitars that are in there, and there was my banjo from the demo."

RECORDS Nashville released "Breakin' In Boots" to digital service providers on Oct. 6, then shipped it to country radio through PlayMPE on Nov. 6. The woman who inspired it will likely never know she's the subject. And Stell still doesn't know if she really is the heartbreaker the song implies.

"She could have very well been," he says. "I never got a chance to find out." •





WOMEN IN MUSIC

On March 2nd, *Billboard* will publish its highly anticipated Women in Music special issue, featuring top women in the music industry who are creating excitement and making their mark across labels, publishing and touring.

Coinciding with the issue, *Billboard's* Women in Music awards ceremony will be held March 6th. This event will bring together music's most prominent female artists and the industry's top female business executives to recognize and celebrate their achievements.

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| THIS WEEK | LAST WEEK | 2 WEEKS AGO | WEEKS ON CHT | ARTIST TITLE | CERT. | PEAK POS. |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 44 | MORGAN WALLEN ONE THING AT A TIME BIG LOUD/MERCURY 037570*/REPUBLIC | 5 | 1 |
| 2 | 4 | 3 | 19 | ZACH BRYAN ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER | • | 1 |
| 3 | 8 | 7 | 156 | MORGAN WALLEN DANGEROUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM BIG LOUD 033180*/REPUBLIC | 6 | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 2 | 26 | TAYLOR SWIFT SPEAK NOW (TAYLOR'S VERSION) REPUBLIC 455678* | | 1 |
| 5 | 10 | 8 | 85 | ZACH BRYAN AMERICAN HEARTBREAK BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER | | 1 |
| 6 | 11 | 6 | 112 | TAYLOR SWIFT RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION) REPUBLIC 034504* | | 1 |
| Ø | 15 | 16 | 34 | BAILEY ZIMMERMAN RELIGIOUSLY. THE ALBUM. ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 712554*/3EE/WMN | | 3 |
| 8 | 14 | 15 | 41 | LUKE COMBS GETTIN' OLD RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 877494*/SMN | • | 2 |
| 9 | 12 | 9 | 143 | TAYLOR SWIFT FEARLESS (TAYLOR'S VERSION) REPUBLIC 033578* | | 1 |
| 10 | 13 | 12 | 8 | CHRIS STAPLETON HIGHER SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE 037345*/UMGN | | 1 |
| 0 | 17 | 18 | 344 | LUKE COMBS RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 538883*/SMN | 6 | 1 |
| 12 | 16 | 17 | 31 | JELLY ROLL WHITSITT CHAPEL BAILEE & BUDDY/BROKEN BOW/BMG 538907672*/BBMG | | 2 |
| B | 19 | 20 | 292 | MORGAN WALLEN IF I KNOW ME BIG LOUD 783* IFI KNOW ME | 3 | 1 |
| 14 | 18 | 19 | 453 | CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN | 6 | 1 |
| Ð | 25 | 25 | 50 | HARDY BIG LOUD ROCK/BIG LOUD 26885* THE MOCKINGBIRD & THE CROW | | 1 |
| 16 | 22 | 24 | 14 | THOMAS RHETT 20 NUMBER ONES VALORY TRO6001A*/BMLG | | 7 |
| Ð | 27 | 28 | 62 | LAINEY WILSON BELL BOTTOM COUNTRY BROKEN BOW/BMG 538841512*/BBMG | | 9 |
| 18 | 23 | 23 | 217 | LUKE COMBS WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 595687*/SMN | 4 | 1 |
| 19 | 26 | 27 | 164 | CHRIS STAPLETON STARTING OVER MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN | | 1 |
| 20 | 30 | 29 | 9 | CODY JOHNSON LEATHER COJO/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 725512/WMN | | 5 |
| 21 | 20 | 14 | 7 | DOLLY PARTON ROCKSTAR BUTTERLY RECORDS/BIG MACHINE 4393009513*/BMLG | | 1 |
| 22 | 31 | 32 | 46 | JORDAN DAVIS MCA NASHVILLE 037040*/UMGN BLUEBIRD DAYS | | 3 |
| 23 | 24 | 22 | 234 | TYLER CHILDERS PURGATORY HICKMAN HOLLER 001*/THIRTY TIGERS | | 9 |
| 24 | 29 | 30 | 78 | ZACH BRYAN ELISABETH BELTING BRONCO DIGITAL EX/WARNER | | 17 |
| 25 | 28 | 26 | 77 | ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO /WARNER SUMMERTIME BLUES | | 7 |

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| THIS | LAST WEEK | 2 WEEKS AGO | WEEKS ON CHT | ARTIST IMPRINT & NUMBER / DISTRIBUTING LABEL | TITLE | CERT. | PEAK POS. |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 30 | NOAH KAHAN MERCURY 036702*/REPUBLIC | STICK SEASON | | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 19 | ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER | ZACH BRYAN | | 1 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 85 | ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER | AMERICAN HEARTBREAK | | 1 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 | CHRIS STAPLETON SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE 037345*/UMGN | HIGHER | | 1 |
| 5 | 5 | 6 | 399 | CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN | TRAVELLER | 6 | 1 |
| 6 | 6 | 5 | 445 | HOZIER RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA 309996*/LEGACY | HOZIER | 3 | 1 |
| 7 | 8 | 11 | 164 | CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN | STARTING OVER | | 1 |
| 8 | 7 | 7 | 251 | TYLER CHILDERS HICKMAN HOLLER 001*/THIRTY TIGERS | PURGATORY | | 2 |
| 9 | 11 | 12 | 109 | ZACH BRYAN Belting Bronco Digital EX/WARNER | ELISABETH | | 6 |
| 10 | 9 | 9 | 77 | ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO /WARNER | SUMMERTIME BLUES | | 2 |

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| THIS WEEK | LAST WEEK | WKS ON CHART | TITLE | THIS WEEK | LAST WEEK | WKS ON CHART | |
| 0 | 6 | 19 | I REMEMBER EVERYTHING ZACH BRYAN FEAT. KACEY MUSGRAVES | 1 | 2 | 19 | I REMEMBER EVERYTHING ZACH BRYAN FEAT. KACEY MUSGRAVES |
| 0 | 8 | 49 | LAST NIGHT MORGAN WALLEN | 0 | 4 | 24 | WHITE HORSE CHRIS STAPLETON |
| 3 | 9 | 89 | SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE ZACH BRYAN | 3 | 3 | 34 | SAVE ME JELLY ROLL WITH LAINEY WILSON |
| 4 | 10 | 44 | THINKIN' BOUT ME MORGAN WALLEN | 4 | 7 | 54 | NEED A FAVOR JELLY ROLL |
| 6 | 13 | 41 | FAST CAR LUKE COMBS | 6 | 15 | 16 | TRUCK BED HARDY |
| 6 | 15 | 20 | WHITE HORSE CHRIS STAPLETON | 6 | 9 | 44 | THINKIN' BOUT ME MORGAN WALLEN |
| 0 | 14 | 13 | WILD ONES JESSIE MURPH & JELLY ROLL | 0 | 10 | 47 | LAST NIGHT MORGAN WALLEN |
| 8 | 19 | 12 | PRETTY LITTLE POISON WARREN ZEIDERS | 8 | 8 | 9 | WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE LUKE COMBS |
| 9 | 16 | 154 | WASTED ON YOU MORGAN WALLEN | 9 | RE-EI | NTRY | 'TIL YOU CAN'T Cody Johnson |
| 10 | 17 | 347 | TENNESSEE WHISKEY CHRIS STAPLETON | 10 | 11 | 40 | FAST CAR LUKE COMBS |
| 11 | 18 | 86 | YOU PROOF MORGAN WALLEN | 0 | RE-EI | NTRY | HEART LIKE A TRUCK LAINEY WILSON |
| Ð | 20 | 19 | HEY DRIVER ZACH BRYAN FEAT. THE WAR AND TREATY | 12 | 5 | 12 | TO BE A MAN DAX & DARIUS RUCKER |
| ß | 23 | 19 | TRUCK BED Hardy | ₿ | RE-EI | NTRY | THE PAINTER Cody Johnson |
| 0 | RE-EI | NTRY | WORLD ON FIRE Nate smith | 14 | 13 | 11 | WILD ONES Jessie Murph & Jelly Roll |
| Ð | 21 | 17 | SAVE ME Jelly Roll with Lainey Wilson | Ð | RE-EI | NTRY | WATERMELON MOONSHINE Lainey Wilson |
| 6 | 22 | 35 | RELIGIOUSLY BAILEY ZIMMERMAN | | | | CHER. |
| Ð | 24 | 30 | NEED A FAVOR Jelly Roll | | | | |
| ₿ | RE-EI | VTRY | BURN IT DOWN PARKER MCCOLLUM | | | | |
| Ð | RE-EI | VTRY | ROCK AND A HARD PLACE BAILEY ZIMMERMAN | | | | 60 |
| 20 | 25 | 13 | OKLAHOMA SMOKESHOW Zach Bryan | | | R | |
| 4 | RE-EI | VTRY | THE PAINTER CODY JOHNSON | | | 14 | |
| 2 | RE-EI | NTRY | YOU SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE CHRISSTAPLETON | | | 1 | |
| 23 | RE-EI | NTRY | BEAUTIFUL CRAZY LUKE COMBS | | | | |
| 24 | RE-EI | NTRY | RICH MEN NORTH OF RICHMOND Oliver Anthony Music | | | X | 152020 442 |



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THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW Morgan Wallen

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| THIS WEEK | LAST WEEK | 2 WEEKS AGO | WEEKS ON CHT | ARTIST TITLE | CERT. | PEAK POS. |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 | WILLIE NELSON BLUEGRASS LEGACY 881657* | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 3 | 24 | MOLLY TUTTLE & GOLDEN HIGHWAY CITY OF GOLD NONESUCH 698603*/WARNER | | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 59 | BILLY STRINGS ME / AND / DAD ROUNDER 610179*/CONCORD | | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 33 | MARTY STUART AND HIS FABULOUS SUPERLATIVES ALTITUDE SUPERLATONE/SNAKEFARM 800068*/PIAS | | 1 |
| 5 | 4 | 5 | 37 | NICKEL CREEK CELEBRANTS REPAIR 04015*/THIRTY TIGERS | | 1 |
| 6 | 8 | 8 | 15 | THE STEELDRIVERS TOUGHER THAN NAILS GAITHER 49534*/CAPITOL CMG | | 2 |
| 0 | 9 | _ | 17 | BELA FLECK / ZAKIR HUSSAIN / EDGAR MEYER FEAT. RAKESH CHAURASIA AS WE SPEAK BELA FLECK 582*/THIRTY TIGERS | | 1 |
| 8 | 6 | 10 | 16 | OLD CROW MEDICINE SHOW JUBILEE ATO 0882573423* | | 1 |
| 9 | 10 | 7 | 39 | TRAMPLED BY TURTLES ALPENGLOW BANJODAD 15*/THIRTY TIGERS | | 1 |
| 10 | NE | W | 1 | DORI FREEMAN DO YOU RECALL BLUE HENS | | 10 |

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|---|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------|------|
| Artist | THIS WEEK | +/- | THIS WEEK | +/- | RANK |
| 1 (4 Weeks) * Nate Smith | 34.043 | +4.097 | 7998 | 849 | 1 |
| ost Increased Audience ** Dan + Shay | 30.007 | +5.703 | 7889 | 1731 | 2 |
| George Birge | 29.900 | +1.104 | 7530 | 328 | 3 |
| Jelly Roll With Lainey Wilson | 28.891 | +3.512 | 6839 | 844 | 4 |
| Morgan Wallen | 25.107 | +2.928 | 5509 | 649 | 7 |
| Chris Stapleton | 23.460 | +3.908 | 6045 | 1066 | 5 |
| Riley Green Featuring Luke Combs | 20.506 | +2.938 | 5570 | 839 | 6 |
| ille Luke Combs | 19.291 | +2.465 | 4745 | 560 | 10 |
| Chris Janson | 18.275 | +1.742 | 5070 | 613 | 8 |
| Warren Zeiders | 17.750 | +2.339 | 4872 | 841 | 9 |
| Kane Brown | 17.569 | +2.764 | 4505 | 714 | 11 |
| Cody Johnson | 16.718 | +2.916 | 4187 | 842 | 13 |
| HARDY | 15.472 | +2.313 | 4380 | 718 | 12 |
| Chayce Beckham | 12.666 | +1.738 | 3686 | 534 | 15 |
| Parker McCollum | 12.352 | +1.920 | 3446 | 544 | 16 |
| Conner Smith | 12.123 | +1.336 | 3688 | 525 | 14 |
| mas Rhett Featuring Morgan Wallen | 8.343 | +0.878 | 2375 | 307 | 19 |
| Lainey Wilson | 7.685 | +1.680 | 2214 | 391 | 22 |
| Jackson Dean | 7.644 | +0.635 | 2592 | 400 | 17 |
| Scotty McCreery | 7.442 | +1.460 | 2560 | 493 | 18 |
| Aorgan Wallen Featuring Eric Church | 7.320 | +1.632 | 1827 | 307 | 26 |
| rly Pearce Featuring Chris Stapleton | 7.277 | +0.955 | 2295 | 296 | 21 |
| Jordan Davis | 7.203 | +1.117 | 2176 | 323 | 23 |
| Gabby Barrett | 6.292 | +0.651 | 2318 | 177 | 20 |
| Brothers Osborne | 5.949 | +1.099 | 2176 | 234 | 24 |
| Tyler Hubbard | 5.484 | +0.874 | 1965 | 236 | 25 |
| Kenny Chesney | 5.442 | +1.067 | 1763 | 298 | 28 |
| VAR Zach Bryan Featuring Kacey Musgraves | 5.344 | +0.804 | 1628 | 207 | 30 |
| Carrie Underwood | 5.231 | +1.013 | 1796 | 354 | 27 |
| Megan Moroney | 4.876 | +0.844 | 1660 | 210 | 29 |
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COUNTRY AIRPLAY CHART LEGEND

RANKINGS

Country Airplay is ranked by total audience impressions for the week ending Sunday based on monitored airplay by Mediabase of 145 stations by Luminate. Audience totals on the chart are derived, in part, using certain Nielsen Audio-copyrighted Persons 12+ audience estimates (under license © 2024, Nielsen Audio). The list of all Country Airplay chart reporters can be viewed in Luminate's online platform.

TIES

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

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%.

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. Plus, songs that ascend to a peak between Nos. 1 and 5 will remain on the chart for one additional week even if dropping below No. 10.

HOT SHOT DEBUT

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

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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| WEEK | WEEK | CHART | TITLE Imprint/Label Artist | THIS WEEK | +/- | THIS WEEK | +/- | RANK |
| 3 | 30 | 3 | YOUR PLACE Back Blocks/Big Loud Ashley Cooke | 4.602 | +0.649 | 1162 | 161 | 34 |
| 32 | 34 | 15 | CAN'T BREAK UP NOW Columbia Nashville Old Dominion & Megan Moroney | 4.095 | +0.860 | 1420 | 246 | 33 |
| 33 | 32 | 32 | LOVE YOU AGAIN Chase Matthew/Warner Music Nashville/WMN Chase Matthew | 4.003 | +0.535 | 1560 | 270 | 31 |
| 34 | 33 | 24 | OUTSKIRTS MCA Nashville Sam Hunt | 3.993 | +0.657 | 1491 | 209 | 32 |
| 35 | 37 | 6 | LETYOUR BOYS BE COUNTRY Macon/Broken Bow Jason Aldean | 3.990 | +1.441 | 1017 | 278 | 36 |
| 36 | 36 | 17 | YOUNG LOVE & SATURDAY NIGHTS RCA Nashville Chris Young | 3.302 | +0.696 | 904 | 168 | 41 |
| 37 | 39 | 14 | WHERE IT ENDS Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Bailey Zimmerman | 3.008 | +0.565 | 992 | 130 | 38 |
| 38 | 35 | 32 | SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER Nashville South/Big Machine Brian Kelley | 2.980 | +0.074 | 1011 | -67 | 37 |
| 39 | 38 | 26 | DRINKIN' PROBLEMS Riser House Dillon Carmichael | 2.757 | +0.397 | 1157 | 238 | 35 |
| 40 | 41 | 23 | SOMETHING'S GONNA KILL ME Combustion Masters/RCA Nashville Corey Kent | 2.661 | +0.692 | 868 | 154 | 42 |
| 41 | 40 | 14 | WE RIDE Average Joes Bryan Martin | 2.525 | +0.475 | 814 | 151 | 45 |
| 42 | 42 | 12 | COWBOYS AND PLOWBOYS Capitol Nashville Jon Pardi & Luke Bryan | 2.450 | +0.505 | 849 | 127 | 44 |
| 43 | 43 | 9 | GONNA LOVE YOU Stoney Creek Parmalee | 2.147 | +0.277 | 856 | 116 | 43 |
| 4 | 44 | 16 | SPIRITS AND DEMONS Warner Music Nashville/WEA Michael Ray Featuring Meghan Patrick | 2.095 | +0.322 | 936 | 93 | 39 |
| 45 | 45 | 9 | RODEO MAN Pearl/Big Machine Garth Brooks & Ronnie Dunn | 1.992 | +0.318 | 920 | 145 | 40 |
| 46 | 46 | 20 | DANCE WITH YOU BMLG Brett Young | 1.756 | +0.218 | 797 | 102 | 46 |
| 4 | 47 | 9 | PICKUP MAN Mercury/Republic/Big Loud Joe Diffie Featuring Post Malone | 1.212 | +0.020 | 330 | 44 | 56 |
| 48 | 50 | 8 | THIS IS MY DIRT Valory Justin Moore | 1.153 | +0.217 | 638 | 127 | 47 |
| 49 | 51 | 6 | LOVE YOU BACK BMLG ** Breaker ** Lady A | 1.019 | +0.162 | 580 | 104 | 48 |
| 50 | 52 | 15 | IN YOUR LOVE Hickman Holler/RCA Tyler Childers | 1.008 | +0.171 | 514 | 75 | 50 |
| 61 | 53 | 10 | FIND ANOTHER BAR Voyager/Red Street Chris Lane | 0.992 | +0.185 | 518 | 92 | 49 |
| 52 | 55 | 4 | CHEVROLET Broken Bow Dustin Lynch Featuring Jelly Roll | 0.895 | +0.123 | 461 | 79 | 53 |
| 53 | 59 | 12 | I'M IN LOVE Songs & Daughters/Pigasus/Big Loud Hailey Whitters | 0.831 | +0.121 | 409 | 2 | 55 |
| 54 | 56 | 14 | BROKENHEARTED Brown Sellers Brown/Quartz Hill Joe Nichols | 0.830 | +0.085 | 493 | 46 | 51 |
| 55 | 60 | 8 | LONG LIVE COWGIRLS Warner Music Nashville/WEA lan Munsick & Cody Johnson | 0.798 | +0.190 | 269 | 43 | - |
| 56 | 57 | 10 | SHE'S SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER (REIMAGINED) Patoka Sounds/Lyric Ridge Drew Baldridge | 0.785 | +0.052 | 485 | 93 | 52 |
| 57 | RE-EI | NTRY | AIN'T ABOUT YOU 19/Wheelhouse HunterGirl | 0.639 | +0.097 | 448 | 53 | 54 |
| 58 | RE-EI | NTRY | MAKE ME WANNA SMOKE Quartz Hill Runaway June | 0.531 | +0.011 | 297 | 45 | 59 |
| 5 9 | NE | w | KING OF COUNTRY MUSIC Red Street ** Hot Shot Debut ** Ryan Larkins | 0.530 | +0.153 | 283 | 48 | - |
| 60 | RE-EI | NTRY | CANCEL Magnolia Randy Houser | 0.486 | +0.114 | 324 | 69 | 57 |
| - | | | | | | | | |



Toby Keith (center) was surprised with a plaque recognizing 3 billion streams on Pandora during a Las Vegas run at Dolby Live at Park MGM, where he played three concerts Dec. 10-14. With him: TKO Artist Management president/owner T.K. Kimbrell and Universal Music Group Nashville chair/CEO Cindy Mabe.



Vince Gill and Amy Grant received a plaque from comedian Nate Bargatze during a Dec. 22 concert acknowledging them as the first artists to play 100 shows at Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium. From left: Gill, Grant, Opry Entertainment Group director of concerts Chrissy Hall and Burgatze.

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TITLE Publishing-Licensing Org. (Songwriter) Chart Position

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ALL I NEED IS YOU Anthem Red Vinyl Music, BMI/Buckkilla Music, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Murphy The Wolf Music, BMI/Mandy's Favorite Songs, BMI/Round Hill Songs II, ASCAP/Sony Cross Keys Publishing, ASCAP/Master Of My Domain Music, ASCAP/WC Music Corp., ASCAP/Mitchell Marlow Music, ASCAP/KIM Music Publishing, ASCAP/Five Miles West Songs, BMI (C.Janson, B.Clawson, A.G.Gorley, Mitch Oglesby) 30

BOYS BACK HOME Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Songs of PIA Entertainment, BMI/WC Music Corp., ASCAP/Songs From The Rose Hotel, ASCAP/W.C.M. Music Corp., SESAC/Situation Songs, SESAC (D.Marlowe, SEnnis, J.AFox) 50

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BURN IT DOWN Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Parkermac Publishing, BMI/Concord Sounds, ASCAP/410 Music, ASCAP/Concord Copyrights, BMI/ BMCMD Songs, BMI/Creative Pulse Music, BMI/Songs From The Sendero Music, BMI (P.McCollum, H.Lindsey, LMcKenna, LRose) 15

CAN'T BREAK UP NOW WC Music Corp., ASCAP/Bird And Bean Music, ASCAP/Razor And Tie Music Publishing, BMI/Concord Copyrights, BMI/Tofer The Musical, BMI/Weistribe Publishing, ASCAP/Sony Cross Keys Publishing, ASCAP/Trevor's Advocate Publishing, ASCAP/Twelve6 Dogwood, ASCAP (M.Ramsey, T. Rosen, T.Brown, ELLWeisband) 42

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CREEK WILL RISE Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Home Team Harmonies, BMI/South Lick (reek Songs, BMI/Songs Of Miller (row, BMI/Tunes By Tralierparker, BMI/Concord Tunes, SESAC/Card Tables Music, SESAC/Hang Your Hat Hits, SESAC/Songs Of Universal, Inc., BMI/Family Farm Songs, BMI (C.McGill, C.Smith, C.La Corte, PWelling) 35

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DIFFERENT 'ROUND HERE Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Back 40 Publishing International, BMI/Super Big Music, ASCAP/Jett Music, ASCAP (R.Green, R.Montana, J.D.Singleton) 19

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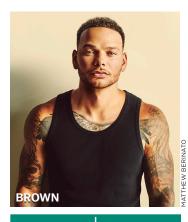
EL DORADO Zach Lane Bryan Publishing Designee, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI (Z.L.Bryan) 40

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GLORY DAYS Sony Tree Publishing, BMI/GBF Music Global, BMI/Young Man Publishing, BMI/Sony Cross Keys Publishing, ASCAP/WeisOwl, ASCAP/Sony Timber Publishing, SESAC/M&M College Fund, SESAC (G.Barrett, J.McNair, E.L.Weisband, S.Mosley) 36



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IN YOUR LOVE Hickman Holler Songs, BMI/ Hares And Haints Publishing, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI (*T.Childers, G.A.Seale, Jr.*) 28

I REMEMBER EVERYTHING Zach Lane Bryan Publishing Designee, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/351 Music, BMI (Z.L.Bryan, K.Musgraves) 1

I THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU I Wrote These Songs, ASCAP/WC Music Corp., ASCAP (C. Stapleton) 38

LAST NIGHT Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Big Loud Mountain LLC, BMI/Sony Cross Keys Publishing, ASCAP/Master Of My Domain Music, ASCAP/ Poppy's Picks, ASCAP/Rap Kingpin Music, ASCAP/ Prescription Songs, ASCAP/Sony Songs LLC, BMI/Kobalt Songs Music Publishing LLC, ASCAP (J.Byron, A.G.Gorley, J.K.Hindlin, Charlie Handsome) 2

LOVE YOU AGAIN Hits From The Tape Room, BM/TDP Publishing, BM/Tape Room Tunes, SESAC/Tack & Feels Publishing Desingee, SESAC/W.C.M. Music Corp., SESAC/Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BM/The Big One, BMI (CBrown, Chase Matthew, Trhillips) **47**

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MAMAW'S HOUSE Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Cricket On The Line, BMI/Bo Wallace Publishing, BMI/Big Loud Mountain LLC, BMI/EMI Blackwood Music Inc., BMI/Super Big Music, ASCAP/ Round Hill Songs BLS JV, ASCAP/Big Loud Proud Songs, ASCAP/Songs Of Universal, Inc., BMI (Thomas Rhett, MDragstrem, CMcGill, Mc.Wallen) 29

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NEED A FAVOR Bailee's Ballads, BMI/BMG Platinum Songs US, BMI/Austin Nivarel Publishing, ASCAP/BMG Gold Songs, ASCAP/Sony Cross Keys Publishing, ASCAP/Robert Ragosta Publishing, BMI/ Reservoir 416, BMI (J.B.DeFord, A.A.Nivarel, J.Ragosta, RRagosta) 6 NEW YEAR'S DAY Sony Tree Publishing, BMI/ Taylor Swift Music, BMI/Sony Songs LLC, BMI/Ducky Donath Music, BMI (T.Swift, J.M.Antonoff) **46**

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