

Date Announced For 2027 Grammy Awards, Airing On ABC, Disney+ & Hulu



The 2027 Grammy Awards will air live from Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles on Sunday, Feb. 7, and will simulcast across ABC, Disney+ and Hulu. The news was confirmed Tuesday (May 12) during the Disney Upfront presentation in New York City. It was also revealed that the [2026 CMA Awards](#), as well as other CMA programs, will air live on ABC and Disney+.

This year’s Grammy eligibility period is Aug. 31, 2025 – Aug. 28, 2026. Nominations will be announced ahead of the Telecast on Monday, Nov. 16, 2026.

The upcoming ceremony marks a historic shift for the organization as the 2027 Grammy Awards will be the first ceremony to air on ABC since 1972, ushering in a new era for the most celebrated night in music.

“The Grammys are all about celebrating the music that moves the world, and this moment is built on exactly that,” says **Harvey Mason jr.**, CEO of the Grammys. “This is an exciting time for us as an organization—a new home and a bold new chapter for the Grammy Awards. We’re just getting started and the best is yet to come.”

[Click here for a full list of key dates for the 2027 Grammy Awards season.](#) **MR**

[SIGN UP HERE \(FREE!\)](#)

[If you were forwarded this newsletter and would like to receive it, sign up here.](#)

THIS WEEK’S HEADLINES

Date Announced For 2027 Grammy Awards

Riser House Entertainment Adds One, Elevates Three

Jessie Jo Dillon Wins ACM Songwriter Of The Year

CMA & Disney Extend Deal Through 2032

Kenny Whitmire Signs With MCA

Kaylin Roberson Renews Deal With Peermusic

Lauren Watkins Renews Deal With Big Loud Publishing

Colton Dawson Signs With Warner & TKO

MOCGM Opens Amy Grant Pop-Up Exhibit

Tori Rose Inks With Saddle Up & Johnstone

DISClaimer Single Reviews

And much more...

40 WINGSPER



CHANGE OF PLANS

OUT NOW

NEW WEST
RECORDS

Lucille

MCA

Riser House Entertainment Adds One, Elevates Three



Pictured (L-R): Shane Allen, Megan Stottlemeyer, Alex Heimerman and Jason VanAuken

Riser House Entertainment has tapped **Shane Allen** as Executive Vice President of Promotion and Artist Brand Strategy.

Allen joins with more than 25 years of radio promotion experience. In this role, he will lead the label's promotion department while helping guide long-term artist branding and overall strategic vision for the company's roster. Allen will also oversee Riser House's efforts across SiriusXM and other major platform partners.

"I'm extremely grateful to **Matt Swanson**, **Jennifer Johnson** and **Mitchell Tenpenny** for the opportunity to be a part of the Riser House Entertainment family," shares Allen. "I've admired their culture and success for the better part of a decade and am thrilled to be able to contribute to the future growth of this incredibly diverse entertainment company."

Additionally, the company has elevated three team members. **Megan Stottlemeyer** has been named Vice President of Label Operations. **Alex Heimerman** has been promoted to Head of Marketing and Label Strategy. **Jason VanAuken** has risen to Vice President of Business Affairs.

"As Riser House continues to grow as a boutique label built on passion, vision, and artist development, these promotions reflect the leadership, creativity, and commitment that drive our culture forward every day. I'm incredibly proud of this team and excited for what we're building together," says Johnson, President of Riser House Entertainment. **MR**

Jessie Jo Dillon Makes History With ACM Songwriter Of The Year Win



Jessie Jo Dillon. Photo: Lily Nelson

Jessie Jo Dillon has been crowned this year's ACM Songwriter of the Year, becoming the first to win the award three times, as well as the first to do so in three consecutive years. She also remains one of only three women to ever win.

Frequent collaborator **Megan Moroney** called Dillon while Dillon was in a recording session at RCA Studio A with Carter Faith via FaceTime to deliver the news, "We have to celebrate because for the third year in a row, you are the ACM Songwriter of the Year!"

"I'm beside myself to have won this coveted award once, let alone three times," shares Dillon. "I'm honored to be recognized by this community that I love so dearly. Thank you all, especially my publishers, and long live country music!"

The award adds to a momentous year for Dillon, where she has already been recognized at the 2026 **CMA Triple Play Awards** for penning three No. 1 songs in a calendar year ("Lies, Lies, Lies," "Happen To Me," "Am I Okay?"). "Am I Okay?" is also **up for** an ACM this year for Song of the Year, while "Happen To Me" is nominated for Best Country Song at the American Music Awards. Dillon also co-wrote "Lighter" by Carin León and Jelly Roll, which will serve as the official song of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Dillon is a three time GRAMMY nominee for Songwriter of the Year, Non-Classical (2024–2026), and a four time GRAMMY nominee for Best Country Song. Her recent hits include "Beautiful Things" and "Medicine" by Moroney, "Wish You Well" by Vincent Mason, "Baggage" by Kelsea Ballerini, and "Friday Night Heartbreaker" by Jon Pardi. **MR**

DEBUT ALBUM AVAILABLE NOW
FEATURING "I OWN THIS BAR"



Real Damn Deal
BRAXTON KEITH

CMA & Disney Extend Deal Through 2032



CMA and Disney have extended their deal for the *CMA Awards*, as well as *CMA Fest* and *CMA Country Christmas* through 2032.

Adding six years to the already 20 year collaboration between the two companies, the new deal will include expanded opportunities across streaming and digital platforms. With the new deal, this year's CMA Awards will stream live on Disney+ for the first time ever, alongside the ABC broadcast.

"For two decades, Disney has been CMA's partner in celebrating excellence in Country Music and bringing its artists and storytelling to audiences around the

world," says **Sarah Trahern**, CMA Chief Executive Officer. "Extending our collaboration with Disney and expanding the show to livestream on Disney+ marks an exciting next step for CMA, allowing us to reach new audiences while continuing our role in elevating and shaping the genre. As I prepare to *retire* at the end of the year, ensuring CMA is strongly positioned for the future has remained one of my highest priorities, and I'm incredibly proud of what we've built together. As we approach The 60th Annual CMA Awards this fall and a new chapter for CMA Fest in the new stadium in 2027, I'm excited for what's ahead for both CMA and Country Music." **MR**

Kenny Whitmire Signs With MCA

Country traditionalist **Kenny Whitmire** has inked with MCA.

Alongside the signing, he also released his new track "One Foot In The Grave," and revealed the details for his debut EP *Fool In A King Size Bed*, releasing June 12.

"Signing with MCA is one of those moments you dream about as a kid," shares Whitmire. "To finally be here, putting out 'One Foot In The Grave' and announcing *Fool In A King Size Bed*, it means a lot. This EP is a piece of my life, and I hope folks can feel that when they hear it."

Originally from Georgia, Whitmire moved to Nashville in 2022 after one semester of college. He draws influence from Merle Haggard and Daryle Singletary to form his traditional country sound and songwriting.

The EP features "One Foot In The Grave," recently released "Thought Twice About Loving You," "You're Getting Colder," "Me Being Me," and the viral hit "I Gave Her The Moon."

"'One Foot In The Grave' is simply about my love for country music," adds Whitmire. "My version of a 'Prop Me Up Beside The Jukebox' type song. I'm happy to have a song like this to put on my debut EP *Fool In A King Size Bed*. Hope you love it." **MR**



Pictured (L-R): Damon Moberly (MCA), Stephanie Wright (MCA), Rob Femia (MCA), Mike Harris (MCA), Kenny Whitmire, Zac Brooks (River House Artists), Zebb Luster (Riverhouse Artists) and Katie McCartney (MCA). Photo: Evan Harney

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

CHART ACTION

NO. 1 SONG

New On The Chart—Debuting This Week

song/artist/label—Chart Position

- Carry On/Kenny Chesney/HEY NOW Records - 37
- Nothing On You/Jet Jurgensmeyer/Simba Entertainment - 75
- My Grandpa and My Old Man/Cam Shelton/Cam Shelton Music - 80

Greatest Spin Increase

song/artist/label—Spin Increase

- Carry On/Kenny Chesney/HEY NOW Records - 565
- I Can't Love You Anymore/Ella Langley feat. Morgan Wallen/Columbia Records/SAWGOD - 244
- Don't We/Morgan Wallen/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic - 185
- Be By You/Luke Combs/Columbia Nashville - 139
- Don't Tell On Me/Jason Aldean/BBR Music Group/BMG Nashville - 120

Most Added

song/artist/label—No. of Adds

- Carry On/Kenny Chesney/HEY NOW Records - 34
- I Can't Love You Anymore/Ella Langley feat. Morgan Wallen/Columbia Records/SAWGOD - 8
- Be By You/Luke Combs/Columbia Nashville - 7
- Family Man/Trey Pendley/Leo33- 5
- Goodbye Looks Like/Johnathon Heilbroun/Johnathon Heilbroun Music-5

On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

song/artist/label—No. of Spins

- If I Go Missin'/Tim & The Glory Boys/Buckaroo Records - 135
- Loneliest Girl/Kacey Musgraves/Lost Highway Records - 133
- We Make America Run/Ansel Brown/ABM Records - 122
- Boston/Stella Lefty/Atlantic Outpost - 120
- Medicine/Megan Moroney/Sony Music Nashville/Columbia Records - 117



Ella Langley notches a fourth consecutive week atop the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Radio Chart with her track, "Be Her."

Langley co-wrote the song with **Jordan Schmidt**, **Smith Ahnquist** and **HARDY**. The track is the second single from Langley's sophomore album *Dandelion*.

"Be Her" currently sits at No. 5 on the *Billboard* Country Airplay chart and No. 5 on the Mediabase chart.



Each songwriter and artist earning No. 1 credit on the *MusicRow* Chart receives a *MusicRow* Challenge Coin. Click [here](#) to view a full list of recipients.

MusicRow CountryBreakout Chart Reporting Stations

WHMA Anniston, AL	WIFE Connersville, IN	WKVS Lenoir, NC	KRWQ Medford, OR	WGLR Platteville, WI
WXFL Florence, AL	WYGB Franklin, IN	KZZY Devils Lake, ND	WNWN Battle Creek, MI	WQPC Prairie du Chien, WI
KDXY Jonesboro, AR	KAIR Atchison, KS	KYCK Thompson, ND	WVNW Lewistown, PA	WJMQ Shawano, WI
KWCK Searcy, AR	WKDZ Cadiz, KY	KRVN Lexington, NE	WCFT Selinsgrove, PA	WCOW Sparta, WI
WCTY Norwich, CT	WULF Elizabethtown, KY	KFGE Lincoln, NE	WVPO Stroudsburg, PA	WDGG Huntington, WV
WPPL Blue Ridge, GA	WSIP Paintsville, KY	WMLL Manchester, NH	KZZI Spearfish, SD	
WUBB Savannah, GA	KRRV Alexandria, LA	KQBA Santa Fe, NM	WUCZ Carthage, TN	
KXIA Marshalltown, IA	KQKI Morgan City, LA	WDNB Monticello, NY	WLLX Lawrenceburg, TN	
KTHK Idaho Falls, ID	KJLO Monroe, LA	WPIG Olean, NY	KFTX Corpus Christi, TX	
WOOZ Cartersville, IL	WKPE Hyannis, MA	WCJW Warsaw, NY	KYKX Longview, TX	
WALS Peru, IL	WTCM Traverse City, MI	KITX Hugo, OK	KLLL Lubbock, TX	
WAAG Galesburg, IL	KZPK St. Cloud, MN	KPNC Ponca City, OK	KXOX Sweetwater, TX	
WYOT Rochelle, IL	KFAV Warrenton, MO	KWEY Weatherford, OK	WAKG Danville, VA	
WRTB Rockford, IL	WBBN Laurel, MS	KWOX Woodward, OK	WAXX Altoona, WI	
WFMB Springfield, IL	WFAY Fayetteville, NC	KRKT Albany, OR	WJVL Janesville, WI	

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
11	1	1	Be Her / Ella Langley / SAWGOD Records/Columbia/Triple Tigers	2164/60	-1	-21
18	2	2	Brunette / Tucker Wetmore / Back Blocks/EMI Nashville	2102/57	-1	-20
19	3	3	Change My Mind / Riley Green / Nashville Harbor Records	2099/58	1	27
21	4	4	South Of Sanity / Zach Top / Leo33	1913/67	1	19
32	5	5	Hate How You Look / Josh Ross / Core Entertainment/Mercury Nashville	1891/59	1	16
11	9	6	Don't Tell On Me / Jason Aldean / BBR Music Group/BMG Nashville	1885/60	7	120
15	7	7	McArthur / HARDY feat. Eric Church, Morgan Wallen, Tim McGraw / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	1872/66	3	50
20	6	8	Rocky Mountain Low / Corey Kent feat. Koe Wetzel / RCA Records Nashville	1868/61	2	30
11	12	9	Don't We / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	1833/62	11	185
26	8	10	Beautiful Things / Megan Moroney / Columbia Nashville/Columbia Records	1743/55	-1	-25
29	11	11	Chevy Silverado / Bailey Zimmerman / Atlantic Records/Warner Music Nashville	1672/58	1	20
53	10	12	The Fall / Cody Johnson / CoJo Music/Warner Music Nashville	1603/41	-5	-81
41	14	13	Fireworks / Kelsey Hart / Curb Records	1470/60	0	2
52	13	14	Me & A Beer / Chris Janson / Harpeth 60 Records	1449/47	-7	-113
38	15	15	All My Exes / Lauren Alaina feat. Chase Matthew / Big Loud Records	1431/59	0	-6
14	16	16	Ride Ride Ride / George Birge feat. Luke Bryan / RECORDS Nashville	1374/59	-1	-14
8	18	17	Woman / Kane Brown / RCA Nashville	1352/53	9	112
26	17	18	Killed The Man / Lee Brice / Curb Records	1295/56	0	5
19	19	19	Boots Off / Jon Pardi / MCA	1211/57	5	55
7	21	20	Country And She Knows It / Luke Bryan / Capitol Nashville	1148/53	8	89
3	27	21	I Can't Love You Anymore / Ella Langley feat. Morgan Wallen / Columbia Records/SAWGOD	1110/52	28	244
31	20	22	the hell you are / Ashley Cooke / Big Loud Records	1110/53	1	9
44	23	23	Wrong Hearts / LOCASH / Galaxy Label Group	1017/43	-1	-14
28	24	24	Kid Myself / John Morgan / Broken Bow Records	1005/45	-2	-18
35	22	25	Wish You Well / Vincent Mason / MCA Nashville/Music Soup/Interscope Records	1002/38	-3	-35
23	25	26	The Church On Cumberland Road / Shenandoah & Nickelback / 8-Track Entertainment	988/44	1	14
6	29	27	Say So / Dan + Shay / Warner Records Nashville	916/50	10	80
22	26	28	Gary / Stephen Wilson Jr. / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	909/49	5	42
19	28	29	Too Much Lonesome / Eric Lee Beddingfield / Marshals Of The Revolution	880/41	2	18
12	30	30	Painted You Pretty / Hudson Westbrook / River House Artists/Warner Records Nashville	838/44	5	41
16	32	31	Let Him In Anyway / Blake Shelton / Wheelhouse Records	804/42	6	47
17	31	32	Make A Liar / Jackson Dean / Blue Highway	776/46	2	15
13	33	33	Found / Cody Jinks / Late August Records	726/44	3	19
9	35	34	If I Don't Leave I'm Gonna Stay / Carly Pearce feat. Riley Green / Blue Highway Records	652/41	0	3
12	36	35	Water At A Wedding / Greylan James / Nashville Harbor	598/40	8	42
12	37	36	What If We Don't / Ashley McBryde / Warner Records Nashville	590/36	8	43
1	0	37	Carry On / Kenny Chesney / HEY NOW Records	565/34	0	565
11	39	38	If Daddy Says No / Harper Grace / Curb Records	553/41	10	50
48	40	39	Easy To Love / Dustin Lynch / Broken Bow Records	549/32	9	47



Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
10	41	40	American Sky / Aaron Tippin / 8-Track Entertainment	535/37	12	57
3	47	41	Be By You / Luke Combs / Columbia Nashville	513/31	37	139
8	42	42	Get To Drinkin' / Zach John King / Sony Music Nashville	513/31	12	53
37	38	43	Long Live Country / Shane Profitt / Triple Tigers	504/26	-3	-13
22	44	44	Worth Your Wild / Russell Dickerson / Triple Tigers	450/28	8	32
12	43	45	Killin' Me / Parker McCollum / MCA Nashville	447/31	4	19
20	45	46	Too Good, Too Bad / Jason Scott & The High Heat / Leo33	446/23	13	50
7	49	47	Good Time Gone / Lexie Stevenson / Lexquisite Music	390/28	6	22
14	50	48	Holdin' It Down / Chase Matthew / Warner Records Nashville	374/24	7	26
12	48	49	Psychological / The Band Perry / Nashville Harbor Records & Entertainment	369/31	0	-1
13	51	50	Straight For The Heart / Alexandra Kay / Wheelhouse Records	336/22	2	7
8	52	51	Where Ya Been Girl / Chris Chitsey / Clientel/Sony/Orchard	323/21	10	29
5	55	52	Something That I Need / Carson Beyer / Lucky Money Entertainment	295/25	17	43
15	53	53	So Afraid of Losing You Again / Danielia Cotton / CDX Records	278/15	3	8
8	56	54	Tell Me That There Ain't A God / Jon Brennan / CDX Records	265/20	9	21
7	54	55	Good Damn / Brantley Gilbert / BBR Music Group/BMG/Wheelhouse Records	265/22	1	2
9	58	56	Warning You Whiskey / Brit Taylor / RidgeTone Records/Thirty Tigers	256/20	7	17
21	34	57	Rise / Laura Bryna & Common Tribe / LTD Entertainment	255/12	-62	-413
4	62	58	Exes In Texas / Porter Martin / Lovable Losers Music	243/21	17	36
18	57	59	Too Close For Closure / Brett Westgrove / Brett Westgrove Music	242/18	0	0
8	59	60	Ghost of You / Chuck Thomas / CDX Records	237/14	4	9
2	69	61	Just A Mom / Alex Miller / Billy Jam Records	236/17	36	63
4	63	62	Whiskey After Women / Adysen Malek / Write On Records	234/21	15	31
3	66	63	Son of Jolene / Belles with Dolly Parton / East Music Row Records	231/22	22	42
3	64	64	Wouldn't Want Me Either / Erica Nicole / Kent Wells Productions	227/18	16	32
5	73	65	Bird In A Cage / Caryn Dixon / Caryn Dixon Music	220/12	35	57
7	61	66	This Beer's Broken / Ken Domash / Thunder Mountain Records	217/18	4	8
6	60	67	Cowboy Love Me / Lucie Tiger / 2120 Music	207/13	-5	-11
6	65	68	Never Comin' Back / Flatland Cavalry / Lost Highway	203/17	6	12
10	68	69	Country Country / Amy Sheppard / Empire of Song	181/13	3	6
4	67	70	God Knew Better / Parmalee / Stoney Creek Records	177/12	-1	-1
6	71	71	Some Bridges / Jo Dee Messina / Dreambound Records	171/10	4	6
5	74	72	One For The Road / Preston Cooper / Blue Highway Records	168/14	5	8
10	72	73	Back In The Bottle / Randy Houser / Magnolia Music Group	168/12	2	4
2	77	74	Country Raised Her / Greg Pratt / PGMG Nashville	166/12	16	23
1	82	75	Nothing On You / Jet Jurgensmeyer / Simba Entertainment, LLC	160/14	21	28
2	75	76	Love is Blind / Ian Munsick / Triple Tigers Records	160/11	4	6
2	76	77	Hey Rita / Sofia Lee Davis / Sofia Lee Davis Music	157/13	4	6
4	70	78	Move On / Kevin Powers & Shaboozey / American Dogwood/EMPIRE	155/12	-10	-17
5	79	79	Since God Knows When / Michael Raven / Deadly Melody	150/11	7	10
1	83	80	My Grandpa and My Old Man / Cam Shelton / Cam Shelton Music	141/11	9	12

No. 1 Song
 Greatest Spin Increase
 Highest Debut

ROW FAX

CLICK FOR MORE INFO

LOOKING FOR SONGS
FOR YOUR NEXT PROJECT?

LIST WITH US!

Kaylin Roberson Renews Worldwide Publishing Deal With Peermusic Nashville



Kaylin Roberson. Photo: photosbykalanii

Kaylin Roberson has renewed her global publishing deal with Peermusic Nashville.

“I’m beyond excited and grateful to continue this next chapter of my career with Peermusic,” shares Roberson. “They’ve believed in my songs since day one and I can’t wait to share some big wins in the coming years.”

“I’m very excited that Kaylin is re-upping with Peermusic,” adds **Michael Knox**, President, Peermusic Nashville. “She is a true singer/songwriter and one of my favorite female artists in town.”

Roberson penned Bailey Zimmerman’s “Comin’ In Cold,” Hannah McFarland’s “Hey Highway” and Michael Ray’s “Hate This Town.” She has also earned cuts with Emily Ann Roberts, David J, Walker Montgomery and others. Her songs have landed sync placements on the Netflix series *Hunting Wives* and Hallmark Channel’s *A Grand Ole Opry Christmas*.

The Raleigh native moved to Nashville at 19. In 2020, she released her first single “Out of My Town,” which earned a top 10 spot in the NSAI Songwriter’s Contest. She has since accumulated millions of streams and is slated to release new music later this year. **MR**

Lauren Watkins Renews Publishing Deal With Big Loud Publishing



Pictured (L-R, front row): Seth England (Partner/CEO, Big Loud), Lauren Watkins and Katie Flynn (Creative Director, Big Loud Publishing). (L-R, back row): Kimberly Gleason (SVP, Big Loud Publishing), Bethany Mako (A&R Manager, Warner Chappell Music) and Sara Knabe (SVP of A&R, Big Loud Records). Photo: Jessie Addleman

Lauren Watkins has renewed her publishing deal with Big Loud Publishing.

“When I walked into Big Loud for the first time five years ago, I instantly felt they were the right team for me. What started in that room has turned into years of encouragement, challenge, support, and of course, hundreds of songs that were waiting to be written,” shares Watkins. “I’m so grateful to be signing a new publishing deal with Big Loud and to start this brand-new chapter with the same hardworking, song-loving folks who believed in me from the very beginning. I feel so blessed to keep writing songs under this roof.”

“Lauren is such a brilliant songwriter and, we feel incredibly fortunate to continue working with her. She consistently writes some of the most compelling songs coming out of Nashville, and she’s only getting started. Her creativity, storytelling and energy are propelling her into a really exciting new chapter and we can’t wait for what’s next,” adds **Katie Flynn**, Big Loud Publishing Creative Director.

Watkins released her first song of 2026 today (May 15), “Heartbreakaholic.” Co-penned alongside Will Bundy, Nicolle Galyon and Rodney Clawson, the track showcases her honest, self-aware storytelling. Watkins will join [Dylan Scott](#) and [Luke Bryan](#) on select tour dates throughout the year, as well as make festival appearances at Winstock Country Music Festival, [Under the Big Sky Festival](#), [Cabo Country Splash](#) and more. **MR**

Colton Dawson Signs With Warner Records Nashville & TKO Artist Management



Pictured (L-R, front row): TK Kimbrell (TKO Artist Management), Colton Dawson and Cris Lacy (Chair & President, Warner Records Nashville). (L-R, back row): Cassie Petty (TKO Artist Management), Stephanie Davenport (Vice President, A&R, Warner Records Nashville) and Jordan Bernal (TKO Artist Management). Photo: Ben Humphrey/Warner Records Nashville

Country neo-traditionalist **Colton Dawson** has inked deals with Warner Records Nashville and TKO Artist Management.

“As soon as I first met the folks over at Warner Records Nashville, I knew it was the team I wanted to work with to make the music I love,” says Dawson. “Getting to work with one of the finest labels in the genre is a privilege that I’m very excited to have. It’s a high honor that they believed in me and my songs enough to help me share them with the world. Since before I learned to walk, I’ve been obsessed with country music, so I look forward to carrying on the sound my heroes established. God Bless Country Music”.

At TKO Artist Management, Dawson will be managed by **TK Kimbrell** and **Jordan Bernal**. Dawson recently made a surprise appearance opening for Clay Walker at his sold-out Ryman Auditorium show, where he received two standing ovations. He has also spent time opening for Hardy, Lainey Wilson, Cody Johnson, Braxton Keith,

Jake Worthington, and Josh Turner. His music draws inspiration from Merle Haggard, Keith Whitley, Randy Travis and Vince Gill. **MR**

Museum Of Christian & Gospel Music Opens Amy Grant Pop-Up Exhibit

The Museum of Christian & Gospel Music will host a special pop-up exhibit, celebrating the release of **Amy Grant’s** new album, *The Me That Remains*.

The project marks Grant’s first collection of all-original songs in 13 years, and reflects on healing, connection, endurance and grace.

The exhibit will showcase **Wayne Brezinka’s** original mixed-media artwork created for the cover of the album. Reflecting themes of memory and reconstruction, the piece was assembled from meaningful fragments of Grant’s life, including pieces of a treasured quilt, seashells from her collection, her childhood Bible, and an article about her grandfather.

The exhibit will also feature Grant’s 1994 Pax Christi Award, accompanied by congratulatory letters from six U.S. presidents, the original Western Union telegram sent to her college dorm announcing her first Grammy nomination, rare photographs captured by Mark Pleasant and more. **MR**



Photo: Courtesy of Museum of Christian & Gospel Music

Tori Rose Inks With Saddle Up Records & Johnstone Entertainment



Pictured (Bottom Row, L-R): Manager Cole Johnstone, Tori Rose, Producer Mickey Jack Cones and ADA's Robert Turner. (Top Row, L-R): Saddle Up Records Louie Newman, Chele Fassig, Matt Galvin and RG Jones. Photo: Nicole Murphy

Tori Rose has officially inked a deal with Saddle Up Records as their debut artist, and signed with Johnstone Entertainment for management.

The Pennsylvania native has also partnered with producer **Mickey Jack Cones** for her upcoming releases. Her debut single, "South of Southern," was released today, May 15.

"From day one, we've believed in building the right team around Tori," says **Louie Newman**. "She's a special talent, and we're excited to help bring her music to a wider audience."

Saddle Up Records is led by Newman and distributed by ADA/Warner Music Group. **MR**

Singer-Songwriter Taylor Jones Signs With BMG



Pictured (L-R): Layne Faltinsky (Manager, A&R, BMG Nashville), Taylor Jones and Chris Oglesby (VP, Head of Creative Publishing, BMG Nashville)

Rising singer-songwriter **Taylor Jones** has signed a global publishing deal with BMG.

The Nashville-based writer and Belmont University graduate has steadily established herself within Nashville's songwriter community, and continues to develop her voice through songs that balance personal perspective and broad emotional resonance. She counts artists like Olivia Dean, Norah Jones and Chris Stapleton as influences, and her work reflects a focus on crafting enduring and accessible songs rooted in soulfulness and sincerity.

"Passion and purpose are foundational to building a career," says **Chris Oglesby**, BMG's VP, Head of Creative Publishing/Nashville. "Taylor combines those with an insatiable appetite for growth. She feels every word she sings and writes what she feels. We're excited to be a part of Taylor's journey while she and **Layne [Faltinsky]** take this to new heights."

"It's a true privilege to become part of the BMG family," says Jones. "To have this incredible team in my corner and to be surrounded by this talented community of writers is a dream come true. I feel more inspired than ever, and I can't wait for the songs ahead." **MR**

DISCLAIMER Single Reviews: ERNEST & Lukas Nelson Team For Disc Of The Day



ERNEST & Lukas Nelson

Old friends dominate this roundup of current country tunes.

Reaching out with audio handshakes are such long-established hit makers as Luke Bryan, Jo Dee Messina, Miranda Lambert, Vince Gill, Kenny Chesney and Shania Twain. It's a crowded roster, but a few newer acts peaked in, too.

Leading the pack are our Disc of the Day winners, Lukas Nelson and ERNEST. I caught Nelson's set on a recent Opry TV broadcast and was reminded of what a terrific singer and guitarist he has become. His duet with ERNEST is country music poetry.

The DISCOVERY Award goes to another new duo, Backbeat Troubadours, which features yet another veteran, Mark Collie.

[Click here to read Robert K. Oermann's full single reviews.](#) **MR**

MORE TOP STORIES

[2026 CMA Foundation Music Teachers Of Excellence Announced](#)

[BMG & Concord Tap Björn Bauer As Designated Chief Financial Officer Of Combined Company](#)

[Brantley Gilbert Unveils 'SINS OF THE FATHER' Due In July](#)

[CAA Opens Applications For The Hubb 2026](#)

[CMA Fest Unveils Fan Fair X Lineup](#)

[Cody Johnson Unveils Tracklist For 'Banks Of The Trinity'](#)

[Dan + Shay Share Snapshots Of Life On New Album 'Young'](#)

[Denitia Partners With Thirty Tigers & mtheory](#)

[Dolly's Life Of Many Colors Museum Adds Lacey Criss](#)

[Eagles Bring 'The Long Goodbye' To Nashville With Hit-Filled Celebration](#)

[Kane Brown's On Broadway To Open Memorial Day Weekend](#)

[Luke Bryan Readies New Album Due In September](#)

[Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Bids Farewell At 60th Anniversary Show](#)

[NSAI Celebrates Members & Industry Supporters At Annual Member Awards](#)

[Presenters Unveiled For 61st ACM Awards](#)

[Russell Dickerson Brings Birthday Celebration To Ascend Amphitheater](#)

[Vince Gill Awarded 2026 Ken Burns American Heritage Prize](#)

TOP SONGWRITER CHART

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
1	1	Ella Langley	Be Her Bottom Of Your Boots Broken Butterfly Season Choosin' Texas Dandelion I Can't Love You Anymore Loving Life Again Low Lights Somethin' Simple We Know Us You & Me Time	Ella Langley Ella Langley Ella Langley Ella Langley (feat. Miranda Lambert) Ella Langley Ella Langley Ella Langley & Morgan Wallen Ella Langley Ella Langley Ella Langley Ella Langley Ella Langley
2	2	Joybeth Taylor	Broken Butterfly Season Choosin' Texas Dandelion Empty Words I Can't Love You Anymore Low Lights Somethin' Simple Speaking Terms We Know Us You & Me Time	Ella Langley Ella Langley (feat. Miranda Lambert) Ella Langley Ella Langley Corey Kent Ella Langley & Morgan Wallen Ella Langley Ella Langley Ella Langley Ella Langley Ella Langley
3	13	Austin Goodloe	Broken Dandelion Empty Words I Can't Love You Anymore No Need For Leavin' Rocky Mountain Low	Ella Langley Ella Langley Corey Kent Ella Langley & Morgan Wallen Kameron Marlowe Corey Kent (feat. Koe Wetzel)
4	4	Randy Montana	Change My Mind Make A Liar Sleepless In A Hotel Room	Riley Green Jackson Dean Luke Combs
5	6	Michael Hardy	Be Her I Ain't Comin' Back I Got Better Let Him In Anyway McArthur	Ella Langley Morgan Wallen (feat. Post Malone) Morgan Wallen Blake Shelton HARDY, Eric Church, Morgan Wallen & Tim McGraw
6	8	Riley Green	Change My Mind My Way	Riley Green Riley Green
7	3	Luke Combs	Days Like These Rethink Some Things Sleepless In A Hotel Room	Luke Combs Luke Combs Luke Combs
8	5	Chase McGill	Brunette I Got Better McArthur the hell you are Water At A Wedding	Tucker Wetmore Morgan Wallen HARDY, Eric Church, Morgan Wallen & Tim McGraw Ashley Cooke Greylan James
9	7	Blake Pendergrass	Brunette Don't We I Got Better Wish You Well	Tucker Wetmore Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Vincent Mason
10	10	Josh Thompson	McArthur Turn This Truck Around Wrong Hearts	HARDY, Eric Church, Morgan Wallen & Tim McGraw Jordan Davis LOCASH
11	14	Ashley Gorley	Don't We Me & A Beer Woman	Morgan Wallen Chris Janson Kane Brown

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
12	9	Chris LaCorte	Brunette Somethin' Simple Wish You Well	Tucker Wetmore Ella Langley Vincent Mason
13	16	Devin Dawson	If I Don't Leave I'm Gonna Stay Loving Life Again Turn This Truck Around	Carly Pearce & Riley Green Ella Langley Jordan Davis
14	15	Ernest Keith Smith	I Ain't Comin' Back I Got Better Loving Life Again	Morgan Wallen (feat. Post Malone) Morgan Wallen Ella Langley
15	19	Jordan M. Schmidt	Be Her Kid Myself	Ella Langley John Morgan
16	17	Jonathan Singleton	Sleepless In A Hotel Room	Luke Combs
17	18	Luke Dick	Butterfly Season Choosin' Texas Make A Liar	Ella Langley (feat. Miranda Lambert) Ella Langley Jackson Dean
18	20	Ryan Vojtesak	Don't We I Ain't Comin' Back I Got Better	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. Post Malone) Morgan Wallen
19	21	Morgan Wallen	Don't We I Ain't Comin' Back I Got Better	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. Post Malone) Morgan Wallen
20	12	Josh Miller	Brunette Country And She Knows It	Tucker Wetmore Luke Bryan
21	22	Jeremy Stover	The Fall	Cody Johnson
22	23	Ray Fulcher	The Fall	Cody Johnson
23	24	Bobby Pinson	The Fall	Cody Johnson
24	25	Miranda Lambert	Butterfly Season Choosin' Texas	Ella Langley (feat. Miranda Lambert) Ella Langley
25	29	Jessie Jo Dillon	Beautiful Things Medicine Wish You Well	Megan Moroney Megan Moroney Vincent Mason
26	27	Erik Dylan	Change My Mind	Riley Green
27	30	John Morgan	Don't Tell On Me Kid Myself	Jason Aldean John Morgan
28	28	Zachary Lane Bryan	Plastic Cigarette Say Why	Zach Bryan Zach Bryan
29	11	Aaron Raitiere	Days Like These Never Comin' Back You & Me Time	Luke Combs Flatland Cavalry Ella Langley
30	31	Taylor Phillips	Me & A Beer Woman	Chris Janson Kane Brown
31	33	John Byron	Don't We Woman	Morgan Wallen Kane Brown
32	37	Luke Laird	Boots Off Dry Spell Loneliest Girl Never Comin' Back Wish I Didn't	Jon Pardi Kacey Musgraves Kacey Musgraves Flatland Cavalry Megan Moroney
33	32	Smith Ahnquist	Be Her	Ella Langley
34	43	Lydia Vaughan	Don't Tell On Me Empty Words	Jason Aldean Corey Kent
35	36	Ben Johnson	All My Exes Easy To Love Woman	Lauren Alaina (feat. Chase Matthew) Dustin Lynch Kane Brown
36	38	Thomas Archer	Get To Drinkin' Rocky Mountain Low	Zach John King Corey Kent (feat. Koe Wetzel)
37	34	Matt Dragstrem	Country And She Knows It Water At A Wedding Wrong Hearts	Luke Bryan Greylan James LOCASH
38	39	Dan Alley	Be By You	Luke Combs
39	40	Sam Banks	Be By You	Luke Combs

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
40	41	Nick Walsh	Be By You	Luke Combs
41	35	Megan Moroney	Beautiful Things Medicine Wish I Didn't	Megan Moroney Megan Moroney Megan Moroney
42	46	Corey Kent	Empty Words Rocky Mountain Low	Corey Kent Corey Kent (feat. Koe Wetzel)
43	42	Parker Welling	Country And She Knows It Ride, Ride, Ride Worth Your Wild	Luke Bryan George Birge (feat. Luke Bryan) Russell Dickerson
44	48	Jessi Alexander	Beautiful Things Medicine	Megan Moroney Megan Moroney
45	49	Connie Harrington	Beautiful Things Medicine	Megan Moroney Megan Moroney
46	44	Jordan Davis	Turn This Truck Around	Jordan Davis
47	45	Jake Mitchell	Turn This Truck Around	Jordan Davis
48	57	Kurt Allison	Don't Tell On Me	Jason Aldean
49	58	Tully Kennedy	Don't Tell On Me	Jason Aldean
50	50	Christian Yancey	Hate How You Look	Josh Ross
51	51	Jessica Farren	Hate How You Look	Josh Ross
52	52	Nicholas Sainato	Hate How You Look	Josh Ross
53	53	Chris McKenna	Hate How You Look	Josh Ross
54	55	Tyler Hubbard	Kid Myself Ride, Ride, Ride	John Morgan George Birge (feat. Luke Bryan)
55	56	Jameson Rodgers	McArthur	HARDY, Eric Church, Morgan Wallen & Tim McGraw
56	62	Michael Tyler	Rocky Mountain Low	Corey Kent (feat. Koe Wetzel)
57	65	Joe Reeves	Boston I Got Better	STELLA LEFTY Morgan Wallen
58	26	Brent Cobb	Days Like These	Luke Combs
59	59	Zach Top	South Of Sanity	Zach Top
60	60	Mark Nesler	South Of Sanity	Zach Top

CALENDAR

Single/Track Releases And Radio Add Dates

May 15

Cody Johnson (feat. Brothers Osborne)/Fool Proof/COJO Music/Warner Records Nashville

Dan + Shay/Young/Warner Records Nashville

Miranda Lambert/Crisco/MCA

Little Big Town/Hey There Sunshine/MCA

Charles Wesley Godwin (feat. Luke Combs)/Better That Way/Big Loud Records

Hayden Blount/Right Off The Edge/Santa Anna Nashville

Willow Avalon (feat. Kaitlin Butts)/Hypothetically Speaking/Atlantic Outpost/Assemble Sound

Trey Lewis/Hanks Hurtin' Too

Wade Bowen/Rain

Love and Theft/Farm Truck

Kaleb Sanders/Never Always/Red Street Records

Lauren Watkins/Heartbreakaholic/Big Loud Records/Songs & Daughters

Angie K/Contigo

Katie Pruitt/Same Boat

Brock Phillips/Rich Man/Big Loud Records/Local Hay Records

Lakelin Lemmings/19 & Single/QHMG/Quartz Hill Records

Wishgarden/Holy Water

Kyle Jenkins/Lonely Drink/Santa Anna Nashville

John PayCheck & Struggle Jennings/Sons Of The Spark/HorseBite Entertainment

Tori Rose/South Of Southern/Saddle Up Records

Catt McCreary/Choose the Cowboy

Wyatt Lowe/The Road Back to You

Alexandra King (feat. Grace Gunn)/Spare Key

Colton Dawson/Might Be In It/Warner Records Nashville

May 18

Rodney Atkins/The Years Are Short/Curb Records

Charles Wesley Godwin (feat. Luke Combs)/Better That Way/Big Loud Records

Graham Barham/Breakup (Down)/Disruptor Records/Sony Music Nashville

Jim Stanard (feat. Crystal Gayle)/Waking Up Dead/Manatee Records

Karly C/The Grass Looks Greener/Quirky Cowgirl

Album/EP Releases

May 15

STELLA LEFTY/*Is This Heaven?*/Atlantic Outpost

Braxton Keith/*Real Damn Deal*/Warner Records Nashville

49 Winchester/*Change of Plans*/Lucille Records/MCA

Ryan Bingham & The Texas Gentlemen/*They Call Us The Lucky Ones*/The Bingham Recording Co./Thirty Tigers

S.G Goodman/*(Re) Planting By The Signs*/Slough Water Records

Cook Allender/*Music Your Parents Hate*/VibraHive Records

Spencer Bandy/*Ends With Us*/Santa Anna Nashville

Sarah Harralson/*Just The Beginning*/Synapse Publishing & Entertainment, LLC

CALENDAR

Industry Events

May 17

61st Annual ACM Awards

June 4-7

CMA Fest

Upcoming Nashville Concerts

May 15

Bush/FirstBank Amphitheater

Marilyn Manson/The Pinnacle

Drew & Ellie Holcomb/Ryman Auditorium

Behemoth/Brooklyn Bowl

TYNAN TIME/Cannery Hall (Mainstage)

Corrosion of Conformity/Cannery Hall (The Mil)

Happy Landing/Exit/In

Grace Ives/The Blue Room

Sterling Ezla & Cole Barnhill/Cannery Hall (Row One Stage)

May 16

Treaty Oak Revival/Bridgestone Arena

Drew & Ellie Holcomb/Ryman Auditorium

Kings Kaleidoscope/Cannery Hall (Mainstage)

Bella White/The Basement East

Earth Tongue & Pink Fuzz/The Blue Room

Katelyn Tarver/Cannery Hall (Row One Stage)

May 17

Treaty Oak Revival/Ryman Auditorium

Little Image/The Basement East

'68/Cannery Hall (The Mil)

May 18

Paul Gilbert/City Winery

May 19

Godsmack/FirstBank Amphitheater

Electric Callboy/The Pinnacle

Tech N9ne X E-40/Marathon Music Works

Chet Faker/Cannery Hall (Mainstage)

Saving Abel/City Winery

Edge of Broken/Cannery Hall (Row One Stage)

May 20

Diljit Dosanjh/Bridgestone Arena

Ann Wilson/City Winery