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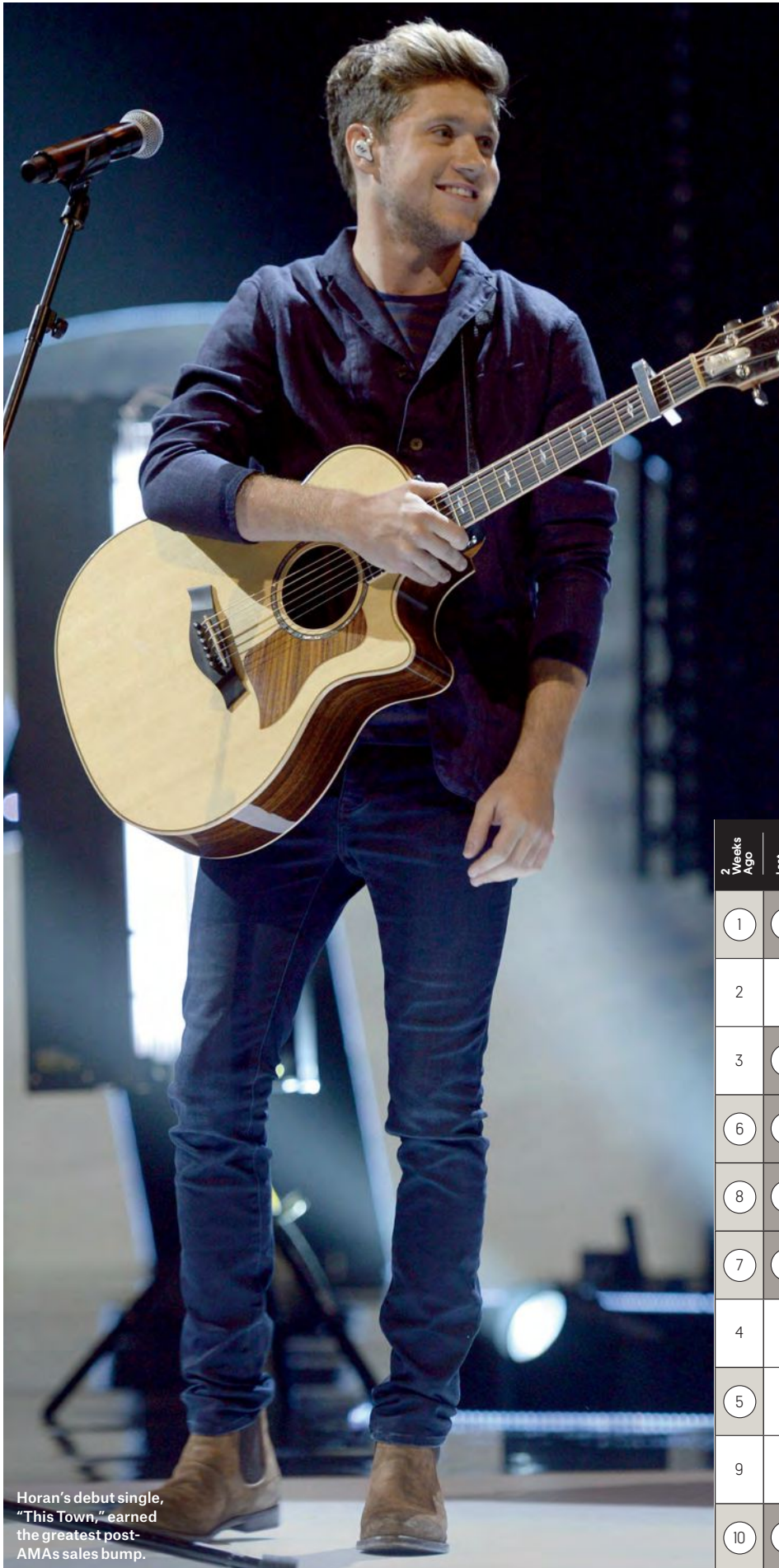
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## AMAs Spark Gains For Niall Horan And More

**F**OLLOWING THE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS, broadcast live Nov. 21 on ABC, several performers translate the spotlight into further chart success. **Niall Horan** boasts the greatest unit leap on the Digital Song Sales chart as “This Town” soars by 225 percent to 47,000 downloads sold in the week ending Nov. 24, according to Nielsen Music. On the Billboard Hot 100, the single, Horan’s first apart from **One Direction**, bounds 61-29, its highest rank since it reached No. 25 on Oct. 22.

Also basking in post-AMAs buzz is show-opener **Bruno Mars**, whose new album, *24K Magic*, bows at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 (see page 124). Mars hits a new Hot 100 high with the title track, up 6-4 (79,000 sold, up 36 percent). **Shawn Mendes** vaults into the top 40 with “Mercy” (47-35; 33,000, up 58 percent), which he sang as a medley with prior hit “Treat You Better” (No. 17; 16,000, up 45 percent). And **Fifth Harmony**, which performed “That’s My Girl,” debuts at No. 73 with the track (13,000, up 90 percent).

Meanwhile, the AMAs’ fan-voted artist of the year, **Ariana Grande**, sports a 20 percent gain to 61,000 sold for “Side to Side” (No. 6) after she performed the song with featured artist **Nicki Minaj**.

—GARY TRUST

2 Weeks Ago	Last Week	This Week	Title	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist	IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Peak Position	Weeks On Chart
1	1	1	<b>#1</b> <b>AG</b> <b>Black Beatles</b>	Rae Sremmurd MIKE WILL MADE-IT (A.I.S.BROWN, K.U.BROWN, M.L.WILLIAMS,R.DAVIS)	Feat. Gucci Mane	EARDRUMMER/INTERSCOPE	1	11
2	2	2	<b>Closer</b>	<b>The Chainsmokers</b> THE CHAINSMOKERS,S.FRANK,F.KENNETT (A.TAGGART, S.FRANK,F.KENNETT,A.FRANGIPANE,I.SLAD,E.KING)	Feat. Halsey	DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	1	17
3	3	3	<b>Starboy</b>	<b>The Weeknd</b> DAFT PUNK,DOC MCKINNEY,CIRKUT,THE WEEKND (A.TESFAYE, T.BANGALTER,G.DEHOMENY-CHRISTO,M.MCKINNEY,H.R.WALTER)	Feat. Daft Punk	XO/REPUBLIC	2	10
6	6	4	<b>DG</b> <b>24K Magic</b>	<b>Bruno Mars</b> SHAMPOO PRESS & CURL (BRUNO MARS,P.M.LAWRENCE II,C.B.BROWN)		ATLANTIC	4	7
8	8	5	<b>SG</b> <b>Juju On That Beat (TZ Anthem)</b>	<b>Zay Hilfigerrr &amp; Zayion McCall</b> NOT LISTED (T.FOPEL,I.D.MCCALL,I.LEWIS,A.SMITH, V.LEWIS,J.USHER,C.HENDERSON,B.M.CARPENTER)		THA LIGHTS GLOBAL/ATLANTIC	5	9
7	4	6	<b>Side To Side</b>	<b>Ariana Grande</b> MAX MARTIN,JULIA (I.SALIMANZADEH,MAX MARTIN, O.T.MARAJ,A.KRONLUND,S.KOTECHA,A.GRANDE)	Feat. Nicki Minaj	REPUBLIC	4	13
4	5	7	<b>Heathens</b>	<b>twenty one pilots</b> M.ELIZONDO,T.JOSEPH (T.JOSEPH)		DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	2	23
5	7	8	<b>Let Me Love You</b>	<b>DJ Snake</b> DJ SNAKE,ANDREW WATT (W.S.E.GRIGAHICINE, I.D.BIEBER,A.WOTMAN,A.TAMPONSI,B.LEE,L.BELL)	Feat. Justin Bieber	DJ SNAKE/INTERSCOPE	4	16
9	9	9	<b>Broccoli</b>	<b>D.R.A.M.</b> I.GRAMM,K.R.BRUTUS,R.CHAHAYED (S.M.MASSENBERG-SMITH,M.MCCOLLUM)	Feat. Lil Yachty	#TEPICHECK/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	5	24
10	10	10	<b>Don't Wanna Know</b>	<b>Maroon 5</b> THE ARCADE BENNY BLANCO,LOUIE LASTIC (R.LLEVIN),RYAN J.K.HINDLIN, A.MAIK,K.MCKENZIE,J.MILLS,A.BEN-ABDALLAH,A.N.LEVINE)	Feat. Kendrick Lamar	222/INTERSCOPE	9	7

Horan's debut single, "This Town," earned the greatest post-AMAs sales bump.

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**JAMES ARTHUR**  
Say You Won't Let Go



The 28-year-old Yorkshire, England, native also spends a 10th week in the top 10 of the Official U.K. Singles chart.

**You won the British version of *The X Factor* in 2012. How did you end up on the show?**  
I had no money — the electricity went out in my flat. I was calling my friends and family asking for money, and they were all like, “No, you’ll just buy weed.” Eventually my mom said, “*The X Factor* is in town right now. If you go sing, I’ll give you money.” All of a sudden, I win, and I’m thrown into this crazy mess. I lost my head for a couple years.

**Why do you think that happened?**  
It all happened too fast. I wasn’t prepared for the level of scrutiny and judgment that came with [winning], and I wasn’t in a good place

mentally before I did the show. I was having these bad anxiety attacks. I would deal with that by self-medicating — it spiraled out of control. I hit the self-destruct button.

**How did you get from there to “Say You Won’t Let Go”?**  
My A&R girl called and said, “We could use something that plays on the modern-day love song.” So I went to the studio, wrote the song, sent it back, and she was like, “Holy shit, this is what we’ve been waiting for.” Did I think it would be No. 1 in the U.K.? Definitely not. Everyone wrote me off — including me.

—ELIAS LEIGHT



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**MACHINE GUN KELLY X CAMILA CABELLO**  
Bad Things

Kelly notches his first top 40 Hot 100 hit, and Cabello her second as a solo artist, as “Things” climbs 32-20 on Digital Song Sales (30,000, up 77 percent) and enters Radio Songs at No. 40.

2 Weeks Ago	Last Week	This Week	Title	CERTIFICATION	Artist	Peak Position	Weeks On Chart
			PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL			
17	14	11	<b>Fake Love</b>	VINYLZ,FRANK DUKES [A.GRAHAM, A.HERNANDEZ,A.FEENY,B.THAZZARD]	Drake	10	5
18	12	12	<b>Caroline</b>	AMINELI,P.MEJIA [A.A.DANIELI,P.MEJIA]	Amine	12	12
19	15	13	<b>Starving</b>	GREY,ZEDD [M.TREWARTHA,K.TREWARTHA,R.MCCURDY,C.PETROSINO,A.WHITTEACRE]	Hailee Steinfeld & Grey	13	17
11	11	14	<b>I Hate U I Love U</b>	G.NASH [G.NASH,O.O'BRIEN]	gnash	10	32
22	17	15	<b>Scars To Your Beautiful</b>	POPOAKWUD,S.KOLE [A.CARACCILO,Q.A.WANSELL,W.FLDR,CITILMAN]	Alessia Cara	15	13
12	13	16	<b>Cold Water</b>	DIPLO,BENNY BLANCO,JR. BLINDER,KING HENRY [E.C.SHEERAN,B.LEVIN,I.SCOTT,I.W.PENTZ,P.WECKSEPER,H.ALLEN,D.BIEBER,K.WORSTED]	Major Lazer	2	18
13	16	17	<b>Treat You Better</b>	JT.GEIGER [J.D.ROMER [S.MENDES,T.GEIGER,S.HARRIS]	Shawn Mendes	6	25
21	20	18	<b>The Greatest</b>	G.KURSTIN [S.K.I.FURLER,G.KURSTIN,K.L.DUCKWORTH]	Sia	18	12
16	18	19	<b>Can't Stop The Feeling!</b>	J.TIMBERLAKE,MAX MARTIN,SHELLBACK [J.TIMBERLAKE,MAX MARTIN,SHELLBACK]	Justin Timberlake	1	29
25	21	20	<b>Unsteady</b>	ALEX DA KID [A.GRANT,S.N.HARRIS,N.FELDSHUJCHARRIS,LEVIN]	X Ambassadors	20	28

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			PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL			
15	19	21	<b>Cheap Thrills</b>	G.KURSTIN [S.K.I.FURLER,G.KURSTIN,S.PHENRIQUES]	Sia	1	41
20	22	22	<b>OOOUU</b>	NY BANGERS [M.N.JACOBSON,K.MARRERO]	Young M.A	19	13
23	23	23	<b>Don't Let Me Down</b>	THE CHAINSMOKERS [A.TAGGARTE,W.SCHWARTZ,S.HARRIS]	The Chainsmokers	3	41
31	26	24	<b>In The Name Of Love</b>	MARTIN GARRIX,MAT RADSTEVE [JAMES [MARTIN GARRIX,M.SMITH,RADOSEVICH,R.CUNNINGHAM,S.PHILBIN,I.JUBER,Y.NAHAR,B.REXHA]	Martin Garrix & Bebe Rexha	24	15
26	24	25	<b>Blue Ain't Your Color</b>	D.HUFF,K.URBAN [S.LOLSEN,H.LINDEY,C.LAGERBERG]	Keith Urban	24	11
27	25	26	<b>This Is What You Came For</b>	CALVIN HARRIS [CALVIN HARRIS,NILS SIOBERG]	Calvin Harris	3	30
39	34	27	<b>Do You Mind</b>	D.HALID,DINASTI,U.M.I.K.M.HALEED,O.MARAI,C.BROWN,A.KISNA,B.L.PELTON,NOWBURN,W.L.ROBERTS,K.C.CROSS,M.J.MOLINS,I.MOLINS,A.L.WORRIS,M.J.PHONSON]	DI Khaled	27	16
73	46	28	<b>Bad Things</b>	THE FUTURISTICS [R.C.BAKER,A.SCHWARTZ,I.KHADOURIAN,M.LOVE,K.C.CABELLO,A.SCALZO]	Machine Gun Kelly x Camila Cabello	28	4
64	61	29	<b>This Town</b>	G.KURSTIN [J.SCOTT,D.M.NEEDLE,B.BRYER,N.HORAN]	Niall Horan	25	9
29	29	30	<b>Chill Bill</b>	PURPDOGG [J.ROBINSON,J.DAVIS,A.CARRILLO,B.HERRMANN]	Rob \$tone	29	17
28	28	31	<b>Ride</b>	R.REED [T.JOSEPH]	twenty one pilots	5	37
42	35	32	<b>All Time Low</b>	J.BELLION [J.BELLION,T.MENDES,M.WILLIAMS,R.CUBINA]	Jon Bellion	32	7
30	30	33	<b>May We All</b>	J.MOI [R.C.LAWSON,J.MOORE]	Florida Georgia Line	30	13
65	50	34	<b>Love On The Brain</b>	F.BALL [F.BALL,J.ANGEL,R.FENTY]	Rihanna	34	6
58	47	35	<b>Mercy</b>	J.GOSLING,I.T.GEIGER II [S.MENDES,T.GEIGER,D.PARKER,I.JUBER]	Shawn Mendes	35	10
37	36	36	<b>X</b>	METRO BOOMIN [S.JOSEPH,L.T.WAYNE,N.D.WILBURN]	21 Savage & Metro Boomin	36	11
32	33	37	<b>One Dance</b>	NINETEEN85,WIZKID,N.SHERIB [A.GRAHAM,P.JEFFERIES,N.L.SHERIB,A.L.BALOGUN,K.R.SMITH]	Drake	1	34
34	32	38	<b>Needed Me</b>	DIMILISTARD [D.MCFARLANE & FENTY],ALDINO [J.HUGHES,K.RICHAM,T.WARLOCK,A.FEENY,B.LHAZARD,C.HINSHAW [R.DRACHEL]	Rihanna	7	43
<b>HOT SHOT DEBUT</b>			<b>Party Monster</b>	NOT LISTED [NOT LISTED]	The Weeknd	39	1
14	31	40	<b>Used To This</b>	ZAYTOVEN,STEPHRYCASSIUS [AY [NDWILBURN,AGRAHAM,X.DOTSON]	Future	14	3
24	27	41	<b>Gold</b>	FELIX TERROR [DAVID TERROR,K.SAULTERS]	Kiara	13	27
35	37	42	<b>Sucker For Pain</b>	ALEX DA KID [A.GRANT,D.CARTER,C.LITHOMAZZ,SERMON,DREYNOLDS,B.MCKEE,D.PLATZMAN,S.R.B.HALL,I.T.GREFFIN [R.S.N.HARRIS]	U! Wayne, Wiz Khalifa & Imagine Dragons With Logic & Ty Dolla Sign	15	22
66	41	43	<b>Love Me Now</b>	J.RYAN,B.MILLS [JOHN LEGEND,J.RYAN,B.MILLS]	John Legend	41	5
41	42	44	<b>Panda</b>	MENACE [S.SELBY,III,A.KHAN]	Designer	1	40
36	38	45	<b>Timmy Turner</b>	M.G.DEAN,DESIGNER [S.SELBY,III,M.G.DEAN]	Designer	34	18
40	40	46	<b>Luv</b>	CASHMERE,CATBENNY BLANCO [M.A.HOBERG,B.LLEVIN,D.PETERSON,A.S.A.KELLY,W.B.J.PASSLEY,M.A.WOLFE,S.J.MARSDEN]	Tory Lanez	19	22
51	51	47	<b>Sleep Without You</b>	D.HUFF [B.YOUNG,K.ARCHER,J.EBACH]	Brett Young	47	11
<b>NEW</b>			<b>I Feel It Coming</b>	NOT LISTED [NOT LISTED]	The Weeknd	48	1
50	45	49	<b>Pick Up The Phone</b>	VINYLZ,FRANK DUKES [TRAVIS SCOTT,A.FEENY,A.HERNANDEZ,I.WILLIAMS,G.K.MARSHALL,B.THAZZARD,A.RITTER,M.G.DEAN]	Young Thug And Travis Scott	43	15
43	44	50	<b>Sneakin'</b>	LONDON ON DA TRACK [A.GRAHAM],HOLMES,S.JOSEPH]	Drake	28	5

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61	60	51	<b>Bounce Back</b> HITMAKA (S.M.ANDERSON,C.WARD,L.TWAYNE,A. JOHNSON,J.FELTON,K.O.WEST)	<b>Big Sean</b> G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	51	3
59	57	52	<b>You Was Right</b> METRO BOOMIN (S.WOODS,L.TWAYNE)	<b>Lil Uzi Vert</b> GENERATION NOW/ATLANTIC	52	20
NEW		53	<b>Love On The Weekend</b> J.MAYER (J.MAYER)	<b>John Mayer</b> COLUMBIA	53	1
-	76	54	<b>Bad And Boujee</b> METRO BOOMIN,G.KOOP (K.CEPHUS, O.K.MARSHALL,L.TWAYNE,R.MANDELL)	<b>Migos</b> Feat. Lil Uzi Vert QUALITY CONTROL/300	54	2
49	53	55	<b>1 Night</b> BURBERRY PERRY (P.MOISE,M.MCCOLLUM)	<b>Lil Yachty</b> LIL BOAT SAILING TEAM/QUALITY CONTROL/MOTOWN/CAPITOL	49	16
56	55	56	<b>Come And See Me</b> N.SHEBIB (J.A.BRATHWAITE,A.GRAHAM,N.J.SHEBIB)	<b>PARTYNEXTDOOR</b> Feat. Drake OVO SOUND/WARNER BROS.	55	21
74	64	57	<b>Wanna Be That Song</b> R.COPPERMAN,B.L.DREDGE (B.L.DREDGE,R.COPPERMAN,SCOOTER CARUSOE)	<b>Brett Eldredge</b> ATLANTIC/WMIN	57	8
47	52	58	<b>Middle Of A Memory</b> M.CARTER (C.SWINDELL,A.GORLEY,Z.CROWELL)	<b>Cole Swindell</b> WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMIN	46	18
75	67	59	<b>Fresh Eyes</b> L.KIRKPATRICK (A.GRAMMER,R.GOLAN,L.KIRKPATRICK)	<b>Andy Grammer</b> S-CURVE/BMG/HOLLYWOOD	59	8
63	62	60	<b>Song For Another Time</b> S.MCANALLY (M.RAMSEY,T.ROSEN,B.TURSI,M.JENKINS)	<b>Old Dominion</b> RCA NASHVILLE	60	9
57	65	61	<b>No Heart</b> METRO BOOMIN,L.LUELLEN,CUBBEATZ (S.JOSEPH,L.TWAYNE)	<b>21 Savage &amp; Metro Boomin</b> SLAUGHTER GANG	57	5
68	63	62	<b>Too Much Sauce</b> DJ ESCO (W.MOORE,X.DOTSON,N.DWILBURN,S.WOODS)	<b>DI ESCO</b> Feat. Future & Lil Uzi Vert EPIC	61	14
78	78	63	<b>HandClap</b> R.PREED (M.HITZPATRICK,S.HOLLANDER,N.S.CAGGS, J.M.KING,I.K.ARNES,L.M.WICKS,R.UZUMAKI,E.FREDERIC)	<b>Fitz And The Tantrums</b> DANGERBIRD/ELEKTRA/ATLANTIC	63	9
52	54	64	<b>A Little More Summertime</b> M.KNOX (W.MOBLEY,T.MARTIN,J.FLOWERS)	<b>Jason Aldean</b> MACON/BROKEN BOW	52	12
81	56	65	<b>Hallelujah</b> B.BRAM,PENTATONIX (L.COHEN)	<b>Pentatonix</b> RCA	32	5
60	68	66	<b>All We Know</b> THE CHAINSMOKERS (A.JAGGARS,S.HELLSTROM,N.SLAM)	<b>The Chainsmokers</b> Feat. Phoebe Ryan DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	18	8
48	58	67	<b>Setting The World On Fire</b> B.CANNON,K.CHESENEY (R.COPPERMAN, M.JENKINS,J.OSBORNE)	<b>Kenny Chesney</b> Feat. Pink BLUE CHAIR/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	29	17
80	75	68	<b>Say You Won't Let Go</b> A.BEITZKE,B.SPENCE (J.A.ARTHUR,S.SOLOMON,NORMANDY)	<b>James Arthur</b> SYCO/COLUMBIA	68	5
53	70	69	<b>Better Man</b> J.JOYCE (T.SWIFT)	<b>Little Big Town</b> CAPITOL NASHVILLE	53	4
72	71	70	<b>Dirty Laundry</b> J.JOYCE (Z.CROWELL,A.GORLEY,H.LINDESEY)	<b>Carrie Underwood</b> 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE	69	6
67	66	71	<b>Fade</b> K.MESTRICK,COWSTY,GRIFFIN (R.A.POSTA,KILHOFFER,M.G.DEAN,R.VOITSEK,K.GOLDSTEIN, B.BENSTEAD,P.POTTER,S.GRISSMER,K.HOLLAND,J.R.N.WHITFIELD,H.EARD,C.ROWNS...) (G.O.O.D./DEF JAM)	<b>Kanye West</b> G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	47	12
76	72	72	<b>Look Alive</b> SHOD,MIKE WILL MADE-IT (A.LISSBROUN,K.BROWN,M.WILLIAMS)	<b>Rae Sremmurd</b> EARDRUMMER/INTERSCOPE	72	5
NEW		73	<b>That's My Girl</b> LULU,ALEX PURPLE (T.KACHINGWE,A.KRONLUND,L.LOULES)	<b>Fifth Harmony</b> SYCO/EPIC	73	1
55	74	74	<b>My Way</b> CALVIN HARRIS (CALVIN HARRIS)	<b>Calvin Harris</b> FLY EYE/COLUMBIA	24	10
NEW		75	<b>Redbone</b> NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	<b>Childish Gambino</b> GLASSNOTE	75	1
83	79	76	<b>Ain't My Fault</b> MINEK (U.OSISOMA,EMENIKE,Z.M.LAWSON,MACK)	<b>Zara Larsson</b> RECORD COMPANY TEN/EPIC	76	7
RE-ENTRY		77	<b>Chantaje</b> SHAKIRA (M.A.LUMA,K.EVIN,ADG.CHAN,"EL GENIO" (SHAKIRA,I.LONDONO,ARIAS, K.MIMENEZ,LONDONO,B.SNABERLEZ,CANO,CHAVARRA,I.A.TOPEZ,LONDONO))	<b>Shakira</b> Feat. Maluma SONY MUSIC LATIN	77	2
54	73	78	<b>Move</b> J.STEVENS,L.STEVENS (L.BRYAN,MICHAEL RAY,J.CLEMENTI)	<b>Luke Bryan</b> CAPITOL NASHVILLE	50	14
NEW		79	<b>That's What I Like</b> SHAMPOO PRESS & CURL (STEREOTYPES) (BRUNO MARS,P.M.LAWRENCE II, C.B.BROWN,J.FAUNTILEROY II,L.YIP,R.OMULUS,J.REEVES,R.C.MCCULLOUGH II)	<b>Bruno Mars</b> ATLANTIC	79	1
-	94	80	<b>Water Under The Bridge</b> G.KURSTIN (A.L.B.ADKINS,G.KURSTIN)	<b>Adele</b> XL/COLUMBIA	70	3




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**RIHANNA**  
Love On  
The Brain

**Rihanna** scores a third top 40 hit on the Billboard Hot 100 from her album *Anti* as "Love on the Brain" lifts 50-34. The retro R&B ballad — which follows the nine-week No. 1 "Work" (featuring **Drake**) and the No. 7-peaking "Needed Me" — jumps 35-27 on the Digital Song Sales chart (25,000 sold; up 56 percent, according to Nielsen Music) and 42-35 on the Radio Songs tally (33 million in audience, up 26 percent). Rihanna earns her 46th top 40 entry on the Hot 100. Among women, only **Madonna** and **Taylor Swift** have notched more: 49 each. —G.T.


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87	87	81	<b>Selfish</b> NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	<b>PnB Rock</b> ATLANTIC	81	3
89	82	82	<b>Star Of The Show</b> JOE LONDONI,BUNETTA THOMAS RHETT (THOMAS RHETT,R.AKINS,B.HAYSLEIP)	<b>Thomas Rhett</b> VALORY	82	4
84	83	83	<b>What They Want</b> RUSS (RUSS)	<b>Russ</b> COLUMBIA	83	5
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**BRITNEY SPEARS FEAT. TINASHE**  
Slumber Party

"Slumber Party," **Spears'** second single from *Glory*, starts with 3.8 million U.S. streams following the Nov. 18 premiere of the **Tinashe**-assisted track's official music video.



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**TRAIN**  
Play That Song

The band rolls onto the Hot 100 for the first time in two years with its new single, which borrows the melody of the standard "Heart and Soul." It starts with 1 million U.S. streams and 24,000 sold.





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**156** In 1965, **James Brown** scored his biggest Hot 100 hit with "[I Got You] I Feel Good."

Kesha photographed Nov. 21 at Harvard House Motel in Los Angeles. Styling by Samantha Burkhart. Kesha wears a Manuel Couture suit and shirt; Norsell Original vintage tie; Borgioni, Roseark and The Way We Wore rings; and Gucci sunglasses.

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Madonna photographed by Mert Alas and Marcus Piggott on April 17 in London.



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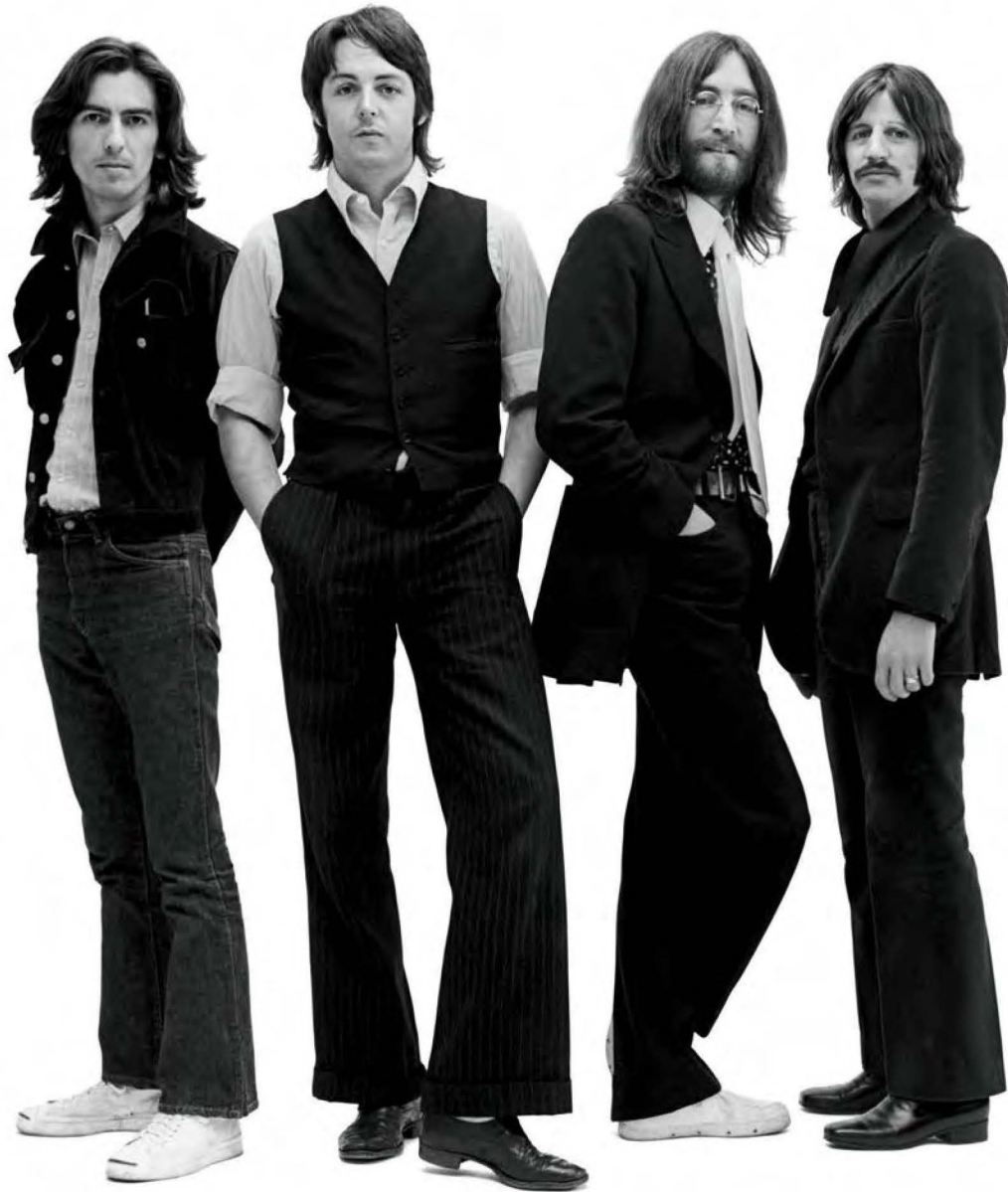
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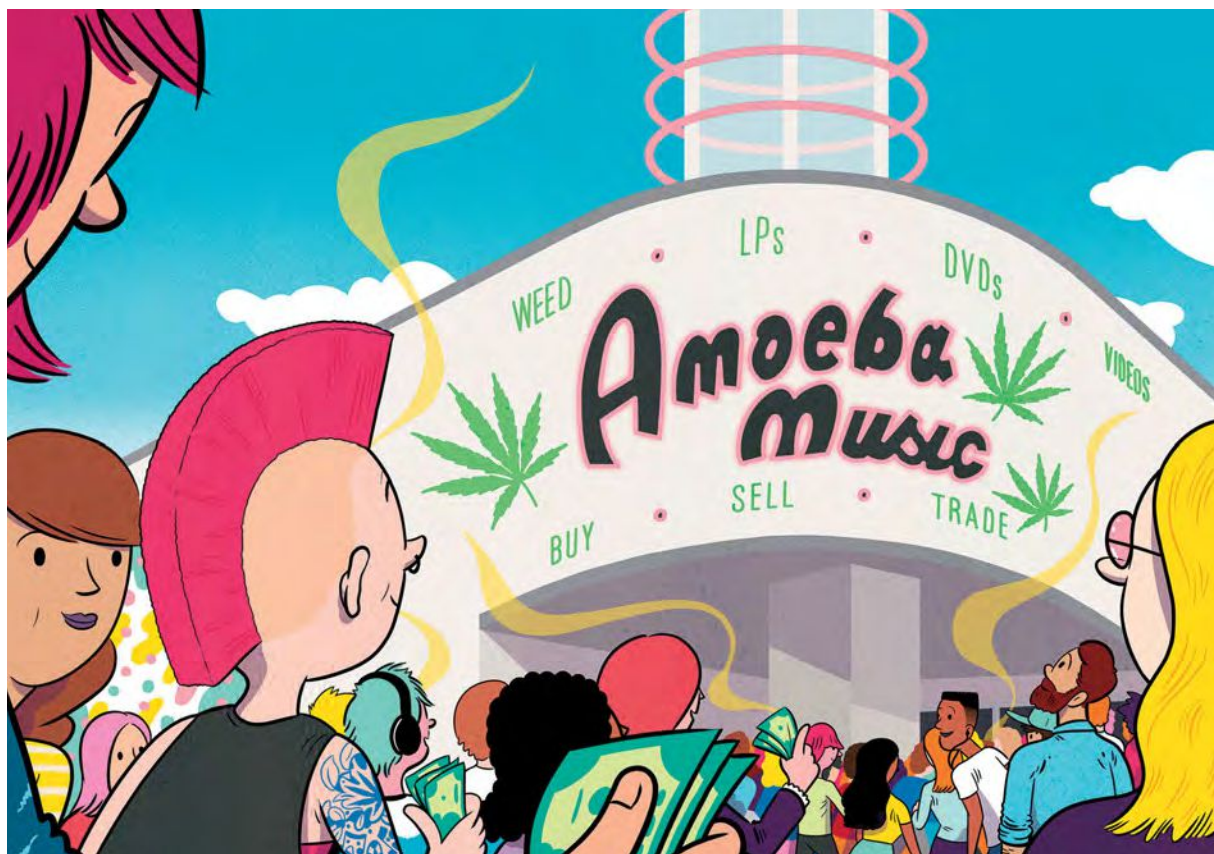
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## HIGH FIDELITY: MUSIC RETAIL GOES TO POT

AS MORE STATES LEGALIZE MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, RECORD STORES SEE A LIFELINE FOR THEIR AILING BUSINESS

BY ANDY GENSLER

IT SEEMS MIRACULOUS THAT any music retailer has survived the demolition-like forces that piracy, downloading and streaming have unleashed during the past 15 years. CD sales have plummeted from \$9.4 billion in 2006 to just \$1.5 billion in 2015, according to the RIAA — an 84 percent drop — and the much-ballyhooed vinyl resurgence has done little to staunch the bleeding, making up only 6 percent of physical sales in 2015. “I don’t know if record retailing — specifically selling new

LPs and CDs — is really a viable business in most parts of the world anymore,” says **Josh Madell**, whose beloved downtown New York store Other Music closed in June after sales fell from more than \$3 million annually to roughly half.

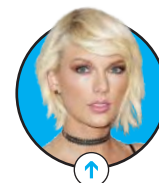
But there is hope on the hazy horizon, and it’s coming in the five-leafed form of marijuana, which is legal in a majority of states — 28 of them have sanctioned cannabis for medical or recreational use — following the 2016 elections. What does reefer have to do with records? With music retailers getting into the dispensary business or aligning their physical location with pot shops, the long-standing symbiotic relationship between music and weed

may finally be (legally) monetized.

“There’s a history of marijuana and music that goes back to the jazz era,” says **Michael Kurtz**, co-founder of Record Store Day, who also notes retail’s role in selling paraphernalia — record stores birthed head shops. “Anytime human behavior is decriminalized, it’s good for business.”

And the pot business is booming. Projected to generate more than \$1 billion in revenue in 2016 in Colorado, where recreational marijuana is sanctioned, legal weed will soon stretch all the way down the West Coast — from the border with Canada to the North to Mexico in the South — once California’s Proposition 64 goes into effect in 2018. No wonder record stores

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**Taylor Swift’s \$170 million in earnings from June 2015 to 2016 puts her atop *Forbes’* annual list of the highest-paid musicians.**



**New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo vetoes a \$50 million bill geared toward tax breaks to boost music production jobs.**



**A viral meme helps 78-year-old Shirley Caesar claim her first-ever No. 1 on the Gospel Songs chart with “Hold My Mule.”**



are, for the first time in more than a decade, feeling optimistic.

“With marijuana, everything has gotten better,” says **Paul Epstein**, owner of Denver’s Twist & Shout Records, which has been in business for 28 years. “You would be hard pressed to find any business in Denver for which the legalization of recreational marijuana hasn’t had a positive effect.”

“Tax revenue [from cannabis] all told last year was \$140 million for 2015,” says **Andrew Freedman** (aka “the weed czar”), director of marijuana coordination for Colorado, an outlier state that legalized recreational use in 2012. Today, Denver has nearly 400 licensed medical and/or recreational cannabis retail outlets. According to a study by the Marijuana Policy Group cited by Freedman, pot revenue had a \$2.4 billion economic impact in Colorado, creating 18,000 new jobs.

That said, Epstein and other music retailers *Billboard* spoke to in Colorado, Seattle and Los Angeles say they have yet to see significant dividends. “My sales aren’t up,”

says **Louis Lambert**, co-owner of the Independent Records & Video chain in Colorado Springs, Colo., who also is a partner in two medical dispensaries. “I have a dispensary next to my store,” he says, “but

there are 10 other dispensaries right next to them.” Other stores, too, spoke of a “weed glut,” along with strict regulations impeding them from fully capitalizing on a nascent pot market.

Another concern is that an incoming **Trump** administration and its attorney general nominee **Jeff Sessions** may roll back state marijuana laws. Recalling the hysteria of 1930’s propaganda film *Reefer Madness* and the **Reagan** administration’s benighted “Just Say No” policies, in April Sessions called weed “not the kind of thing that ought to be legalized” and a “very real danger.” In fact, Sessions, who was rejected for a 1986 federal judgeship for his alleged racist views, said he thought

Ku Klux Klan members were “OK, until he learned that they smoked marijuana.” (Worth noting: Seven of the eight states legalizing recreational

cannabis and the District of Columbia backed **Hillary Clinton**’s failed presidential bid.)

But California chain Amoeba Music, which is leading the state’s music-retail charge into cannabis, may be immune from future “re-criminalization,” as the dispensary license it recently obtained for its Berkeley location is medical and not

the result of the recently won recreational rights that came with Prop 64’s passage. Meanwhile, its San Francisco store has opened Green Evaluations adjacent to its location. There, for \$44, California residents can be examined by a physician and receive a medical marijuana ID card. That business now covers half of the Haight Street store’s annual rent. Amoeba’s Hollywood store, which is set to move from its current location within five years, may explore a similar strategy.

“We’ve gone to great lengths to keep the Berkeley store going for many years without making much money, but just trying to keep it alive,” says co-owner **Marc Weinstein**, who notes that Amoeba earns roughly half the revenue it did in 2008 and is down to 35 employees from 90. “The reason we worked on getting this permit for five years is because we really believe this is the mix that can help the store make it in the long run.” He adds that pot’s profit margin is greater than

recorded music’s and “something Amazon can’t kill you on.”

Still, there are challenges, like stipulations as to what can be sold and where. Says Colorado’s Freedman: “You’re only allowed to sell marijuana products and some amount of paraphernalia, but very little else in recreational and medical establishments here.”

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“With marijuana, everything has gotten better.”

—Paul Epstein, Twist & Shout Records

When asked what makes him think he can run a successful dispensary in what is still a budding crossover market, Amoeba’s Weinstein cites his 26 years running one of the country’s most successful independent music-retail chains. “Our model is to have as many products as possible, know about them in depth and be able to offer people selection,” he says. “We’re just interested in having a killer retail store.”

For Madell, whose Other Music was in business for 21 years, the possible marriage of music and marijuana comes too late. “For many customers, myself included, this would be a dream combination,” he says. “I can’t really say if Other Music would have gone this route if we had the opportunity — too many hypotheticals here — but I will say 100 percent that I will frequent the first New York City shop that realizes the dream.” ●

## Hailee Steinfeld To Host Billboard Women In Music Awards

The singer-actress will join Madonna, Shania Twain and others at the event, which airs Dec. 12 on Lifetime

Singer and Academy Award-nominated actress **Hailee Steinfeld** is set to host and perform at the annual Billboard Women in Music Awards, honoring the standout female stars and executives of 2016. Steinfeld will join Woman of the Year **Madonna** and Icon honoree **Shania Twain** at the event, to be held Dec. 9 in New York and airing nationally Dec. 12 on Lifetime.

“I’m really honored that *Billboard* asked me to host and perform at

this year’s Women in Music,” says Steinfeld, 19. “The event empowers women in the music industry and spotlights their achievements in a wonderful way. It’s going to be a great show!”

Steinfeld’s latest single, “Starving” (with **Grey** and featuring **Zedd**), is No. 9 with a bullet on the Mainstream Top 40 airplay chart (dated Dec. 10) and reaches a new peak of No. 13 on the Billboard Hot 100. She also stars

with **Woody Harrelson** and **Kyra Sedgwick** in *The Edge of Seventeen*, which opened in theaters Nov. 18. Steinfeld was nominated for an Oscar in 2011 for her role in *True Grit*.

Honorees and performers at the Women in Music event include **Halsey** (Rising Star), **Alessia Cara** (Rule Breaker), **Andra Day** (Powerhouse), **Meghan Trainor** (Chart-Topper), **Maren Morris** (Breakthrough) and **Kesha** (Trailblazer).



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Russell Hornsby as Sampson in a still from *The Breaks*.

## VH1 Banks On Rap ‘Business Drama’

*The Breaks*, the network’s semi-historical show about the early-’90s hip-hop game, aims to stand out and thrive in a growing crowd of like-minded series

BY DAN RYS

WHEN VH1’S ORIGINAL FILM *The Breaks* debuted in January, it met with critical and commercial success, pulling in 2.6 million total viewers the night of its premiere (according to Nielsen) and prompting the network to option an eight-episode series. Loosely based on *The Big Payback*, **Dan Charnas’** authoritative 2010 history of the hip-hop industry, the show is a period drama set in 1990 New York about three friends trying to make it in the burgeoning hip-hop business, and its success suggested that Fox’s hit *Empire* had paved the way for similarly themed dramas.

However, since then, the high-profile debuts of the rock-centric *Vinyl* and *Roadies* (both of which were canceled), and **Baz Luhrmann’s** glitzy dive into hip-hop’s roots, *The Get Down* (which received mixed reviews), have made the genre less of a sure bet. With *The Breaks’* hourlong episodes set to debut in February 2017, *Billboard* sat down with **Seith Mann** (who wrote, directed and produced the show) and Charnas (who co-wrote the story) to talk about authenticity, hip-hop and what to expect from season one.

### What differentiates *The Breaks* from shows like *Empire* and *The Get Down*?

**Seith Mann** *The Get Down* is a very different show; *Empire* has a different aesthetic and tone. I was interested in the characters who made hip-hop become what it is. So to have characters that live in those arcs, it’s a great intersection of authenticity and what’s commercially viable.

**Dan Charnas** I take more lessons from *Mad Men* and *The Wire* than I would, say,

an *Empire*, which to me is a contemporary soap, or *The Get Down*, which is this magical realism based in a different era. We wanted to make a business drama. Authenticity is what we agonize over: When we create a fictional situation that might reduce the believability, that’s not completely in sync with history, what are we getting in return?

### Can music-related period dramas capture audiences over a full season?

**Charnas** If the narrative is strong and isn’t offset by horrible decision-making when it comes to authenticity, people will stick around.

**Mann** I don’t care about dragons, but I watch *Game of Thrones* because it’s well executed. That’s what we have to do.



Mann

### Why is it important to have the hip-hop community involved?

**Charnas** It means a lot, even just for the nod to the core audience. [Brooklyn rapper] **Special Ed** worked with us to re-create Special Ed; he coached the actor, wrote his rhymes, was on-set. Same with [R&B singer] **Keith Sweat**. We re-created a DJ battle scene and **Mack [Wilds]** trained for months; then we had two of the greatest battle DJs of all time, **Babu** and **Rob Swift**, help re-create a fictional battle.

### What can fans expect from this season?

**Mann** To see the characters they met evolve, or devolve, in the business as they get more access to it, or less. We ended [the pilot] on a really upbeat note — but complications follow.

**Charnas** Such as: What happens when you get what you want? ●

## SiriusXM’s \$40 Million Lose-Win

The radio giant’s settlement with The Turtles could yield a precedent-setting royalty rate

BY ED CHRISTMAN

Losing \$25 million to \$40 million in a legal settlement is a crippling blow for virtually any company. But for satellite radio giant SiriusXM, which cut such a deal in November with pop group **The Turtles** regarding pre-1972 royalty payments, it could be a triumph.

For the past several years, Sirius, along with streaming platform Pandora, have not been paying royalties for music recorded before 1972, the year that the U.S. copyright for master recordings became part of federal law. The Turtles, led by singers **Howard Kaylan** and **Mark Volman**, filed a class-action lawsuit against Sirius in 2013 (and Pandora in 2014),



The Turtles in 1967, with Kaylan (top right) and Volman (center right).

asserting that while such songs are not covered by federal law, they are protected by state laws and are entitled to royalty payments. (So far, The Turtles’ suits have prevailed in California and New York, although they lost in Florida; all three decisions are being appealed.)

On Nov. 28, Sirius and The Turtles reached a settlement that could lead to a \$25 million to \$40 million payout for The Turtles and independent labels

that own music made before 1972. The settlement guarantees that The Turtles and the labels will receive royalties from a pool of at least \$25 million, which will be divided up on a pro-rata share by plays by Sirius; if The Turtles prevail in all three appeals, the payout will be \$40 million. (Sirius reached a similar, \$210 million settlement with the major labels and ABKCO in 2015.)

As part of the settlement, however, Sirius gets a 10-year license to play the pre-1972 recordings, and has agreed to pay royalties from a pool of revenue comprising 5.5 percent of its gross revenue — just half the statutory rate of 11 percent of revenue it is scheduled to pay in 2017, according to the five-year rates set by the Copyright Royalty Board in 2012.

The CRB has just begun to determine Sirius’ rates for 2018 to 2022. Already, digital royalty-collection agency SoundExchange has proposed more than doubling Sirius’ rate to 23 percent of gross revenue.

Sirius had revenue of \$4.6 billion in 2015, which means that at the 10.5 percent rate set by the CRB for Sirius for 2015, it paid about \$480 million to labels and artists in the form of master recording royalties. At a 23 percent level, that would mean a \$1.1 billion payout to labels.

Some major-label executives fear Sirius will attempt to position The Turtles’ settlement rate of 5.5 percent as a benchmark — one the CRB could use as a precedent when it considers setting statutory rates in the future.



Volman (left) and Kaylan in 2014.



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# Mike Knobloch

The movie-music maestro on the upcoming *Sing* and the time that Mumford & Sons turned down a million

BY MELINDA NEWMAN  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY JULIAN BERMAN

LIKE MANY YOUNG MEN WHO played in a high school band, Long Island native **Mike Knobloch** figured, “I’d just grow up and be a rock star.” And like most of them, that’s not quite how it worked out for the president of film music and publishing for Universal Pictures, although his office on the Universal Studios lot is packed with instruments, many of them vintage. The married father of two, who plays keyboards and drums, loves having them at his disposal — and so do the artists he works with on a daily basis. “**Steven Tyler** was really into it,” says Knobloch, 46. “I played **Paul McCartney**’s ‘Maybe I’m Amazed’ on the Rhodes [electric piano] and he stood next to me and sang. It was an out-of-body experience.”

At any given moment, Knobloch, who joined Universal in 2010 after 13 years as executive vp at Fox Music, and his 25-person staff are working on more than 20 movies, including holiday tentpole *Sing*. The animated feature, starring **Matthew McConaughey**, **Reese Witherspoon**, **Seth MacFarlane** and **Scarlett Johansson**, opens Dec. 21 and includes “Faith,” **Stevie Wonder**’s first original song (featuring **Ariana Grande**) for a film in more than a dozen years.

***Sing* has more than 60 licensed songs. Is this the most money you’ve spent to license music for a movie?**

For licensed music, probably. There’s everything in there from **Frank Sinatra** to **Kanye West**.

**Can you say how much?**

(Laughs.) I would say it’s a lot! I think [with *Sing*] we are definitely at the absolute ceiling of the number of licenses, the types of licenses and the

“I would love to see [more] gender and ethnic diversity,” says Knobloch, photographed Nov. 3 at Universal Pictures Film Music in Universal City. “We still have a lot of work to do on that front.”



heavily featured uses of licensed songs as performances by actors.

**Synch departments at publishing and record companies are under tremendous pressure to bring in revenue. How do you deal with that while trying to manage your costs?**

I like to think that labels and publishers see me as a partner and not just the bank. On both sides of the table there’s a mutual interest in keeping the relationship healthy, but if you get to a point in a negotiation where something is just too expensive and it’s going to break the budget and nobody wants to pay for it or we don’t agree, we have the prerogative to walk away. There’s a lot of amazing music out there, right?

**Every movie is different but, generally, what percentage of an overall budget goes toward music?**

As much as I can get them to give us. It really depends on the kind of movie. I’ve worked on \$20 million movies that have \$2 million music budgets and I’ve worked on \$80 million movies that have \$1.5 million music budgets.

**The *50 Shades of Grey* movie and soundtrack were huge successes in 2015. What are your music plans for February’s sequel, *50 Shades Darker*?**

The first *Fifty Shades* was lightning in a bottle, for sure. We’re certainly trying to recapture that magic again by taking the



**1** A photography buff, Knobloch loves the classic Leica M cameras. “Shooting with them is so soulful,” he says. **2** Two Todd McLellan photographs were a gift from Knobloch’s wife and serve as “a great reminder about the importance of perspective.” **3** Knobloch bought this vintage typewriter with an eye toward writing notes on it, but “it’s mostly there to just look cool.”

same approach with a diverse lineup of songwriters, producers and artists, and by creating bespoke, original songs to music-driven sequences throughout the film ... and not just taking existing songs and trying to jam them into the film.

**Any artists you can confirm?**

**Miguel** did the new cover of [Beyoncé’s] “Crazy in Love” for the *Fifty Shades Darker* trailers. And while we won’t be using that song in this film. Miguel is working on a new song for the new film and soundtrack.

**You offered Mumford & Sons a rumored \$1 million to use “I Will Wait” for a movie trailer and they turned you down. What happened?**

I would interpret the explanation as maybe they felt that people were tiring of that song, and they didn’t want to give it another big dose of exposure. I ultimately respect it, but there are times when it can be really heartbreaking if an artist just isn’t in the mood.

**Awards season is approaching. How involved are you in deciding what music Universal pushes for best song and best score Oscar consideration?**

There are many more experts here than me about the whole awards game, so I get to be part of those conversations, but I don’t unilaterally decide. Sometimes it comes up [with artists]. We want to keep it in perspective so it doesn’t become the tail wagging the dog. ●





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# TONY MARTELL

**Tony Martell**, a veteran label executive and founder of the T.J. Martell Foundation, which has raised more than \$270 million for cancer and AIDS research, died Nov. 27 at the age of 90. While he enjoyed a long and successful career — most prominently at CBS Records and Sony Music, where he worked closely with Ozzy Osbourne, Electric Light Orchestra, Joan Jett, The O'Jays and many others — his greatest accomplishment came with the foundation, which Martell launched in 1975 and named for his son T.J., who died at the age of 21 after a battle with leukemia. The foundation has become one of the most prominent and important charities in the music industry. Sony Music chief creative officer **Clive Davis** was president of Columbia Records when Martell was at CBS, and later housed the T.J. Martell Foundation at the offices of his Arista Records. Davis remembers his longtime friend and colleague.



Martell in 2013.

fundraising efforts to find a cure for leukemia and greatly accelerate AIDS and cancer research. This became the industry charity, and Dr. James Holland and his team were always ready to help each and every one of us in music who had an afflicted loved one. Since Arista Records became the home office of the foundation, I personally witnessed a man committed to a cause like very few others.



Davis

Judging a man by the amount of good he brings into the world, Tony Martell was truly an exceptional man. Enjoying his life both professionally as a successful music executive, and personally as a loving husband and father, in 1973 Tony was devastated to learn that his beloved teenaged son T.J. was diagnosed with leukemia.

When T.J. died two years later, Tony was instantly transformed into a man with a fervent mission. I was there to witness this transformation. With fierce determination he founded the T.J. Martell Foundation. He organized and inspired all of us on the foundation's board of directors to pour ourselves into intense

He would, time after time, urge, "Clive, bring your stars out," and sure enough I'll never forget Aretha Franklin, Annie Lennox, Patti Smith and Barry

Manilow, among other iconic performers, weaving their magic during unforgettable evenings that raised many millions of dollars to fight these deadly diseases. Tony was a dedicated and hardworking music man and a total crusader as a humanitarian: always there with an encouraging word, and always present with follow-up to show he not only cared but that the foundation and its doctors would make a difference.

Tony will be forever missed by all of us who knew him and his big, big heart, as well as the countless others whose lives have been enhanced by this selfless, special man.

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## Latin: Streaming's Quiet Giant

Driven by mobile and playlists, the genre has become the fastest-growing musical style on Spotify, Pandora and YouTube

BY LEILA COBO

**I**N OCTOBER 2013, SPOTIFY introduced its first Latin playlist, “Baila Reggaetón.” It was an experiment: The service, launched in 2008, wasn’t even available in most Latin countries until the end of 2013. But within two years, “Baila Reggaetón” had become Spotify’s second-most popular playlist globally, and it has only continued to grow.

“Last year at this time, we had 1.1 million subscribers. Today, we have 3.3 million,” says **Rocío Guerrero**, Spotify’s global head of Latin content programming. “It was a wake-up call for everyone. Now, Latin is a big priority for the company.”

Once a niche genre, Latin music has become a major force on streaming services, growing at an accelerated clip and regularly outperforming other genres. The phenomenon is evident not only on Spotify — where three of the top seven most-streamed playlists are Latin, according to Guerrero — but also Pandora, where the service says that in the United States, 25 percent of users identify as Hispanic and 11 percent of the music streamed is Latin. And YouTube reports that in October, 40 percent of the views for its Global Top 100 chart came from Latin America.

“There’s a bit of a revolution happening in Latin America with YouTube,” says **Ady Harley**, head of music publishing partnerships for YouTube and Google Play in Latin America, adding that in the past year the region has had the biggest growth in views and watch time, and that two of YouTube’s

top five most-played playlists are Latin music. **Daddy Yankee**’s hit “Shaky Shaky” has been in the top 10 of YouTube’s global music chart for 11 consecutive weeks.

The two main factors behind streaming’s rise in the Latin market is the exponential growth of smartphone use, and Spotify, Pandora and YouTube approaching Latin fans in a more targeted manner.

According to GSMA Intelligence, the international association of mobile service providers, Latin America is the world’s second-

“There has been an awakening about Latin power in the U.S.”

— **Marcos Juárez**, Pandora

fastest-growing mobile region, with smartphone adoption rising sharply: from less than 10 percent in 2011 to more than 50 percent in July 2016.

That rise played a huge role in Latin music’s sudden prevalence on YouTube and Shazam charts.

Likewise, in the United States, according to Nielsen’s 2015 *Total Audience Report*, Hispanics are the most avid smartphone users among all demographic groups, spending an average of 27 minutes and 36 minutes per week streaming video and audio, respectively, on their smartphones — more than any other demo, and significantly more than the 13- to 17-minute average.

For example, Pandora’s Latin music plays have grown by approximately 1 percentage point per year since 2012, now accounting for 11 percent of the service’s plays, says **Marcos Juárez**, head of Latin music programming.

“That 11 percent lit a fire under us to focus on building and growing







Yankee's "Shaky Shaky" was No. 1 on *Billboard's* Hot Latin Songs chart for four weeks, with more than 75 percent of its points coming from streaming.

[our Latin service]," Juárez tells *Billboard*. "Being first to market and being the first to have extensive Latin music went a long way."

According to Nielsen, which collects data from 15 services, streams of Latin music videos in 2016 through the week ending Nov. 3 stood at 21.4 billion, behind only R&B/hip-hop (34.2 billion) and pop (21.8 billion).

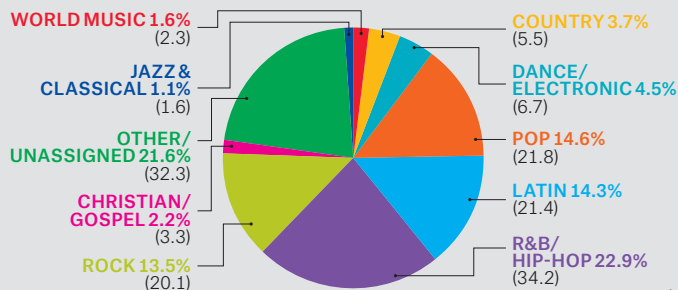
"This is not something that only happened this year. We've been building for a while now," says Spotify's Guerrero, noting that after the launch of "Baila Reggaetón,"

"the artists started getting so many streams that they began breaking into the global charts. The real game-changer was when we decided to have a Latin editorial voice [curation by a person rather than an algorithm] with playlists. When Latin playlists became massive, I doubled my team."

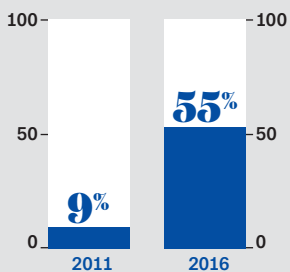
And with that growth comes market awareness: On Pandora, for example, the biggest Latin genre is regional Mexican.

"There has been an awakening about Latin power in the U.S.," adds Juárez. "You just can't ignore it." ●

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11-17



Journalist **Don Waller**, who contributed to *Billboard*, the *Los Angeles Times* and others, died of lung cancer. He was 65.

11-23



**Joe Esposito**, Elvis Presley's professional aide and close friend who also worked as a road manager for **The Bee Gees** and **Michael Jackson**, died of natural causes in Calabasas, Calif. He was 78.

**Fred Stobaugh**, the lyricist behind the 2013 viral hit "Oh Sweet Lorraine" and the oldest person to appear on the Billboard Hot 100 — at 96 — died in Peoria, Ill. He was 99.

11-25



*Jersey Boys* star **Mark Ballas** and singer-songwriter **BC Jean** — aka musical duo **Alexander Jean** — wed at Calamigos Ranch in Malibu.

11-29



The manuscript of Austrian composer **Gustav Mahler's** "Second Symphony" sold for \$5.6 million at Sotheby's, a record-breaking sum for musical compositions.

**The Bee Gees** signed a long-term worldwide agreement with Capitol Records.

Warner Music Group appointed Sony Music stalwart **Ole Obermann** chief digital officer/ executive vp.

The Bee Gees





11-30



**Leo Corson** joined the contemporary music department of APA's concerts division.

**Jamie Foxx** announced plans to executive-produce a limited series about the late **Marvin Gaye** alongside Motown veteran **Suzanne de Passe** and **Madison Jones**.



Foxx

**Beastie Boys' Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz** teamed with Los Angeles vegan shoe/apparel company Keep on a limited-edition "Ramos" shoe to benefit Planned Parenthood.

**Ricky Martin** bought an 11,300-square-foot mansion in Beverly Hills for \$13.5 million.

Sources close to **One Direction's Liam Payne** and *X Factor* host and **Girls Aloud** alum **Cheryl Cole** confirmed that the couple is expecting a child together.



Payne (left) and Cole

SB Projects founder **Scoter Braun** and wife **Yael Cohen**, co-founder of F— Cancer, welcomed son Levi Magnus Braun.

Riot Fest co-founder **Sean P. McKeough** died of unknown causes. He was 42.

Manager **Ron Laffitte (Pharrell Williams, OneRepublic)** exited the Maverick Management consortium, forging a new partnership, Patriot Management, with Live Nation CEO **Michael Rapino**.

Live Nation Entertainment named **Lisa Licht** chief marketing officer of its U.S. concerts division.



Licht

Creative Artists Agency signed music supervision company Earworm Music.

Hitmaker **Benny Blanco** signed a long-term partnership with Downtown Music Publishing.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

**Dec. 5**  
Johnny Rzeznik (51)

**Dec. 7**  
Sara Bareilles (37)  
Tom Waits (67)

**Dec. 8**  
Nicki Minaj (34)  
Nick Zinner (42)  
Sinéad O'Connor (50)  
Gregg Allman (69)

**Dec. 9**  
Imogen Heap (39)  
Tre Cool (44)  
Kara DioGuardi (46)  
Donny Osmond (59)

**Dec. 10**  
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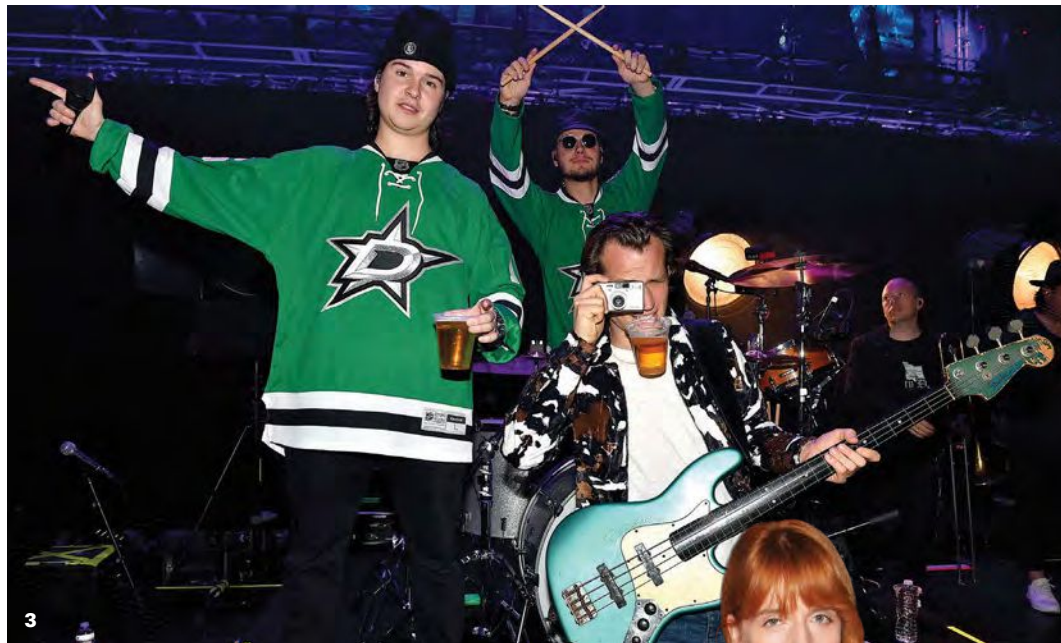
From left: Bruno Mars, Lady Gaga and The Weeknd lit up the stage as the musical talent for the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show at the Grand Palais in Paris on Nov. 30.



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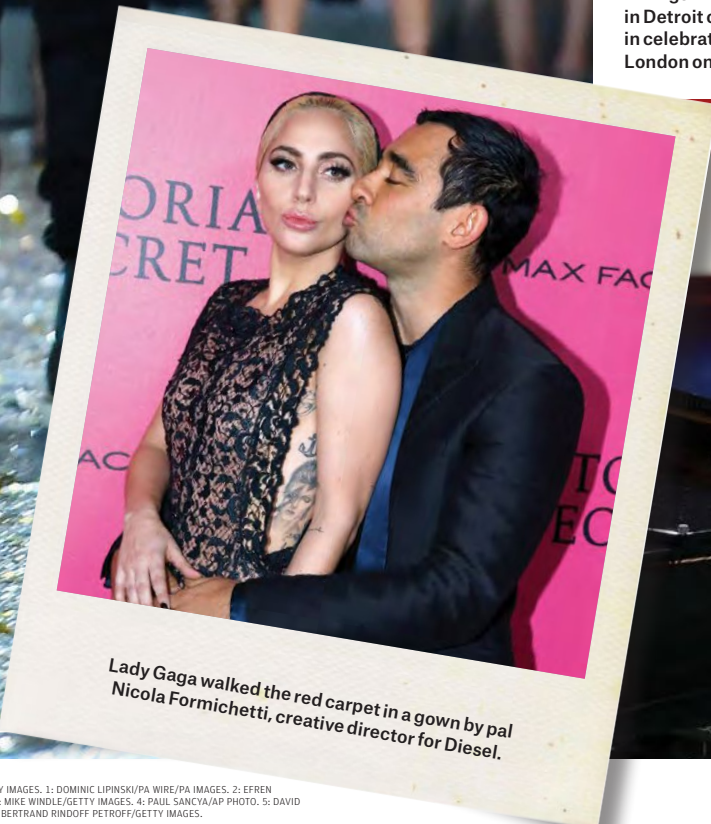


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1 Prince William (left) knighted Universal Music Group chairman/CEO Lucian Grainge to the Order of the British Empire and Knight Bachelor for his accomplishments in the music industry at Buckingham Palace in London on Nov. 29. 2 Rihanna and Cuba Gooding Jr. at the Footwear News Achievement Awards in New York on Nov. 29. 3 From left: Lukas Graham's Lukas Forchhammer, Mark Falgren and Magnus Larsson at KBKS' Jingle Ball at American Airlines Center in Dallas on Nov. 29. 4 Detroit native Aretha Franklin sang the national anthem at the NFL's Minnesota Vikings-Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day game at Ford Field in Detroit on Nov. 24. 5 Florence Welch at Porter's Letters Live in celebration of its Incredible Women of 2016 at the V&A in London on Nov. 29.



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Lady Gaga walked the red carpet in a gown by pal Nicola Formichetti, creative director for Diesel.



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**6** Taylor Swift (fourth from right) and Kelsea Ballerini (far right) posed backstage with Todrick Hall (center) and the rest of the cast of *Kinky Boots* at the Al Hirschfeld Theater in New York on Nov. 23. **7** From left: Metallica's Robert Trujillo, James Hetfield, Lars Ulrich and Kirk Hammett at The Opera House in Toronto on Nov. 29. **8** Elton John (left) and Conchita Wurst at City Hall in Vienna on Nov. 24. **9** Savages' Johnny Beth at Brixton Academy in London on Nov. 25. **10** Tony Bennett at the 99th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York on Nov. 24. **11** From left: Ezra Koenig, Rashida Jones and Mark Ronson at the New York Knicks-Charlotte Hornets game at Madison Square Garden in New York on Nov. 25.

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1 From left: UNICEF president/CEO of the U.S. Fund Caryl Stern, Clinton and Spencer. 2 Williams (left) and Bloom. 3 Perry. 4 Live Nation chairman of global touring Arthur Fogel and UNICEF board member Kaleen Lemmon. 5 Bareilles. 6 Violinist Margot and DJ Mia Moretti of The Dolls during their performance.



# UNICEF's Snowflake Ball

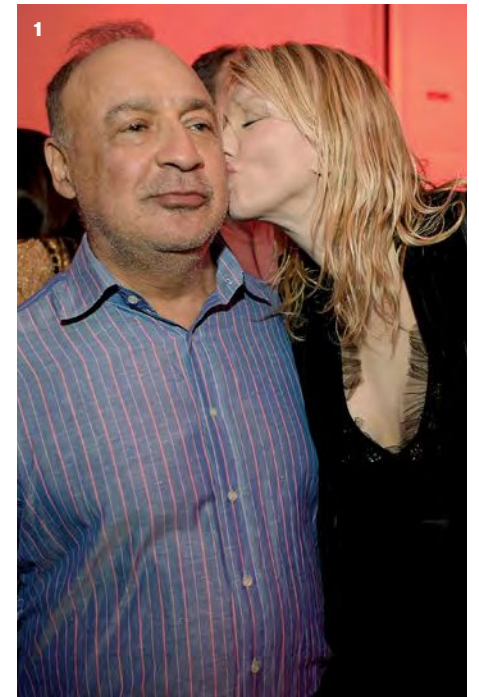
NEW YORK, NOV. 29

HILLARY CLINTON MADE A RARE POST-ELECTION appearance at UNICEF's 12th annual Snowflake Ball to surprise honoree **Katy Perry**, an outspoken supporter throughout her presidential campaign. "On a personal level, I cannot tell you how delighted I am to be here to help celebrate a global megastar and someone whose powerful voice and creative lyrics remind us when you get knocked down to get back up," Clinton said while presenting the Audrey Hepburn Humanitarian Award to the musician, who was immediately brought to tears as the gala's attendees at Cipriani Wall Street gave her a standing ovation. "We need champions like Katy now more

than ever: her passion, her energy and, yes, her voice, louder than a lion." Perry, an ambassador since 2013 who raised more than \$1 million for UNICEF during her most recent world tour, jokingly asked the ballroom, "Does anyone have a tissue?" And as Clinton exited the stage, Perry told her, "Hillary has lit that voice inside of me, and it will continue to get brighter and brighter and brighter. Thank you, Hillary." **Octavia Spencer** hosted the star-studded event, also attended by Perry's beau **Orlando Bloom**, **Allison Williams** and **Téa Leoni**, and with performances by **Sara Bareilles** and the cast of *The Color Purple*. —ASHLEY LEE

# Art Basel

MIAMI, NOV. 29



1 Warner Music Group vice chairman/owner Len Blavatnik and Courtney Love at the Faena Forum Unveiling on Nov. 29 as part of Art Basel, which runs through Dec. 4. 2 From left: Fat Joe, artist Alec Monopoly and TAG Heuer CEO Jean-Claude Biver at TAG Heuer Miami Design District on Nov. 29. 3 Chaka Khan at White Cube & Soho Beach House's party that celebrated Anselm Kiefer on Nov. 29.



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# 'I'VE LEARNED TO SAY NO'

Sweden's latest top 40 teen export, Zara Larsson has braces, an allowance — and three Hot 100 hits this year

BY MICHELLE DEAN  
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# The Heart

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"I will not trash-talk girls in my songs," says Larsson, photographed Nov. 9 at Dirty French in New York. Watch an exclusive interview at [Billboard.com](http://Billboard.com).

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"I THOUGHT I WOULD BE A SUPERSTAR," SAYS **Zara Larsson**, recalling the only time her career hit a roadblock: in 2008, at 10 years old, after she won *Talang*, the Swedish edition of the *Got Talent* TV franchise, by belting power ballads by **Celine Dion** and **Whitney Houston**. The pop singer, now 18 and wearing a short black dress and thick eyeliner, says she was "expecting record deals to rain all over me." Larsson fidgets in her seat at the Manhattan bistro Dirty Laundry. "They kind of did," she says of the offers, "but they were shitty ones. So, I just went back to school." Today, with glam squad and designer clothes in tow, she looks much closer to the near-superstar who has become one of Epic's top priorities than she does a schoolgirl — at least until she opens her mouth to reveal two rows of clear braces.

It has been only four years since a 2012 deal with Sweden's TEN Music Group (which broke **Icona Pop** around the same time) led to 14-year-old Larsson's continental breakout single, "Uncovered," which has gone platinum six times over in Sweden and laid the groundwork for her 2013 stateside deal with Epic. "Never Forget You," her 2015 collaboration with U.K. star songwriter **MNEK**, blew up across Europe before becoming her first U.S. hit this summer, reaching No. 13 on the Billboard Hot 100. Now, she's preparing for her long-awaited debut full-length, due in early 2017. "I'm just trying to do good pop," says Larsson with a shrug. "That might sound boring, but I don't think it is at all."

Growing up in Stockholm, Larsson developed an interest in '90s divas like Dion and Houston. Her family, she says, is "not musical at all." Her mother is a nurse, her father in the military; Larsson still lives with them when she's not recording in Los Angeles. And though she avoids calling them managers ("In the long run, you destroy your relationship with your parents if you let them manage you," she says), her mother travels with her on extended trips and handles her finances. "If she didn't take care of my money, I would be balling," she says frankly. "And then I would be broke in a week."

Larsson instead took a slow route to the pop charts, staying in school even as "Uncovered"

turned her status as a 10-year-old reality-TV novelty into a platform for international success — mostly while resisting the siren song of Stockholm's legion of hitmakers (Brits **MNEK** and **Mike Spencer** claim credits on her most recent two singles). Larsson's heritage has its advantages, however. "When I'm in Los Angeles and I say I'm Swedish and I'm a singer, they're like, 'Oh, you're Swedish?' People respect it — it gives me confidence."

Producer **Poo Bear**, best known for his Hot 100-topping **Justin Bieber** collaboration "What Do You Mean?," was one of the industry heavyweights impressed with Larsson's pop bona fides. "I was sitting down with [Epic CEO] L.A. Reid, and he asked who I wanted to work with at Epic," says the producer (real name: **Jason Boyd**). "I was like, 'I want to work with Zara.'" After just eight hours in the studio, the pair had recorded two songs together, both of which are expected to make her as-yet-untitled album.

Larsson's pragmatism translates to her musical tastes. "I'm pretty mainstream," she says, citing **Lady Gaga**, **Adele** and **Ariana Grande** as some of her favorites. **Beyoncé**, naturally, also makes the cut, though Larsson doesn't have any delusions about making the next *Lemonade*.

"Beyoncé can do whatever the hell she wants — success gives you freedom," she says. "I'm just trying to collect songs that people love to listen to. When I'm recording, it's like, 'Turn the Auto-Tune up' — not because I can't sing, but because it's an effect that makes people go 'Oooh.'" One thing she and Queen B share, though, is a willingness to be outspoken — especially about feminism. "I will not trash-talk girls in my songs,"

says Larsson, whose Instagram once included a photo of herself with a condom on her leg, as a rebuke to men who don't wear them. "Let's just trash-talk the guy. Nobody cares about him." One look at her Twitter, which boasts more than 700,000 followers, confirms that those kinds of statements are typical of the young star ("Tired of these ugly ass grown ass men always tryna tell young women what to do and not," she recently declared). As Poo Bear puts it, "She has a very clear understanding of who she wants to be."

The singer, who says she would be a teacher if she weren't a pop star, is earning her high school diploma while on the road and co-hosts a Swedish-language podcast whose title roughly translates to "Truth Mamas" with her childhood best friend ("We just talk shit for an hour a week, and people love it"). That doesn't leave much time for guys, trash-talk-worthy or otherwise. "I'm not going to spend my time and energy on some boy now," she says. "I'm going to get these checks, and when I'm 30 I can settle down."

The next step is getting her album out — something that's still in flux, though so far it includes a slew of polished, radio-ready tracks, including the rambunctious lead single "Ain't My Fault" and collabs with **Wizkid** and **Ty Dolla Sign**.

Larsson, who just scooped up the best new act trophy at MTV's European Music Awards, sees the forthcoming release as a huge leap from where she started. "When I look at my first EP now, I'm like, 'Why did you allow people to make you sing these songs?'" she says. "Now, I won't record shit that I don't like. I learned along the way to say no — that's the most important thing." ●



From top: Larsson auditioned for *Talang* in 2008; with her 2016 EMA for best new act.

## OVERHEARD

BY SELMA FONSECA

### Pia Toscano's Posh Pre-Wedding

Former *American Idol* contestant **Pia Toscano** isn't getting married until Jan. 7 in New York, but on Nov. 30 she and her choreographer fiancé, **Jimmy Smith**, held a "West Coast wedding reception" for friends and family at The District by Hannah An in Los Angeles. Smith, who is **Jennifer Lopez**'s lead choreographer, performed with four fellow hoofers, then slow-danced with his betrothed as *America's Got Talent* contestant



**Ryan Edgar** serenaded the couple with **Ed Sheeran**'s "Thinking Out Loud." Guests included Lopez's ex-beau **Casper Smart**.

### YG: F— Trump, Just Don't F— Up My Video Screen

Even anarchists have rules, as California rapper **YG** demonstrated at his Red Bull Sound Select 30 Days in L.A. concert on Nov. 29. Continuing a tradition initiated for his F— Donald Trump Tour, YG had a

life-size piñata of president-elect **Donald Trump** lowered from the rafters of The Wiltern Theater in Los Angeles, then sought out volunteers to whack it, saying, "I need a black, a Hispanic, a white, an Asian, a Filipino on the stage." The rapper then explained to the chosen five that before the clobbering started, "I got three rules. Rule number one: Don't hit me. Rule number two: Don't hit that \$100,000 [video] screen right there. Rule number three: You crazy-ass motherf—ers don't hit each other." Ultimately it took six concertgoers, whaling away in unison, to smash the effigy.



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SPOTLIGHT

# From Death's Door To Drake 'And A Ferrari'

How a shooting motivated 21 Savage to become hip-hop's most sought-after new MC

BY DAN RYS

The bullets flew on the night **21 Savage** turned 21 years old. Just before midnight on a Tuesday in October 2013, Savage — born **Shayaa Joseph** — was ambushed on the east side of his hometown Atlanta and shot six times before he could grab the perpetrator's gun and fire back. His attacker was arrested;

Savage was rushed to a hospital with his first gunshot wounds.

Savage doesn't avoid the topic, but he doesn't give much detail, either. "It just made me slow down in the street," says the 24-year-old. "I had to find something else to do. So rapping was what I did."

Three years later, 21 Savage — the "21" is taken from his block growing up, the "Savage" from his pre-rapping, gun-toting life — is the hottest young rapper among hip-hop's elite. Along with his single "X" (featuring **Future**), which is No. 37 on the Dec. 10 Billboard Hot 100, Savage recently hopped on **Meek Mill's**

"Offended" as well as "Sneakin'" from frequent Meek adversary **Drake**, acting as a neutral party between two warring rap titans.

"They both want to be No. 1, so they're just competing," Savage says dismissively. "Beef, to me, is like when n—as are ready to kill each other. That's the beef I'm used to."

Savage was expelled from the public school system of Georgia's Dekalb County for bringing a gun to class in the seventh grade, and dropped out by ninth grade. Another local rapper, **Key!** from the group **Two-9**, introduced him to producers **Sonny Digital** and **Metro Boomin**. Soon, Savage was developing his skills on "Skrrt Skrrt" and "Woah," both of which appeared on his debut, *The Slaughter Tape*, in May 2015.



Savage (right) and Future onstage in Atlanta in June.

Two more projects, *Free Guwop* and *Slaughter King*, drew label attention in 2015, but it wasn't until the July release of *Savage Mode* that his eerily calm delivery over spare, menacing beats congealed into a distinct aesthetic.

*Savage Mode* arrived on his own imprint, Slaughter Gang, and as the album kept climbing — it is No. 35 on the Billboard 200 in its 19th week, while "X" and "No Heart" (No. 57) continue rising up the Hot 100 — it caught the attention of Drake, who called him a "young king with all the juice right now" on Instagram in October. (Drake also recently gifted him a red Ferrari, according to Savage.) Drake's "Sneakin'" became Savage's highest-charting hit to date following its October release, reaching No. 28 on the Hot 100, and in early November, he signed with Epic Records.

"Major [labels] should be like the NBA: You should have to go to college, train, go to practice, camp, try out," he says. "I done did the hard work. It didn't just come to me because I got a cool song and my pop owned a label."

Savage will end 2016 on the road supporting **Young Thug**, before he gets to work on what will be his major-label debut. He says he is looking forward to "making my money, keeping my head down" and not getting caught up in hip-hop luxury. "I represent a n—a coming from nothing to something — shit, I got three songs on the *Billboard* chart and a Ferrari." He pauses and shrugs. "I don't know how else to explain it." ●

"I done did the hard work," says the 24-year-old.



Pasek (left) and Paul at the piano.

INSIDER

## THE LOVE SONGS OF LA LA LAND

By this time next year, 31-year-old composer-lyricists **Benj Pasek** and **Justin Paul** could be more than halfway to an EGOT. *Dear Evan Hansen*, the new Broadway musical from the former *Smash* composers (opening Dec. 4), follows an anxious teenager in the social media age and has inspired *Hamilton*-esque Tonys buzz. Then there's *La La Land*, **Damien Chazelle's** Oscar-vying movie musical (in theaters Dec. 15), for which they wrote the lyrics to **Justin Hurwitz's** score. The two speak about their pop sensibilities — and what it's like penning songs for **Ryan Gosling** and **Emma Stone**.

**Your style is very pop-influenced — do you listen to a lot of current music?**

**JUSTIN PAUL** I love everyone from **Sara Bareilles** to **Taylor Swift**, **Ingrid Michaelson**, **Ben Folds** — those are the artists I've listened to for the past 15 years or so. We've always been Broadway listeners and also radio listeners; good pop writing is always of interest.

**BENJ PASEK** For us, working on NBC's *Smash* also was a return to writing in the sound of what was on the radio. Our first show ever in college was like that, and it's similar in a way to *Dear Evan Hansen*.

**In contrast, how does *La La Land's* music fit into that modern approach?**

**PAUL** It's old-fashioned music that feels very fresh because of the contemporary story. There's this one ballad Emma sings that feels like a musical theater-influenced torch song, somewhere between the worlds of jazz and American songbook writing. But it's very much its own thing — little clashes of styles make it unique.

**What can audiences expect from Stone and Gosling as singers?**

**PAUL** Obviously no one has heard them sing like this before — we were as delighted as audiences will be. Emma's got a lovely voice; she can soar when she needs to, but her styling is so cool and quirky. And Ryan is a real crooner — very enticing and alluring. These are two people who can really sing. —REBECCA MILZOFF



Stone (left) and Gosling in *La La Land*.





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# What's Your Favorite Holiday Song?

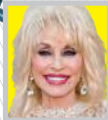
Pop legends and R&B upstarts reveal their go-to holiday hits

BY ROB LEDONNE



"'Hard Candy Christmas,' because a lot of folks don't get to have a big, fancy Christmas. But in this song I found hope and resilience. People need hope."

CYNDI LAUPER



"'Go Tell It on the Mountain' is probably my favorite Christmas song — certainly my favorite one to sing. It tells the story of Christmas, but it's fun and easy to sing: wonderful harmonies."

DOLLY PARTON



"'I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus' is so perfectly hilarious. I grew up with a single mom who worked hard to get those gifts under the Christmas tree, so I'm all for a mama getting her groove back with Santa after several glasses of eggnog."

PARSON JAMES



"I was just at Disneyland. They were playing 'Jingle Bells' on one of the rides and immediately I was like, 'Oh, it's Christmas!' There's no other song that makes me feel like that one does — I guess I'm a kid in that way."

JHENÉ AIKO



"My favorite holiday song is 'White Christmas' because it's the first song I recorded for my holiday album *Miracles*. It was a test to see if I liked the way my saxophone sounded doing holiday songs — of course, the rest is history."

KENNY G



Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" is the most downloaded holiday song of all time.

## XMAS HITS BY THE NUMBERS

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Weeks "The Chipmunk Song," by **The Chipmunks** with **David Seville**, spent at No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 from 1958 to 1959 — the only holiday tune ever to top the chart.

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Holiday albums that have topped the *Billboard* 200, from 1957 — **Elvis Presley's** *Elvis' Christmas Album* — to 2011, with **Michael Bublé's** *Christmas*.

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Weeks **Brenda Lee's** "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" has spent atop the *Holiday Airplay* chart, the most in the list's 15-year history.

3.2M

Number of downloads of **Mariah Carey's** "All I Want for Christmas Is You," the most of any holiday song.

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Number of Christmas albums sold in 2015, down 20.6 percent from 2014.

—KEITH CAULFIELD

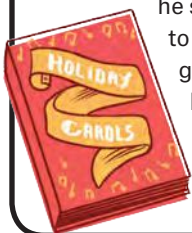
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## PENTATONIX'S TIPS FOR KICKASS CAROLING

A cappella groups are predisposed to Christmas carols, but **Pentatonix** is especially adept, with three holiday LPs and *A Pentatonix Christmas Special* (Dec. 14, NBC). **Mitch Grassi** (second row, right) gives a choir crash course

### 1. Start Easy

Grassi, 24, says that picking the right caroling medley comes down to understanding your group's vocal strengths and weaknesses, but there are some old standbys for both novices and experts. "Start with 'I'll Be Home for Christmas,' which is warm and nostalgic, and then move on to 'Carol of the Bells,'" he says. "If you want to challenge yourself, go with 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,' which is a little more difficult but classic-sounding."



### 2. Rev Up The Cords

Warming up is key — it's going to be cold out there, says Grassi, and you want your voice to be ready for the chill. "If you don't rehearse properly, you're going to sound a mess when you get to the doorstep," he cautions. Along with the extra practice time, Grassi recommends using "fun twists" to spice up an arrangement. "Do something people are surprised by — a beatbox breakdown is always cool."



### 3. Look The Part

Caroling, says Grassi, is an audiovisual experience, so display your holiday cheer proudly. "You need a big coat and a Santa hat, or maybe a reindeer-antler headband with some jingle bells added on," he says. "You can bring a thermos of eggnog, or maybe some holiday candy to give out. Try to have your songs memorized, but bring sheet music if you feel like you might need it. Other than that? Bring a big smile."



—JASON LIPSHUTZ





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# HEAR SAY

A LOOK AT WHO'S SAYING WHAT IN MUSIC

COMPILED BY NATALIE WEINER



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Mensa

*"I want nothing more than to see the families that were divided to come together again and for all the years of pain to come to an end."*

—CAMILA CABELLO

The Fifth Harmony singer, who is Cuban-American, on the death of Fidel Castro, on Twitter.

*"Yeah, I did keep it."*

—THE WEEKND

The singer sharing what he did with his dreadlocks after cutting them off, in an interview with Zane Lowe on Beats 1.

*"standing rock is BLM. standing rock is LGBTQ rights. standing rock is the latino struggle. all this shit is one."*

—VIC MENSA

The rapper explaining his support of protesters of the Dakota Access Pipeline, on Twitter.

*"As women we are told that we cannot be multi layered.. we are put in boxes.. we can't be all the above.. reclaim yourself."*

—KEHLANI

The R&B up-and-comer explaining her just-announced album title, *Sweet Sexy Savage*, on Twitter.

*"LISTEN IN ORDER LIKE I HANDED YOU A 90 MINUTE MAXELL CASSETTE."*

—LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

The composer tweeting about the recently released *Hamilton Mixtape*.

*"Poor Nickelback. They take the brunt of a nation's jokes, and I'm sure they're crying all the way to the bank."*

—ROBB HARTLEN

The Kensington, Prince Edward Island, constable telling the CBC about a (joking) initiative to play Nickelback to people arrested for drunk driving.

*"Rather than a movement for change, punk has become like a f—ing museum piece."*

—JOE CORRÉ

The son of The Sex Pistols' manager before setting \$7 million worth of punk memorabilia on fire.

## BRAND NEW FACE

### NOAH CYRUS: 'MILEY SAYS, "THERE WILL BE HATERS"'

**ROOTS** Noah Cyrus says she was a "tour bus baby," learning how to harmonize while on the road with her dad, **Billy Ray**. Still, the 16-year-old wasn't sure she would follow in the footsteps of her sister **Miley** and her brother **Trace (Metro Station)** while growing up on the family farm in Nashville. "For years I had been riding horses and staying away,"

she says. "Then, two years ago, I started writing and I fell in love with it. I knew that this is what I want to do."

**BREAKTHROUGH** On Nov. 16, Cyrus unveiled her debut track, "Make Me (Cry)," a solemn duet with British R&B star **Labrinth** that was written earlier in 2016 and raked in more than 2 million streams in its first chart week, according to Nielsen Music. The song was released through **Barry Weiss'** RECORDS venture with SONGS Music Publishing and received an elegant music video directed by **Sophie Muller** ("I adored her video for **Rihanna's** 'Stay,'" says Cyrus).

**MILEY'S ADVICE** The elder Cyrus sister, 24, informed Noah that

"there are always going to be haters" and that having a thick skin is the most important part of a successful pop career. "She told me to not look myself up, ever," she says. "I've turned my comments off on Instagram. I think that was the best thing I could have done right now."

**UP NEXT** Cyrus will be writing more songs for her debut album in the coming months, with an eye on pop radio in 2017. She understands that whatever she releases naturally will be compared to her sister's work. "We're going to be told that we sound alike," she says. "It doesn't take me by surprise, and it doesn't bother me."  
—JASON LIPSHUTZ



Being compared to Miley "doesn't bother me," says Noah Cyrus.



A close-up portrait of a woman with long, wavy, reddish-brown hair and light-colored eyes. She is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a soft smile. The background is dark with some light streaks.

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# Style

## Gift Guide Unwrapper's Delight

From \$18,000 guitars to iced doggy cakes, *Billboard* offers presents inspired by what artists and execs hope to score this season

BY SHANNON ADDUCCI and ADRIENNE GAFFNEY  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY LUCAS ZAREBINSKI

*The Gear,  
The Looks,  
The Trends*

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*If I could be so lucky, my gifts would consist of a Puffco pen, Saint Laurent glitter boots and a sewing machine. I'd love to get my brother a vintage Busato guitar as a thank you for being my lifelong music guru.”*

**LIZZY PLAPINGER** VOCALIST, MS MR;  
CO-FOUNDER, NEON GOLD RECORDS

### AN \$18,000 ACOUSTIC GEM

Musician, guitar expert and broker Matt Umanov has seen some memorable guitars during his 51-year career; he's the guy who did work for Bob Dylan and Eric Clapton in the '60s, after all. But the 1944 acoustic created by Bartolo Busato, one of Paris' best luthiers of the Manouche-style guitar, says Umanov, is "one of the most amazing and fabulous models I've ever played." That declaration alone speaks volumes.

BUSATO 1944 rosewood flat-top acoustic guitar, \$18,000; [umanovguitars.com](http://umanovguitars.com).



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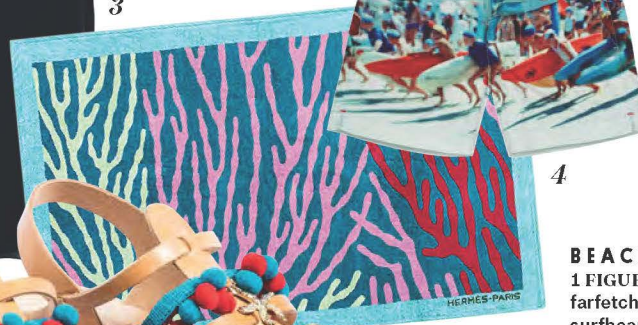
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What I'm most hoping for is a family vacation at Andy Irons' home in Kauai, Hawaii. It is the perfect mix of relaxation for me and surfing for my husband and two stepchildren.”

**MARCIE ALLEN** PRESIDENT, MAC PRESENTS

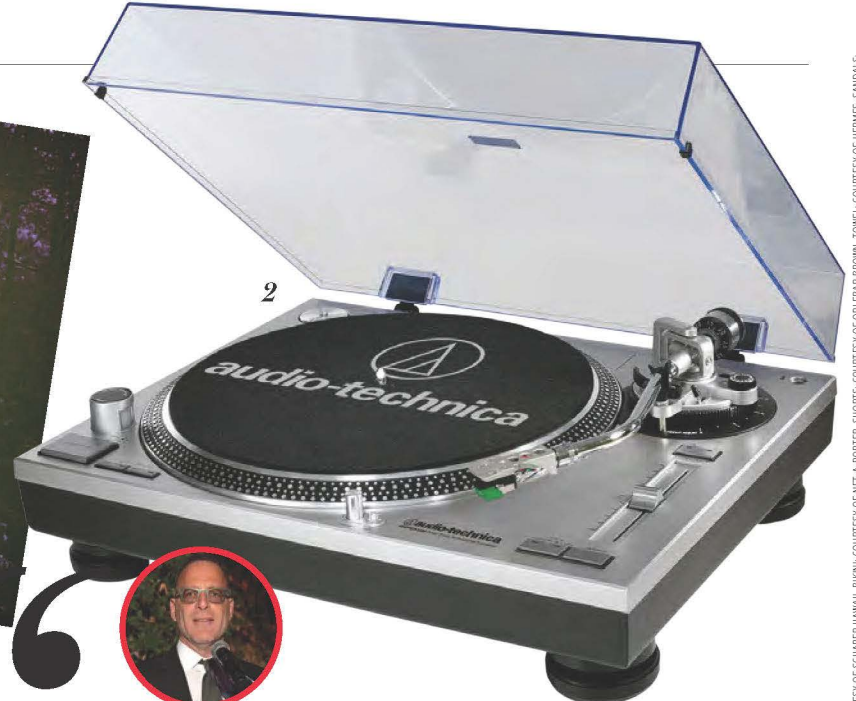
Situated on Hanalei Bay, the \$4.3 million oceanfront three-bedroom with a pool that was formerly owned by the late surfing star is a prized rental (starting at \$1,370/night). Phil Jones, of concierge service Pure Kauai (purekauai.com), recommends booking world-class surf instructor Russell Lewis while you're there, and pinpoints May as the best time for a trip: "It's that sweet spot before summer when it's not super-crowded and the weather is perfect."



**BEACH DREAMS**  
 1 FIGUE embroidered tassel Tikki dress, \$895; farfetch.com. 2 SCHAPER HAWAII Pro Short surfboard, \$450; schaperhawaii.com. 3 HERMES printed beach towel, \$630; hermes.com. 4 ORLEBAR BROWN Happy Sandboys photographic children's swim shorts, \$195; orlebarbrown.com. 5 KIINI crochet-trimmed Flor triangle bikini, \$165, and briefs, \$120; netaporter.com. 6 ELINA LINARDAKI macrame, pom-pom and Swarovski-crystal Maude sandals, \$176; elinalinardaki.com.



**SOUNDS SO GOOD**  
 1 ASSORTED VINYL from Rock and Soul, prices upon request; 212-695-3953. 2 AUDIO-TECHNICA AT-LP120-USB direct-drive professional turntable with USB output, \$249; audio-technica.com. 3 MARSHALL Mid Bluetooth headphones with phone compatibility, \$200; marshallheadphones.com. 4 MCINTOSH LABS MB50 streaming wireless audio player, \$2,000; mcintoshlabs.com. 5 DEVIALET Gold Phantom wireless speaker, \$2,990; en.diavelet.com.



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I'm hoping for an Audio-Technica Professional Turntable. I'm looking forward to playing Margo Price's Midwest Farmer's Daughter and the old Tom Jones albums I had as a kid—especially A-tom-ic Jones!”

**STEVE SCHNUR** WORLDWIDE EXECUTIVE FOR MUSIC, ELECTRONIC ARTS

This highly affordable \$249 model delivers on price and more: "You don't need to buy a separate preamp and it's USB-compatible, which is always nice for someone who might want to digitize their records," says Sharon Bechor, manager of Rock and Soul, New York's top DJ-equipment store.

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On my list to give: donations to the JBJ Soul Foundation and Detroit Water Project. Also, for me, YSL's Teddy jacket and the Louis Vuitton Grigori backpack. Both are instant classics."

**ERIC WONG** EXECUTIVE VP/GM, ISLAND RECORDS

Black and white is timeless, but the key to keeping it cool this season is playing with the details, which shouldn't veer to other hues. "Keep what you're wearing clean, polished and minimalist to achieve a modern look," says stylist Zoe Costello (Vic Mensa).

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**BINARY BOOTY**

1 SAINT LAURENT wool and leather Teddy jacket, \$2,390; ysl.com. 2 HUBLOT Big Bang Unico Sapphire watch in all-black, \$64,000; hublot.com. 3 LOUIS VUITTON leather Grigori backpack, \$3,200; louisvuitton.com. 4 STAMPD ripstop five-panel Downtown L.A. cap, \$55, and cotton and leather Downtown N.Y. snapback, \$80, stampd.com. 5 LANVIN stripe-applied high-top sneakers, \$695; barneys.com.



This holiday season, my dream would be to wake up with a lot more patience! I also always am a fan of simple and tasteful modern gold jewelry, and love H.Stern because it has very unique and fun pieces."

**GABY MARTINEZ** SENIOR VP MARKETING, WARNER MUSIC LATIN AMERICA

It's impossible to go wrong with gold. "People are looking for classic staples that they love that are a little bit more elevated," says designer Michael Saiger, whose ASAP Rocky-endorsed Miansai line (miansai.com) expanded to include fine jewelry this season. "For holiday gifts, what I really like is the simplicity of one of our thin screw cuffs with the pavé bar." It's effective enough to not need layering.



**AUROUS FOR ALL THINGS AMOROUS**

1 H. STERN yellow gold and diamond Copernicus earrings, \$1,800; hstern.net. 2 MIANSAI gold and pavé-diamond mini angular chain necklace, \$800, and thin modern screw cuff, \$6,700; miansai.com. 3 CIRE TRUDON Cynos scented candle, \$105; netaporter.com. 4 LEE SAVAGE Cross Stack clutch, \$1,395; leesavage.us.com.



**RUFF STUFF**

1 BIG BOI & BOBBI Cool & Chic dog shampoo, \$9.99; bigboiandbobbi.com. 2 TERRY O'NEILL limited-edition David Bowie Diamond Dogs 1974 print, price upon request; nestcasa.com. 3 LIBERTY OF LONDON lphis dog collar, \$138; libertylondon.com. 4 DOCA PET Dogleg diner, \$119; ronrobinson.com. 5 BUBBA ROSE BISCUIT COMPANY personalized Merry Woofmas dog cake, \$32.95; bubbarose.com. 6 ULTRA PLAY doggy crawl, \$9,058.50 (pictured tunnel is part of an extensive arena); homedepot.com.

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I have a Goldendoodle named Idnit, short for 'Idnit So Cute.' I would love for him to have a doggy jungle gym in the backyard so he could play with other dogs whenever."

**D.R.A.M.** RAPPER-SINGER (AKA SHELLEY MARSHAUN MASSENBURG-SMITH)

For the artist who has everything, focus on his or her furry companion instead. "When somebody pays attention to your pet, it's a really nice connection," says Bobbi Panter, who partnered with Outkast's Big Boi on a line of natural pet shampoos that Ludacris and Snoop Dogg use to lather up their pooches.



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*Billboard's* annual celebration of music's highest achievers, starring the peerless [Madonna](#), then honoring trailblazers ([Kesh](#)a), chart-toppers ([Meghan](#)) and rule breakers ([Alessia](#)) among many, and finally saluting the [100 \(!\) top execs](#) whose innovation and determination propel the business forward





WOMAN OF THE YEAR

# MADONNA

With her acclaimed Rebel Heart Tour, she shattered box-office records throughout 2016, but even more than that, her compassion, inclusiveness and utter fearlessness is just what's needed at year's end – and beyond

BY ELIZABETH BANKS



"Even at my birthday parties, I want people to have an amazing experience. I want them to be sucked into a world of magic and be transported," says Madonna, photographed by Mert Alas and Marcus Piggott on April 17 in London.





"Art is how I express myself, and art is how I can change the world."



# IN THE EARLY DAYS

of September 2001, I was driving down Santa Monica Boulevard on my way to a call-back for Guy Ritchie's adaptation of *Swept Away*, starring his then-wife Madonna, when it dawned on me: Instead of turning left toward the office buildings, I would be veering into the residential area. *I was going to Madonna's house.* Her music had been the soundtrack to my preteen angst, and she was my idol as a feminist and as an artist. Naturally, I pulled the car over, called my sister and had a mini-freak-out.

When Madonna walked into Guy's home office that day, her little son, Rocco, was perched on her hip. She told me that my audition was funny and that I'd be good in the movie, and I just tried to keep breathing. I assume it was in that moment that Guy concluded I'd be the perfect, nubile idiot to cast in *Swept Away*. I won the part. The next few weeks were surreal for all of us. I had seen Madonna in concert as a teenager and had splurged on tickets for her Staples Center show scheduled for Sept. 11, 2001. Needless to say, that concert was postponed as the world came undone. But a couple of weeks after we met, I watched Madonna finish her Drowned World Tour. Before the music began that

ELIZABETH BANKS is an actress, producer and director. Through her company, Brownstone Productions, she produced *Pitch Perfect*, directed *Pitch Perfect 2* and is producing *Pitch Perfect 3*, set for release in December 2017. Her favorite Madonna songs are "Holiday" and "Music."

## MATERIAL STATS

**\$170M**

Worldwide gross for Madonna's Rebel Heart Tour, according to Billboard Boxscore

**38**

Her record number of top 10 singles on the Billboard Hot 100

**46**

Number of No. 1s she has had on the Dance Club Songs chart, the most for any artist on a single *Billboard* chart

night, she started with a prayer for peace: "If you want to change the world, change yourself," she told the crowd. Through tears, I sang along for the entire show.

Anyone who has ever had the opportunity to work alongside her — as I did in Malta during those next couple of months — understands why Madonna is Madonna. She works harder than anyone I've ever met; she exists in this world by her own rules; she has remained in control of her own voice, paving the way for the Taylor Swifts and Adeles of the world to do their thing in the process. During the course of her more than three-decades-long career, all of those instincts have helped her land the most top 10 singles on the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart, and hold the record for the most No. 1s by any act on a single *Billboard* list (46 No. 1s on Dance Club Songs). With more than \$1.3 billion earned from her groundbreaking concert tours through the years, as reported to *Billboard* Boxscore, she now reigns, at age 58, as the highest-grossing female touring artist of all time. Her most recent trek, the Rebel Heart Tour, grossed \$170 million during the course of 82 performances, concluding in March 2016. (A concert film chronicling the tour, *Madonna: Rebel Heart Tour*, premieres Dec. 9 on Showtime.)

But it has never really been about the numbers for Madonna. Whether through her music, her devotion to her family — daughter Lourdes, 20; son Rocco, 16; son David Banda, 11; and daughter Mercy James, 10 — her advocacy for LGBTQ rights or her ongoing work with Raising Malawi, the nonprofit she co-founded in 2006 to help combat the extreme poverty experienced by the African republic's orphans, Madonna's existence has always been rooted in making the world a more inclusive place. There is no higher calling.

On a recent Monday afternoon in between parent/teacher conferences for my kids and meetings for *Pitch Perfect 3* — a film that focuses on young women finding harmony through music — Madonna and I reconnected over the phone. Since there is no shortage of Madonna books, articles, blog posts and career analyses, I just wanted a snapshot of Madonna right now, in this moment, because she is a woman who lives in the present and never looks back.

### Where are you today?

I'm in New York, trying to get my Raising Malawi art auction together for Art Basel in Miami. Just dealing with artists and temperamental people.

### How many artists will you feature?

It will probably be 12 amazing works of art. I wanted to keep it to artists that I collect

myself or I'm friends with or art from my own collection. Originally it was just going to be art, but now it's also experiences, so I'm trying to make them as interesting as possible. For instance, one is a trip with me to Malawi, where my son and daughter [David Banda and Mercy James] are adopted from. Another is playing poker with Jonah Hill and Ed Norton, and another is staying at Leonardo DiCaprio's house in Palm Springs for a week. I didn't think it was going to be as complicated as it is, but, oh well, that's life. It's complicated because I'm involved with everything: the lighting, the curtains, the flowers, the decor, the food. I've tasted too many bad bottles of wine. This auction is an extension of me, so I want everything to be beautiful, tasteful and well-appointed. It becomes exhausting because I need to be involved in every aspect of it: the people who are speaking, the clothes people are wearing, the music on the playlist.

### Will there ever be a time that you let go of that control, or is this like, "I have to?"

I have to.

### Where does that come from?

Obviously, you could say it has to do with my childhood, if you're going to psychoanalyze me: My mother dying and me not being told, and a sense of loss and betrayal and surprise. Then feeling out of control for the majority of my childhood, and becoming an artist and saying that I will control everything. No one will speak for me, no one will make decisions for me. You could say I'm a super control freak. That's what everybody likes to say. I don't want to have an event that I'm not proud of. It's like everything that I do. My shows, my films, my house, the way I raise my children. I take great offense when details are overlooked.

### I want to ask you about ageism in the music world. In Hollywood, as you know, it's rare for women to find great roles as they get older. I imagine it's even tougher to be a woman of a certain age in pop music. When you go into the studio or mount a tour like *Rebel Heart*, are you concerned about staying relevant?

I don't care. It's the rest of society that cares. I don't ever think about my age until someone says something about it. I feel that I have wisdom, experience, knowledge and a point of view that is important. Can a teenager relate to that? Probably not. But that's OK. I understand that. "Relevance" is a catchphrase that people throw out because we live in a world full of discrimination. Age





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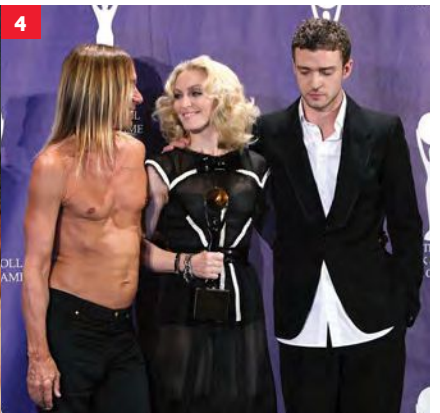
*Madonna*

Hello to all of my Valentines ♡.  
 my vacation is over and it's back  
 to the grindstone. I just recorded  
 a new song called "I'll Remember"  
 for my good friend Allet Leshishious new  
 movie "With Honors" so look for the soundtrack.  
 it's my Valentines present to all of you.  
 I haven't slept all week cause we've  
 been shooting the video but now it's finished  
 and I can close my eyes for 2 seconds.  
 I'm starting to get ideas for my next album  
 which I can't wait to start working on so  
 wish me luck and for those of you  
 who missed the HBO special, "The Girlie  
 Show" is gonna be out on video any  
 second. I'm sending you a million kisses  
 and hoping that you're all being either  
 very good or very very bad!!! XXX  
 Love Madonna

“AGE IS ONLY BROUGHT UP WITH REGARD TO WOMEN. I DON'T EVER THINK ABOUT IT UNTIL SOMEONE ELSE BRINGS IT UP.”







1 Sean Penn and then-wife Madonna at a screening of Penn's movie *At Close Range* in Los Angeles in 1986. 2 With daughter Lourdes at the 2011 *Vanity Fair* Oscar party. 3 Onstage with a cone bra in 1990. 4 With Iggy Pop and Justin Timberlake at her 2008 induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in New York. 5 On the set of *Desperately Seeking Susan* in 1985. 6 A note to fans circa 1994 and lyrics to an unidentified song. 7 Members of opening act Beastie Boys opened fire on headliner Madonna at New York's Madison Square Garden in 1985. 8 With Michael Jackson at an Academy Awards after-party at Spago's in West Hollywood in 1991. 9 Rosie O'Donnell and Madonna in 1992's *A League of Their Own*. 10 Performing "Like a Virgin" at the inaugural MTV Video Music Awards in 1984. 11 In the "Like a Prayer" video, 1989. 12 A video still from the techno-inspired "Ray of Light," 1998. 13 Madonna and friends nuzzled in her photo book *Sex*, released in 1992. 14 With schoolchildren at Mkoko Primary School in the region of Kasungu in central Malawi in 2013. She is flanked by her adopted children, David (to her left) and Mercy (to her right). 15 Onstage in support of Hillary Clinton in New York's Washington Square Park on the eve of Election Day.



## 'She Doesn't Invest In What People Think Of Her'

What does it take to keep a fashion icon at the top of her game for more than 30 years? Madonna's longtime fashion collaborator, Arianne Phillips, dishes on their partnership

Arianne Phillips is the Academy Award-nominated costume designer behind *Walk the Line* and *A Single Man*. Yet it is the nearly 20 years she has spent working as a stylist to Madonna, spanning countless TV and red carpet appearances and six tours, including the 2016 Rebel Heart Tour, for which the 53-year-old is best known. Phillips, who cites the 1998 "Frozen" video, the 2000 "Don't Tell Me" video and the 1998 VH1 Fashion Awards as three of her favorite style moments, says that working with Madonna is both rewarding and challenging: "She's an artist who's seen by the world."

Walk us through the process of putting together Madonna's tour wardrobe.

Madonna and I usually start talking four to five months before a tour. I work with a big crew — just the prep side alone can reach 25 people — because



Phillips (left) with Madonna in 2006.

it's not just Madonna. There are also 20 dancers, two backup singers, a band and often she has speciality performers.

How much creative control does Madonna exert?

She has been at the top of her game for more than 30 years; she has a very strong point of view. Madonna also is a collaborator. She's always the hardest-working person on every set. Her work ethic is unparalleled. She really expects her collaborators to bring something to the plate.

How do you collaborate with fashion designers, like Gucci's Alessandro Michele, who worked on the Rebel Heart Tour looks?

It can be challenging because the looks have to sustain the brutalities of dancing and sweating and moving every night, along with quick changes. Ninety percent of the time the costumes are not show-worthy,

so what we do is rebuild them from the inside out, so they have the integrity and the look designers are trying to achieve.

Each look on Rebel Heart exudes power, as many of her looks have through the decades. Is "power" something you both consistently try to express?

Mostly what Madonna ends up wearing is an evolution of what is relevant at the time. I would say Madonna is a strong female artist who is attracted to just those things. The visuals reflect the music in a kind of seamless marriage of her point of view.

Madonna has been the target of some criticism about dressing appropriately for her age. Have you adjusted your approach to dressing her in her 50s?

It's sexist and ridiculous, and has no bearing for me. Madonna has an incredible amount of integrity as an artist. She doesn't invest in what people think of her, and that is the most liberating thing. —LAUREN INDVIK



Some of Phillips' favorites include the cowboy look in "Don't Tell Me" (left), her "classic looks," as exemplified by the yellow Olivier Theyskens gown (right) she wore to the VH1 Fashion Awards in 1998 and "the 'Hung Up' disco looks" of the Confessions Tour (bottom right).



Phillips designed the first-act costumes for the Rebel Heart Tour, an arresting mash-up of warrior dress (left) and religious iconography. To construct the looks, she took inspiration from a vintage John Galiano jacket and a dress designed by Murmur.

"When I think of greatness and what a legend is, I always think of Madonna. She has always been true to herself as an artist. She does things her way no matter what, and that always inspires me. Because she never backs down from her beliefs and takes risks, she has made history. Working with her was one of the proudest moments of my career. She's the ultimate boss."

— NICKI MINAJ

"Madonna paved the way for girls in pop to express themselves sexually, without apologizing. I really admire what she has created!"

— TOVE LO

is only brought up with regard to women. It's connected to sexism, chauvinism and misogyny. When Leonardo is 60 years old, no one is going to talk about his relevance. Am I relevant as a female in this society that hates women? Well, to people who are educated and are not chauvinists or misogynists, yes.

**Speaking of: How did you feel about the outcome of the election?**

It felt like someone died. It felt like a combination of the heartbreak and betrayal you feel when someone you love more than anything leaves you, and also a death. I feel that way every morning; I wake up and say, "Oh, wait, Donald Trump is still the president," and it wasn't a bad dream that I had. It feels like women betrayed us. The percentage of women who voted for Trump was insanely high.

**Why do you think that is?**

Women hate women. That's what I think it is. Women's nature is not to support other women. It's really sad. Men protect each other, and women protect their men and children. Women turn inward and men are more external. A lot of it has do with jealousy and some sort of tribal inability to accept that one of their kind could lead a nation. Other people just didn't bother to vote because they didn't like either candidate, or they didn't think Trump had a chance in the world. They took their hands off the wheel and then the car crashed.

**Were you surprised?**

Of course. I was devastated, surprised, in shock. I haven't really had a good night's sleep since he has been elected. We're f—ed.

**Do you know anyone who voted for Trump?**

Yeah, and I've gotten into major arguments.

**What did they say?**

That they would rather have a successful businessman running the country than a woman who lies. Just absurd. But people don't have faith in government as we know it. We live in a country that's run by bankers. In a way, it makes sense that Donald Trump is the president. Because money rules. Not intelligence, not experience, not a moral compass, not the ability to make wise decisions, not the ability to think of the future of the human race.

**What do you think artists' responses will be?**

I've witnessed many protests in Manhattan, but in the end the protests have to equal something. Something has to manifest.



"I worry about my kids, I worry about my health, I worry about the state of the world. There isn't anything I don't worry about."



### Do you think you can be an agent for change?

Well, of course you know the answer to that. I'm trying to figure out my response to Trump. I like the idea that women are marching on Washington, D.C., the day after the inauguration. I want to rain on his parade. I was put on this earth to fight for the underdog and fight against discrimination.

### As a fellow New Yorker, have you ever met the president-elect?

I wouldn't call him a friend or anything, but I've certainly met him. I did a photo shoot years ago at [Trump's] Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach [Fla.] for a Versace campaign. He's a very friendly guy, charismatic in that boastful, macho, alpha-male way. I found his political incorrectness amusing. Of course, I didn't know he was going to be running for president 20 years later. People like that exist in the world, I'm OK with it. They just can't be heads of state. I just can't put him and Barack Obama in the same sentence, same room, same job description.

### When you go to Malawi, or travel the world, you must clearly get a sense of how our president affects the globe.

We're the laughing stock of the universe right now. We can no longer criticize other governments, other leaders. I'm hanging my head in shame.

### What have you learned through your work in Malawi?

It really opened my eyes to what's going on in the rest of the world. It has connected me to organizations and NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] in other countries in Africa. It got me involved with the importance of secondary school for girls because girls are not encouraged to be educated in Africa. I've been working in Malawi for over a decade. I have a huge commitment and love for the country and I will never desert them. I adopted my two children that I'm so lucky to have living in my house right now. Since then I've been working tirelessly trying to make Malawi a more self-sufficient country. I've been building orphan-care centers, funding clinics and schools, and the list goes on. I've also been supporting this pediatric

surgeon, Eric Borgstein. He's an angel in human form who has given his life to looking after children. He's tireless and fearless and performs multiple surgeries a day in the most dire conditions. I couldn't take it anymore, so I built a hospital. I've been subsidizing education of other surgeons to work by his side so he doesn't do everything on his own. That's really what this Art Basel fundraiser is about: creating an endowment for the hospital with art. Art is how I express myself, and art is how I can change the world.

### When I visit your social media accounts, you're either posting about Malawi or about your family.

My family is everything. I will go to war for them. Whatever I'm fighting for, it's for my daughters and my sons. I want them to have a good future. I've created an unconventional family and we have discussions at the dinner table about all sorts of things. My 11-year-old son can speak eloquently about Malcolm X and Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela and James Baldwin. My daughter Mercy plays the piano and can talk to you about Nina Simone. I'm really proud of that.

### How do you decide when to include your children in your social media posts?

When I post their things, they give me permission. A lot of times they'll send me pictures and say, "Please don't post this," and I won't. They have private accounts, and I respect that. I also consider my children part of my work and the work that we do together.

### What is going on with you as a filmmaker?

I want to make more films, and I'm going to make more films. I've written screenplays and I'm hoping to make them next, but who knows. Making films is very complicated. There are a lot of people involved. When I go on tour I just go, "OK, I'm going on tour." But with films, I don't have that kind of control. It's much more frustrating for me.

### Besides Trump, what does Madonna worry about? Do you even worry about anything?

What? I worry about absolutely everything. I worry about my kids all day long. I worry about my health. I worry about whether I'm going to get things done in time. I worry about every project I'm working on. I worry about whether I'll get to sleep at night. I worry about the state of the world. There isn't anything I don't worry about.

"Madonna has always been an inspiration to me. She's a strong woman who knows what she wants and doesn't compromise her vision. And she's not afraid to reinvent herself – with every album she experiments more and pushes the envelope. That takes a lot of courage, which motivates us all."

— BRITNEY SPEARS

"Madonna is such a singular artist. She created the modern pop star and has pushed boundaries for music for 30 years. She's legendary, and yet she still brings this incredible young energy."

— DIPLO





"Songwriting is a great vent for me," says Twain, photographed Oct. 29 at Quixote Studios in West Hollywood. "I've definitely written about my emotions more than anything. It's my diary." Styling by Tiffany Gifford.

Twain wears a Jean Paul Gaultier top from New York Vintage and David Yurman earrings.



## ICON

## SHANIA TWAIN

She triumphed over a tough childhood, a conservative industry and a major breakup to sell 35 million albums in the U.S. and pave the way for a new kind of genre-crossing star (see: Swift, Taylor). At 51, with a new album on the way (“It was a big leap of courage for me”), she’s just getting started

By Michael Schulman / Photographed by Mary Rozzi

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HEN EILLEN TWAIN WAS in 12th grade — not yet Shania, not yet a global star — her music teacher asked her to sing an original song at a high school concert in Ottawa, Ontario. Though she had been singing professionally since she was 8, often to help her parents pay the bills, performing made her so nervous, she could feel it in her bladder.

When the MC called her name, she was sitting in the trumpet section of her school orchestra and felt a warm trickle down her leg. Thinking fast, she kicked over the glass of water next to her chair and said, “Damn! I spilled my water!” Then she took center stage with her acoustic guitar and knocked ‘em dead.

Every enduringly successful artist has a survival instinct, but Shania Twain’s is in Joan of Arc territory. Her impoverished childhood in Ontario, detailed in her best-selling memoir *From This Moment On*, reads like Dickens: parents who didn’t always have money for groceries and moved the family from place to place, sometimes to dodge the rent; five kids who would sleep in dirt-floored basements; a father who would get into violent fights with her mother, who sank into chronic depression. One of Twain’s first attempts at songwriting was titled “Won’t You Come Out to Play” — a plea for her mother to get out of bed.

All that happened before her 22nd year, when Twain was living in Toronto, trying to make it as a singer-songwriter, and got a call that her parents had been killed in a car accident. To support herself and her younger brothers (Twain has one older sister), she took a job in a Las Vegas-style revue in Huntsville, Ontario, where she lived in a cabin with no running water and washed her clothes in a stream. “Music has been my greatest therapy,” reflects Twain, 51, today. “It always has been. It’s a very great friend.”

Her life, and luck, changed dramatically in the early ‘90s, when she moved to Nashville and her clear, companionable voice got noticed. The rest is history: 35 million albums sold in the United States, according to Nielsen Music, the most of any female country artist in the last 25 years. Four No. 1s on *Billboard*’s Top Country

Albums chart, and seven on Hot Country Songs. Five Grammys, six Billboard Music Awards, five American Music Awards. Plus, a smash album, *Come On Over*, that holds the record for the most weeks at No. 1 on Top Country Albums, with 15.7 million copies sold in the United States, making it the best-selling album by a woman (or any solo artist) since Nielsen began tracking sales in 1991.

Equal parts grit and pluck, Twain was the ‘90s crossover queen, straddling country and pop with infectious hits that were upbeat and empowering. In songs like “You’re Still the One,” “Man! I Feel Like a Woman!” and “Honey, I’m Home,” Twain injected country twang with rock’n’roll muscle and feminist bravado, casting herself as a self-reliant modern gal: fun-loving but ambitious, sensual but tough — and unafraid to rhyme “stress” with “PMS.”

“Shania was elegant, edgy and bold,” says Taylor Swift. “She became everyone’s favorite woman because she represented how versatile a woman can be.”

THE COUNTRY I GREW UP WITH WAS DARING,” SAYS Twain today, curled up in a camouflage hoodie and jeans in a suite at The London West Hollywood, lightyears away from her early struggles. The idiosyncratic country stars she gravitated toward — Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson — “were not cookie-cutter people,” she says. “Some of them were really rugged. Some of them had criminal records! They were worlds apart stylistically, unique and original.”

But when she first got to Nashville, she was “a bit disappointed” to find “that sort of spirit wasn’t really acceptable,” recalls Twain. “It was too radical, and it made me feel insecure and like I didn’t belong.” The songs she was assigned for her self-titled debut album were formulaic; the industry’s attitude toward sex at the time prudish. CMT initially banned the video for her first single, “What Made You Say That,” because one of her outfits exposed her midriff. It was that initial dissatisfaction that pushed Twain to rethink what a female country star could be. “She was about as hard a worker as I’ve ever come across,” says Luke Lewis, who was the president of Mercury Nashville when Twain started out. “I asked her what her dreams were, and she said, ‘I want to be bigger than Garth Brooks.’”

“She was so undeniably herself,” says singer Kelsea Ballerini, who cites Twain as an influence and was born in 1993, the year her first album came out. “She wasn’t scared of anything.”

Twain’s ambition paid off: *Come On Over* spawned eight singles that reached the top 10 of Hot Country Songs; for a time, you couldn’t pass through a mall or a gas station without hearing them. In 1998, she set out on an 18-month stadium tour, traveling in a \$1 million personalized bus, with her beloved Andalusian horse, Dancer, accompanying her. By the early 2000s, Twain’s videos made her bare-midriff days feel like a distant memory — just think of her cyberpunk catsuit in “I’m Gonna Getcha Good!”

A new generation of female vocalists now see her as a trailblazer. “I learned to think outside genre boxes and the status quo by watching her reinvent herself,” says Swift. At CMT’s Artists of the Year event in October, Twain received a cross-genre tribute from Ballerini (country), Meghan Trainor (pop) and Jill Scott (R&B). At his Nashville concert in August, rapper and fellow Canadian Drake told the crowd that he “grew up a fan” and dedicated his set to Twain, who was in the audience.

Yet it wasn’t until her late 40s that, says Twain, “I felt, ‘Oh, I really own where I am. I guess I earned this.’” Now, on the heels of a two-year Vegas residency, she’s finally getting back to her first love: songwriting. “I’m very satisfied being a creative person,” she says. “I need that more than I need to be a performer. Songwriting, for me, is kind of like cooking; everyone has to cook sometimes. Why not write songs?”

## RUNAWAY TWAIN

- ▶ Sets the record for most weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard*’s Top Country Albums (50) with *Come On Over*, released in November 1997
- ▶ Sings alongside Mariah Carey, Celine Dion, Gloria Estefan, Carole King and Aretha Franklin at VH1’s first-ever *VH1 Divas* televised concert in 1998
- ▶ Inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in 2011, after previously winning five Grammy Awards
- ▶ With her *Still the One* residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas (grossing more than \$43 million in sales), performs 100-plus shows for 350,000 guests over two years
- ▶ Becomes the first female recipient of CMT’s Artist of a Lifetime Award in October



OVER IN THE NEXT ROOM IN HER hotel suite, Twain's husband, Swiss businessman Frédéric Thiébaud, quietly works on his laptop, his presence a reminder of one of Twain's more recent trials. In 2008, she was living in Switzerland with her then-husband, producer Robert John "Mutt" Lange, when she discovered that he was having an affair with her best friend (and his secretary), Marie-Anne Thiébaud. "I was ready to die — to go to bed forever and never wake up," Twain wrote in *From This Moment On*. "Or to hurt someone." Shocked and bereft, she commiserated with Marie-Anne's husband, Fred — and, incredibly, wound up marrying him, on New Year's Day 2011.

"It has been a real tug-of-war, trying to come to terms with very extreme emotions and explain it to people in the format of a song," says Twain. In Lange, she had lost not just a life partner but also a crucial collaborator. Having worked with the likes of AC/DC, Def Leppard and Bryan Adams, Lange reached out to Twain after her first album, whisked her away to Majorca and helped forge her groundbreaking hybrid sound. It was a risky proposition that succeeded wildly, as the pair turned out hit albums like *The Woman in Me* (1995), *Come On Over* (1997) and *Up!* (2002).

For Twain, the years after the breakup were a time of recovery. Through training and rehabilitation, she made her way back to performing after suffering a crippling vocal injury (a process chronicled in an Oprah Winfrey Network miniseries), toured North America (a "farewell tour" she says remains unfinished) and played Vegas. Embarking on her forthcoming record, which she expects to complete before year's end, without Lange was both liberating and scary. "It was a big leap of courage for me," she says. "I didn't know where to begin. I'd write every type of song, every type of lyric, every type of melody. Who is going to say, 'All right, let's hone in on this style?' I didn't have that direction, whereas with Mutt I did."

Nevertheless, she had a sounding board in Thiébaud ("He's a huge music lover"), and in producers like the 29-year-old DJ/dance artist Matthew Koma, whom Twain discovered through her and Lange's 15-year-old son, Eja. "This is one of the first times I got to work with somebody who was re-addressing what their message was after having had such a huge, impactful career," says



“IF I COULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND NOT FAMOUS, THAT WOULD SUIT ME BETTER.”

Koma. "She wasn't following rules that she previously has followed."

DO MOST OF MY WRITING IN THE bathroom," Twain says with a laugh. "Or in the basement. Or on the beach." She wrote much of the new album at her house in the Bahamas, though one song was written in a hotel closet. "It's a strange thing, but I do need that isolation. I need to feel alone and intimate with my thoughts."

She describes the finished product as "kind of schizophrenic musically," but maintains she's "the glue." Don't expect a wronged-woman credo like Beyoncé's *Lemonade*. "I talk a lot more about pain," she says, "but I didn't feel the need to be that literal about anger or hate. It's very triumphant in the end. I felt like, 'Whew! I made it through the album! I made it through writing all the songs!' It was an emotional roller coaster, and the lyrics reflect that."

Her own eclectic interests may show through: She enjoys listening to everyone from Twenty One Pilots to Rufus Wainwright and DJs like Cashmere Cat and Hardwell, whom she discovered through Eja. "Having that stuff on in the background, it has made me feel a little more courageous and confident and happy about where music is going," she says. And looking forward, she fantasizes about new collaborations: a duets album (Sia is high on her wish list), perhaps with one of her idols. "I went to a

Kanye West concert the other night," she says, "and backstage, someone passes me a phone and says, 'Here, talk to Stevie.' It was Stevie Wonder. And I'm chatting with him and thinking, 'Gosh, I never did get around to collaborating with him.'"

Backlit by a Hollywood view, Twain reflects on how far she has come since her hardscrabble childhood. "How do you all of a sudden feel like you belong, if you grew up your whole life not belonging? It's really tough to just flick that switch. Success doesn't give that to you. I'm not comfortable feeling famous or important. It just doesn't sit right with me at all. If I could be successful and not famous, that would suit me better."

Her voice softening, she adds, "I spent most of my childhood embarrassed or feeling insecure or inadequate. That stays with you. That's what that kind of life does to you. So, yeah, I try to enjoy my success in different ways. I think I'm finally starting to do that now."



## 5 Essential Shania Songs By Nick Jonas

The 24-year-old singer-songwriter has called Shania Twain his first celebrity crush and thanks her for "breaking barriers of genre to allow other people to think outside the box and push the envelope." Here, his favorite tracks by the woman he calls a "true inspiration"

### ➤ "Don't Be Stupid (You Know I Love You)"

1997

This is the first Shania song I ever heard. I remember the country-pop feel of the song was unlike anything else out there at the time, and I became a lifelong fan in that moment.

### ➤ "That Don't Impress Me Much"

1997

Shania was always so incredible at making iconic visuals for her music, as well as being cutting-edge production-wise. This video and song are, in a word, legendary.

### ➤ "You're Still the One"

1997

I got the chance to see Shania's Vegas show, and when she performed this song onstage with a white horse at her side, it really sealed the deal for me: Shania Twain, lifetime crush.

### ➤ "I'm Gonna Getcha Good!"

2002

The production and vocal performance on this are next-level. My brothers and I covered this song in 2008. I played drums and sang my favorite part, the pre-chorus, so the rest of the time I could rock out.

### ➤ "Forever and for Always"

2003

This song has been a major source of inspiration to me melodically. Back in the day, my brothers and I would warm up to this with our band, getting our harmonies locked in before the show.






"Self-doubt can creep into my thinking," says Twain, "so when I prove something to myself, it gives me a little more courage." Twain wears a Karl Lagerfeld top and Norma Kamali Collection pants from New York Vintage.

Watch an exclusive video of Twain discussing her success and how she learned to have fun in her work at [Billboard.com](http://Billboard.com).





"I'm having a good time," says Trainor, photographed by Miller Mobley on June 22 at 632 on Hudson in New York. "All my dreams are real right now."

Watch an exclusive video of Trainor and other honorees reflecting on the highlights of their past year at [Billboard.com](http://Billboard.com).

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## MEGHAN TRAINOR

The pop dynamo with two Billboard Music Awards under her belt nabbed a best new artist Grammy and a smash sophomore album with a top 10 single

Asked to rank her year on a scale of one to 10, Meghan Trainor doesn't hesitate: "This is the year I won a Grammy, right?" says the 2016 best new artist with a laugh. "Ten!" Since the smash success of her "All About That Bass" (a Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 for eight weeks), Trainor has duetted with Harry Styles and John Legend, co-written charting hits for Jennifer Lopez ("Ain't Your Mama") and Fifth Harmony ("Sledgehammer"), and, most recently, released her second album, *Thank You*, which peaked at No. 3 on the Billboard 200 on the strength of brassy lead single "No." Trainor's fourth Hot 100 top 10 hit. "Growing up, I remember I always wanted to be 22," says Trainor. "Now I am. I've finished a tour and sold out every show; got a Grammy; I have an amazing new

boyfriend [actor Daryl Sabara]. For some reason, I knew this would be my year."

### WRITING HOW-TOs

"When I walk into the studio, the first thing I think is, 'I'm dealing with this right now, but can I make a male relate to this too? Or a mother?' When I write about universal concepts, other artists are like fans: 'Oh, my God, I feel the same way!'"

### HORROR HABIT

"I've been on that *American Horror Story* grind. But I'm afraid of the dark! I have so many night lights in my room."

### KINDRED SPIRIT

"My boyfriend knows what it's like to be on a red carpet, to be super hot for a second with everyone talking about you. It's nice to have someone who actually understands."

—LEAH CARROLL





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RISING STAR  
**HALSEY**

Baring her soul in her lyrics (and on social media), she broke through with chart-topper *Badlands*, then scored a Hot 100 No. 1 with "Closer"

**W**hen I first started performing and traveling, everyone said it would get easier, and I was like, 'No, it's always going to be hard,'" says the 22-year-old electropop supernova Halsey. "But they were right. And it has been a surreal year." Her scores of fans (3.5 million followers on Twitter) would agree: Halsey's 2015 debut, *Badlands*, unleashed the millennial anthem "New Americana," debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 and went platinum within a month. In August, Halsey scored her first Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 with the Chainsmokers collaboration "Closer" (it spent 12 weeks atop the chart); now she's at work on her second album. "Sometimes I worry: What if I used up all my pixie dust on the first one?" she says. "But I'm proud to the point of tears of what I've

been able to create. Being a woman in this industry means using your platform to make every kind of woman feel empowered."

**ON REPEAT**

"I found the vinyl of Fleetwood Mac's *Rumours* when I moved to Los Angeles, and for a while I started every day listening to 'Dreams.' I found so much solace in the lyrics of those amazing songs."

**NEW 'DO**

"The first time I shaved my head, my fan base was in an uproar. This time, it's like no one's even surprised! It feels like my head can breathe."

**SHE OUGHTA KNOW...**

"Even if it was just writing together, I'd love to work with Alanis Morissette. She has been a huge part of me having the confidence to be the kind of artist I am." —MOLLY LANGMUIR

"As an artist and a feminist, I want to be all-inclusive and authentic," says Halsey, photographed by Miller Mobley on Feb. 11 at The Love Shack in Brooklyn.



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"I didn't set out to have a specific sound," says Morris, photographed by Austin Hargrave on Sept. 22 at Essanay Studios in Chicago. "I just wanted to sound like me, and 'me' is an amalgam of a lot of different influences."

BREAKTHROUGH

## MAREN MORRIS

With an undeniable voice and serious writing cred, she went platinum with "My Church" and took home the CMA's best new artist award

**M**y life has become a lot more ... structured," says Maren Morris of her whirlwind past year. She laughs, then adds: "In a good way! I probably needed it." November's Country Music Association Awards — where Morris performed her roof-shaking hit single "My Church," then won best new artist — felt like the new business-as-usual for the 26-year-old Texan. Her June debut, *Hero*, bowed at No. 1 on Top Country Albums, thanks in part to the buzz Morris first built on Spotify. Since then, "My Church" has gone platinum, and Morris opened for Keith Urban's recent arena tour (she'll headline her own starting in February). And though Morris started out writing for the likes of Tim McGraw and Kelly Clarkson, it's clear her voice now stands strongly on its own. "Having people sing my lyrics back to me at every show is the hardest evidence that they're translating to a massive number of people," she says. "You can't shake that feeling."

### WAIT FOR IT

"When I was 16, I wanted a record deal so badly, for it all to happen right away. It's so much sweeter to know that everything I have now is the result of really sweating for it."

### ALL SHE WANTS TO DO...

"I would love to collaborate with Sheryl Crow. Everyone's chasing the sound she had on those early albums. They sound like they were made yesterday."

### HOMECOMING

"Playing Dallas' American Airlines Center was like going home for a high school reunion. To be on that stage with an entire cheering section — I started crying." —NATALIE WEINER



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**D**uring the past year, Andra Day's voice — a stunning alto recalling her idols Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald — has felt inescapable. Her rousing aria "Rise Up," the certified gold lead single from her soulful 2015 debut, *Cheers to the Fall*, peaked at No. 6 on the Adult R&B Songs chart, earned a Grammy nomination and became a de facto anthem for the Black Lives Matter and equal rights movements. "I pray about all the songs I do," says 31-year-old San Diego native Day, "but with this one in particular, I've watched it affect things on both macro and micro levels. I've always wanted my music to be honest, and this year I see it truly changing the trajectory of people's lives."

**PERSONAL POWERHOUSE**

"Michelle Obama's zeal for women, education and health has changed the way I look at myself and at my ability to accomplish things, my capacity to effect change. I'm grateful to her on so many levels."

**HER LEADING LADIES**

"Adele is absolutely a bright spot; she dances to the beat of her own drum and connects with people in such a spiritual way. And I love Laura Mvula's new album, *The Dreaming Room*; she's like a modern-day Nina Simone to me."

**A WOMAN'S WORTH**

"Women in this industry need to know that their value does not lie in their physical beauty or their sexuality. Our characteristics are rich and necessary for a world that can survive and thrive." —ADELLE PLATON

"I always want that hook of hope in my music," says Day, photographed by Austin Hargrave on June 10 in Manchester, Tenn.

**POWERHOUSE**

**ANDRA DAY**

Her stirring voice demanded that listeners "rise up," yielding two Grammy nominations and sending her *Cheers to the Fall* to the R&B Albums top five



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"You can embrace any sort of weird quality about yourself and use that to empower you, rather than make you feel alienated," says Cara, photographed by Austin Hargrave on Sept. 22 at Essanay Studios in Chicago.

**W**hen you listen to [pop] music, it's either really happy or really sad," says Alessia Cara. "No one ever touches on the feeling of 'Eh, I kind of don't want to be here.'" No one, that is, until Cara herself. The 20-year-old Canadian singer-songwriter's breakthrough, "Here," an alt-R&B soliloquy about hating a house party, peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard Hot 100 in February. Since then, she has opened for Coldplay's world tour and landed the lead single from Disney's *Moana* soundtrack, "How Far I'll Go," all while remaining fiercely herself. At the MTV Video Music Awards preshow in August, she duetted with Troye Sivan on their synth-pop collaboration "Wild" and performed her own "Scars to Your Beautiful" wearing no makeup. "I'm not doing it just to be a rebel," says Cara. "I want to show people alternatives to [conventional] standards of beauty. I always find power in struggles. You end up a lot happier that way."

RULE BREAKER

## ALESSIA CARA

Whether singing an ode to outsiders (which shot to the Hot 100's top 10) or performing makeup-free on MTV, she redefines what a pop star can be

**GIRL POWER**

"As a young girl, I'm always going to have to work a bit harder to prove myself; that's just reality. But having to work harder makes me feel like girls are stronger, too."

**DREAM COLLAB**

"Frank Ocean would be incredible; I'd love to be a sponge and absorb everything he says. Every song he puts out, I'm like, 'Why didn't I think of this?'"

**ADVICE TO A YOUNGER ALESSIA**

"Shake the idea you are not capable: You don't have to be born with this magical creativity, you can develop it. And don't let anybody tell you what you are and what you're not: The only person who knows that is you."

—CAMILLE DODERO



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## KESHA

Her raucous hits have soared to the top 10 of the Billboard Hot 100, but this past year the singer-songwriter used her voice to speak out for herself – and found a community of artists willing to rally on her behalf



"I've grown into an adult woman who realizes the power of my voice," says Kesha, photographed by Olivia Bee on Nov. 21 at Harvard House Motel in Los Angeles. Styling by Samantha Burkhart. Kesha wears an Any Old Iron jacket; Palace Costume pants, tie and shirt; Marc Jacobs shoes; and Mociun and The Way We Wore rings.





**T**he Kesha of chart-topping fame — a wild child whose golden ear for a party-starter earned her 10 Billboard Hot 100 top 10 hits — was not the same Kesha who sang a beautifully minimalist rendition of Bob Dylan’s “It Ain’t Me, Babe” at the Billboard Music Awards in May, backed only by violin and Ben Folds on piano. “It felt like the first time I actually let myself be seen for who I truly am,” says Kesha, 29. “I let my guard down and just let my voice carry the song. It was one of the most special moments of my career.”

It also was a poignant one: Since 2014, Kesha has been in the midst of a protracted legal battle to free herself from her recording contract with Lukasz “Dr. Luke” Gottwald, whom she accused of physical, sexual and emotional abuse (though she recently indicated she is willing to release new music through her existing contract). Earlier in 2016, a

host of artists (Kelly Clarkson, Lady Gaga, Lorde, Demi Lovato and Haim, to name a few) started a #FreeKesha movement on social media, and, buoyed by that support, Kesha recently set out on tour. She says the new songs she’s working on “showcase my vulnerabilities as a strength and not as a weakness. In the past, I always felt like I was trying to prove something. Now, I’m writing what I want to share with the world, rather than trying to give the world what it wants. For better or worse, I’m just me.”

#### **FREEDOM FIGHTER**

“During this election, I met a lot of LGBT homeless youth and was incredibly inspired by them. I want to promote equality until the day I die.”

#### **SUPPORT SYSTEM**

“Adele is nothing but class. She reached out to me privately and publicly in the middle of winning her own award [at the BRIT Awards]. What a beautiful soul.”

#### **CO-WRITES**

“I’ve been writing a lot with Wrabel, who also is an artist. We have so much fun together. I’d love to collaborate with Mick Jagger, David Byrne, Bob Dylan and Neil Young. A girl can dream!” —REBECCA MILZOFF





"I've realized that no matter what, we have to be there for each other as human beings," says Kesha. "I believe it's my responsibility to fight for the rights of others when I can." Kesha wears a Foxhole shirt, Elisa Solman necklace and Kelly Cole bandanna.



WOMEN IN MUSIC 2016 / HONOREES



"I've battled a lot of things, including anxiety and depression," says Kesha. "Finding the strength to come forward about those things is not easy. But maybe, by telling my story, I can help someone else going through tough times." Kesha wears a Nicholas dress, Charlotte Olympia shoes, The Way We Wore belt and ring, Yoko London choker, Le Vian ring and Palace Costume bow and tie.

HAIR AND MAKEUP BY VITTORIO MASCECCHA USING ORBÈ HAIR CARE AND ANASTASIA OF BEVERLY HILLS AT OPIE BEAUTY. MANICURE BY MIHO OKAWARA. PROP STYLIST: ALI GALLAGHER. ON-SITE PRODUCER: FRANCINE NAZARO.



# THE 100 MOST POWER



"I'm really proud of the state of women artists in music now," says Saint John, photographed Nov. 7 at Smashbox Studios in Culver City.



# POWERFUL WOMEN IN MUSIC

EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

## BOZOMA SAINT JOHN

HEAD OF GLOBAL CONSUMER MARKETING, ITUNES/APPLE MUSIC

A year ago, she was the streaming service's secret weapon. Now, after a headline-making onstage appearance and a series of high-profile, star-studded ads, she's the (glamorous) new face of Apple Music

BY SHIRLEY HALPERIN / PHOTOGRAPHED BY RAMONA ROSALES

**W**HEN APPLE'S BOZOMA SAINT JOHN TOOK the stage at the company's Worldwide Developers Conference in June, grooving along to "Rapper's Delight" while demonstrating the new functions of Apple Music, the couple of thousand gathered at San Francisco's Bill Graham Civic Auditorium strained their necks to take in the 6-foot-1 "badass," as Twitter declared when her name started trending. Within minutes, *BuzzFeed* blasted a post titled "Bozoma St. John Is the Coolest Person to Ever Go Onstage at an Apple Event," while *The Verge* proclaimed "Apple's Bozoma Saint John Is My Hero." Both noted the significance of the first black woman to present at an Apple event.

To hear Saint John, 39, describe the moment, history wasn't on her mind. In fact, the head of global consumer marketing for iTunes and Apple Music finds the constant preface of "black" and "woman" in articles about her "annoying." "I am one of the best at what I do," she says, "regardless of being a woman and being black — those are benefits!" Thinking back, the engineers stirring in their seats weren't of much concern to her, either. "The strategy was to talk to the people outside — those who are going to be watching in their office or on the phone, the people on social media," she says. "They need to feel like their best girlfriend just told them about this cool new thing. It needed to feel fun because that's what the experience of music is. So when no one [in the room] was really going along with the lyrics, it wasn't scary because I could hear the roar of the crowd outside. I know they're jamming."

That Saint John was chosen to represent the streaming service, undergoing days of script doctoring and intense run-throughs under the watchful eye of Apple CEO Tim Cook, is a testament to her influence on the \$596 billion tech giant. She joined the company through Beats, which Apple acquired three months after she started working there in 2014. Says Jimmy Iovine, who hired her: "She's a force of nature. She walks it. She talks it. She knows what's going on, whether it's fashion, music, sports... That's what attracted me to her. I didn't need a technology person; I needed someone to sell a streaming service. And if she could sell me, she could sell anybody."

Quickly upstreamed to head up music marketing efforts, Saint John was soon stewarding such buzzy campaigns as the ad featuring Taylor Swift's workout wipeout to Drake and Future's "Jumpman" (followed six months later with a commercial showing Drake pumping iron to Swift's "Bad Blood"), and another starring Mary J. Blige, Kerry Washington and Taraji P. Henson and directed by Ava DuVernay, which premiered on Emmys night in 2015. In the latter,



the ladies played themselves, trading music notes through which consumers could be introduced to the playlist concept. The clip became a social media sensation, prompting conversations about race and gender and helping drive subscribers to Apple Music — 17 million of them, as last reported by the company in September.

“Talk about black girl magic,” says Saint John. “Marketers sometimes get caught in this lie that you must talk to people only in the voice that they recognize. So if you’re a 35-year-old white woman, I must speak to you as a 35-year-old white woman. And that is not true. Mary J. Blige can talk to you, and we’ve proved it. This wasn’t just about music, or even about Apple Music, it was about the greater conversation in our world. All of this divisiveness is not real.”

**A** NATIVE OF GHANA WHO MOVED to Colorado Springs, Colo., at 13, Saint John has been an observer of pop culture for as long as she can remember. “I consumed it like I was getting a Ph.D. — it was survival,” she says of her teenage years. “No one would talk to me. I was the outsider, so it was born out of necessity, to see what people were doing, thinking, saying — anything that would give me clues as to how to behave or engage.”

Saint John first entered the marketing and advertising world through Spike Lee’s firm, Spike DDB. It was there that her relationship with Beyoncé was forged (through a 2002 Pepsi commercial), eventually developing into a decade of collaborations that hit its apex during Super Bowl XLVII in 2013, when, as head of music and entertainment marketing for Pepsi, Saint John played a key role in securing the singer for the halftime show.

But Saint John’s career high came with a personal low that same year, when her husband, Peter Saint John, an advertising producer, died of cancer. She relocated from New York to Los Angeles with her daughter, now 7, to join Beats. “It was a time for reinvention,” she says. “There was all kinds of trepidation, but there was no better place to be.”



Left: Apple Music commercial featuring (clockwise from left) James Corden, *The Late Late Show With James Corden* executive producer Ben Winston, Iovine, Cue and Saint John.



From top: Saint John with Chance the Rapper; first lady Michelle Obama and President Barack Obama; and Mary J. Blige.



“I AM ONE OF THE BEST AT WHAT I DO — REGARDLESS OF BEING A WOMAN AND BEING BLACK.”

**I** NEEDED, SEEING SAINT JOHN SASS late-night host James Corden alongside Apple senior vp Internet software and services Eddy Cue in a September ad for Apple Music, you get the sense that this is a woman who feels at home not just in the Culver City complex that serves as Apple’s Los Angeles headquarters, but in the male-dominated culture of Silicon Valley. “Boz doesn’t get intimidated,” says Iovine. “She wants to learn. If there’s something she doesn’t know, she’ll say, ‘I don’t understand that, but this is what you want it to feel like.’”

Saint John, who says she’s still easily marketed to — “I’m single-handedly responsible for keeping the nail polish business alive,” she cracks — considers the collective’s role as “pioneers. We’re cutting down forests and trying to look through the trees,” she says of the Apple Music executive team, which also includes Larry Jackson and Robert Kondrk (Saint John reports to head of marketing Jon Gieselman). “We’re trying to transform something that seems complex and scary into the most exciting and inviting party you’ve ever been to.”

Still, the tech industry is behind the curve when it comes to diversity (some 71 percent of Silicon Valley is male and 60 percent white), and it’s a burden that Saint John, who has spent time with first lady Michelle Obama (“Home girl is straight-up gracious and an amazing woman”), feels she must carry personally. “When I meet with Tim Cook, I don’t say, ‘How are you making diversity happen here?’ I’m responsible for who I hire and who I partner with, be it agencies, media companies or artists,” says Saint John, who oversees 50 staffers. “When bringing on new employees, I challenge people to look for someone who is nothing like them.”

This kind of counter-programming is central to “Brand Boz,” as Saint John likes to tout, taking pride in the fact that she still stands out, much in the way she did while “jamming” to Michael Jackson and Taylor Dayne in the formative early ’90s. So how does it play out in a board room today? Says Saint John with a laugh: “I walk in with my Beyoncé warrior face on.”

THE MARKETING MAVEN

How Spike Lee And A Soft Drink Giant Launched A Career

**Spike DDB**  
SENIOR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE (2000-2004)  
With Pepsi as a client, Saint John turned to Beyoncé for a brand alliance. Even as far back as 2002, “We knew we were looking at someone who is magic forever and has legendary status.”

**Ashley Stewart**  
VP MARKETING AND E-COMMERCE (2009-2011)  
Saint John’s stint here reflected her love of fashion: “Why would plus-size clothes not come in the current style? You’re cutting out so much of the population,” she says.

**PepsiCo**  
HEAD OF MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING (2011-2014); SENIOR MARKETING MANAGER (2005-2009)  
The soda giant provided Saint John with an enormous stage and audience: the Super Bowl halftime show.

**Apple**  
HEAD OF GLOBAL CONSUMER MARKETING; ITUNES/APPLE MUSIC (2014-PRESENT)  
“Part of the success of Apple is that people are trusted to do what it is that they do, and they do it well,” she says. “Leadership gives you autonomy.”





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# LEADERS OF THE PACK

Twelve trendsetting executives in music, media and streaming who shattered the glass ceiling through leadership, innovation, an eye for talent and the drive to deliver dollars

► **Julie Greenwald\***

CHAIRMAN/COO, ATLANTIC RECORDS GROUP

► **Camille Hackney, 45**

EXECUTIVE VP BRAND PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMERCIAL LICENSING, ATLANTIC RECORDS; HEAD OF GLOBAL BRAND PARTNERSHIPS COUNCIL, WARNER MUSIC GROUP

● **WMG's prophets of profitability**

On a Friday in November when Atlantic Records (and an affiliate) held five of the top 10 spots on the Hot 100, Julie Greenwald sat in her New York office reflecting on the company's biggest year since she and chairman/CEO Craig Kallman took over in 2004. Greenwald works at the head of a long desk — originally made for a dining room. ("If you're in this room, you have a seat at the table and I need your opinion," she says.) Along the window sill overlooking 51st Street sit signed posters from Ed Sheeran and Bruno Mars, both of whom call her a "bad muthaf—a." It all sets the tone for a company where the mother of two — she's married to former MTV executive Lewis Largent — mixes the hustle she has long been known for with a familial vibe.

That hustle has nearly doubled Atlantic's market share the last 12 years to 9.08 percent — track equivalent albums (TEA) plus stream equivalent albums (SEA) — through the third quarter of 2016, putting the label second only to Columbia, though that's not the metric Greenwald tracks.

"I always watched our industry do crazy, dumb stuff in the name of market share, and it didn't mean that they were super profitable," she says. "I wanted to be profitable so I could keep growing staff and getting more resources. I came in with a mission statement and said, 'I don't want to be the biggest company, I want to be the best company.'" Since 2004, she has worked toward that by building a diverse roster that includes breakouts from rapper-singer Kevin Gates (whose first album *Islah* has earned 1.1 million equivalent album units, making it the top-selling debut studio set of 2016), R&B singer-songwriter Kehlani (who earned her first two Hot 100 hits in 2016, including "Gangsta," from the film *Suicide Squad*, which hit No. 41), rapper-producer D.R.A.M. (who had a left-field No. 5 on the Hot 100 with "Broccoli") and K Michelle, whose *More Issues Than Vogue* became her second album to hit No. 2 on the Billboard 200.

Atlantic also holds three slots on the list of 2016's best-selling albums year to date — unstoppable alt-rockers Twenty One Pilots and the soundtracks to *Hamilton* and *Suicide Squad* — and that's before the Nov. 18 release of Bruno Mars' third album, *24K Magic*. Meaning, the best year Atlantic has had since Greenwald got there is about to get better.

Hackney, meanwhile, has hooked up artists on Warner Music Group labels with lucrative branding deals. The mother of three orchestrated several major partnerships in the past year: Missy Elliott and Sprite, Janelle Monáe and Pepsi, and a multigenre, multi-artist (Charlie Puth, Brett Eldredge, Sofia Reyes, Ty Dolla Sign) tie to Fiat Chrysler for a TV commercial during the 2015 American Music Awards. While the Fiat spot generated more than 9 million YouTube views, Hackney points to the Elliott/Sprite partnership as a point of pride. "That was the third time we were able to work with The Coca-Cola Company and Missy. I love it when we can do repeat business with a brand."

**BIGGEST SPLURGE** Greenwald "A brownstone in Brooklyn Heights. It should be ready to move into in spring/summer of 2018."

**Hackney** "My chocolate-brown Fiat 500c convertible. I have a husband and three small kids and we cannot fit in it — legally — but it does not matter because it's all mine. I love it."

\* Declined to reveal age



MICHELLE: HAIR BY LEANNA HINES. MAKEUP BY JONATHAN FERNANDEZ. GREENWALD: HAIR BY COLBY SMITH AT FED ROOT. KEHLANI: HAIR BY LUISA POPVIC. MAKEUP BY LUAH STEWART USING MAKEUP FOREVER.

"Julie's such a boss. She inspires me to have presence as a woman in the industry and to speak up when I want to get things done because she doesn't take no bullshit." — Kehlani

From left: Michelle, Greenwald, Kehlani and Hackney photographed by Meredith Jenks on Nov. 16 at the Atlantic Records offices in New York.







WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PREPARE FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP?

“I was at a John Legend listening event, where he quoted Paul Robeson: ‘Artists are the gatekeepers of truth. We are civilization’s anchor. We are the compass for humanity’s conscience.’ I have no doubt we’re about to enter a time where music is going to inspire and unite.” — Marissa Morris, iHeartMedia



**Sara Clemens, 45 ▼**

COO, PANDORA

● **Converting enemies to allies**

When Pandora founder Tim Westergren returned to the company as CEO in March, one of his first acts was to promote Clemens to COO. At the time, labels and publishers were still suspicious of the Internet radio service’s efforts to drive down royalties, which included a 2013 purchase of a South Dakota terrestrial radio station to qualify Pandora for cheaper songwriting rates under law. (ASCAP president Paul Williams publicly denounced the sale as a “stunt.”) Now, 10 months into her new role, and with Pandora poised to launch a new interactive streaming service in January, Clemens has made allies out of the company’s biggest skeptics.

“In a year, we’ll have built a new service, gotten the licenses and launched,” says Clemens, a New Zealander who lives in San Francisco’s Glen Park with her husband, the COO of a financial-tech startup. “But the real accomplishment is the change in our relationship with the industry.”

As chief strategy officer in 2015, Clemens oversaw Pandora’s purchases of the data company Next Big Sound (in May, terms undisclosed) and Ticketfly (October, \$450 million) — acquisitions made to give artists and labels more tools to market tickets directly to fans. She also led the charge on other artist-friendly resources and innovations (like a data dashboard to track listening habits) that ultimately made productive negotiations possible.

“She walked into a very tender situation,” says Westergren. “Label by label, artist by artist, she built a change in perception.”

All of this was essential to the 2017 launch of Pandora’s interactive service. “It won’t be 40 million songs and a search box,” says Clemens, declining to offer more detail. “We’ll give people the most personalized experience of any online service.”

**FIRST FEMALE ARTIST WITH WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED**  
Sinéad O’Connor



**Michele Anthony, 60 ▲**

EXECUTIVE VP, UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP

● **Built UMG’s branding battalion**

Until this music-biz powerhouse joined UMG in 2013, the world’s biggest label didn’t have a branding team. As chairman/CEO Lucian Grainge’s No. 2, Anthony changed that, hiring GroupM’s Mike Tunnicliffe to oversee branding and sponsorships, recruiting Sony’s Todd Goodwin for college and lifestyle marketing in 2015 and, in March, buying digital-marketing agency Fame House. In 2016, Anthony’s team has partnered with Honda and HP, created 350 brand showcases, turned 80 college students into volunteer buzz-building reps and changed how the label works with corporations. “We have built a single access point to create deals,” says the former Sony Music COO about the two-year process. “We wanted people with real expertise.”

Famously, the native New Yorker grew up in the industry, joining her father Dee Anthony’s management team at age 12 and touring with Peter Frampton. Her father assumed she’d follow into the family business, but she detoured into law: “I started thinking, ‘If I became a music lawyer, I could also be a manager, but I’d really be able to protect my artists.’” It wasn’t a popular decision in the Anthony household, but the education allowed her to represent Guns N’ Roses, Alice in Chains and Ozzy Osbourne, then join Sony Music as a senior executive and part of Tommy Mottola’s hitmaking team, breaking Pearl Jam and Oasis.

While Anthony’s father influenced her career, the George Washington University alum credits her mother for her work ethic. Her parents divorced in the ’60s; her single mom worked at a pen factory, a hospital, then Zales as a jewelry designer, all while contending with old-school sexism — HR scolded her for wearing pants, bosses handed her unsolicited hotel keys on the road. “She dealt with all of that with grace,” says Anthony. “When you grow up with that, it leaves a very strong impression.”

POWER IN NUMBERS

**350**

Number of brand showcases created by Michele Anthony’s branding team

**\$450M**

Price Pandora paid to acquire live-event ticket distribution service Ticketfly

**130%**

Estimated increase in Epic Records’ streaming revenue from 2015 to 2016

**Celine Joshua\* ►**

SENIOR VP COMMERCE, EPIC RECORDS/SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

**Sylvia Rhone\* ►**

PRESIDENT, EPIC RECORDS

● **Led Epic to an epic year**

You wouldn’t think an album no one bought would place high on a list of year-end accomplishments, but the Epic Records compilation *Epic AF* isn’t just any album. In fact, it’s not an album in the traditional sense, but more of a playlist solution to a music-packaging problem. The problem, as Epic’s Joshua saw it, was that the Billboard 200 album chart now tallies 1,500 streams, or 10 purchased downloads of a song, as one equivalent album earned — but if an online single isn’t tied to a larger project, those streams don’t count on the chart. So Joshua proposed to label chief Antonio “L.A.” Reid that Epic take its artists’ hugely popular one-off tracks — like DJ Khaled’s Jay Z and Future collaboration “I Got the Keys,” the Snapchat star’s lead single to his then-unreleased LP *Major Key* — bundle them as one streaming-only playlist and call the compilation an album. It worked: Released July 17, *Epic AF* debuted at No. 16 on the Billboard 200, spent four weeks in the top 10 and peaked at No. 5.

“I wanted to create a product meant to behave the way consumers do,” says Joshua, a Beverly Hills resident who was born in Tehran, Iran, and raised in Los Angeles. “*Epic AF* was the first of its kind: a playlist, product and consumption [tool] rolled into one.” The concept also worked as a kind of promotional tool, helping the label score Billboard 200 No. 1s by Future, Travis Scott and Khaled.

Also in 2016, under the auspices of Rhone — who served as Universal Motown Records president before joining Epic in 2013 — Epic’s bragging rights include the Billboard 200 No. 1 debut of A Tribe Called Quest’s swan song *We Got It From Here... Thank You 4 Your Service*, two Billboard 200 top five sophomore albums (Meghan Trainor’s *Thank You and Fifth Harmony’s 7/27*, which included the girl group’s Hot 100 No. 4 hit “Work From Home”), four No. 1s on Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums (LPs from Future, Scott, Khaled and Yo Gotti) and a Top Rock Albums No. 1 from Chevelle. In addition, Epic estimates its streaming business to be up more than 130 percent in 2016 versus 2015.

As Epic settles into its new Culver City digs on the Sony Pictures Entertainment lot, Joshua and a now bicoastal Rhone are focusing on 2017. One major push will be the debut album from Swedish artist Zara Larsson, named best new act at the recent MTV Europe Music Awards. The other will be maintaining Epic’s hot streak. As Joshua says, “Innovation is important.”

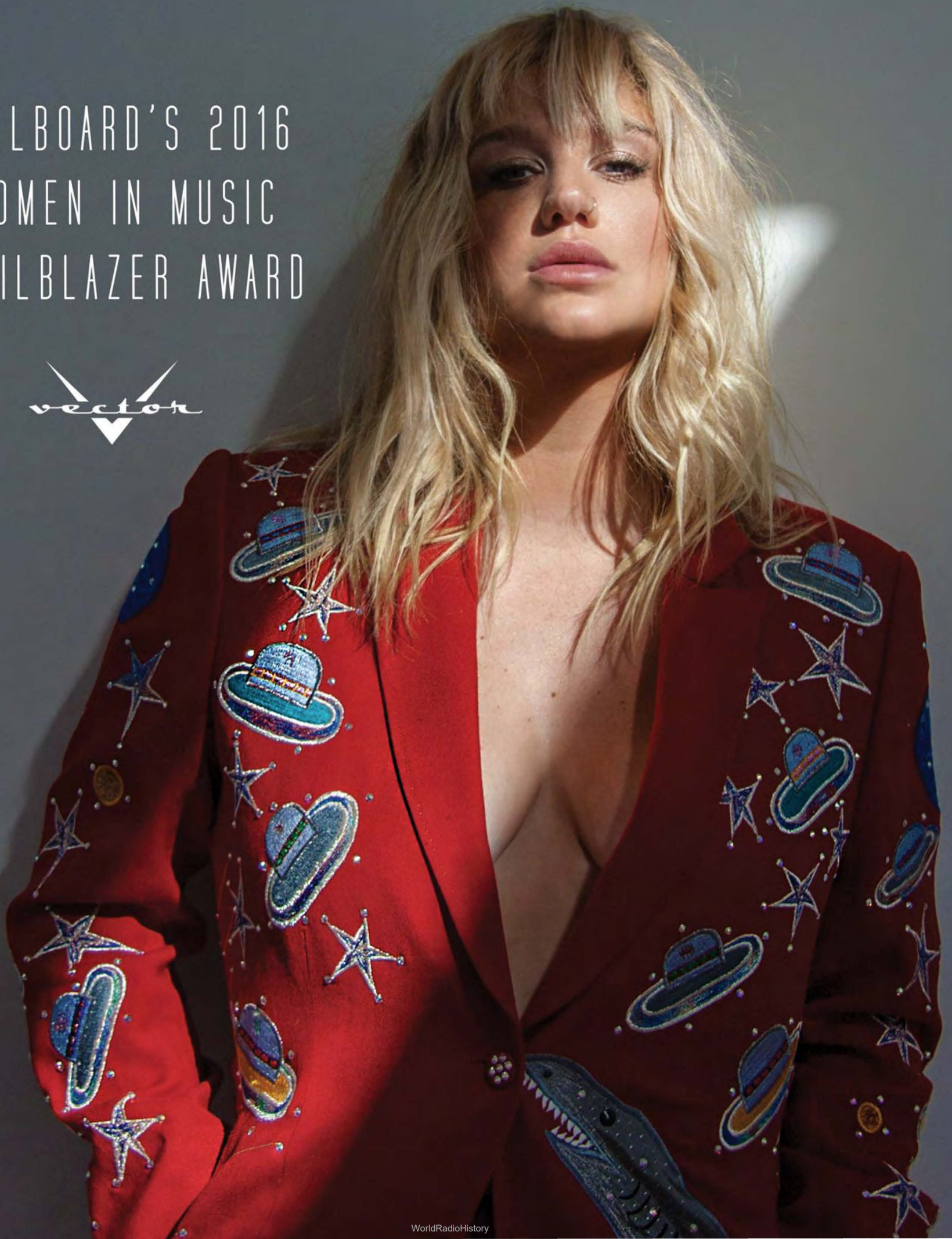
**BIGGEST SPLURGE Joshua** “Quality, well-designed, handmade watches. Looking down and seeing them always keeps me on time.”

**FIRST FEMALE ARTIST WITH WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED Rhone** “Dinah Washington. My parents played her music all the time — and I can still sing ‘What a Diff’rence a Day Makes’ after all these years.”



# Congratulations Kesha

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*"Sylvia Rhone is a legendary woman in the music industry who continues to break ground in a male-dominated world. She has impacted the girls and I so much over the past years through her experience, keen instinct and passion for music. We're so grateful to have been able to work with her." — Lauren Jauregui, Fifth Harmony*

From left: Fifth Harmony's Camila Cabello; Epic/Sony Music Entertainment senior vp commerce Celine Joshua; Fifth Harmony's Normani Kordei, Dinah Jane Hansen and Jauregui; Epic president Rhone; and Fifth Harmony's Ally Brooke photographed by Brooke Nipar on Nov. 19 in Santa Monica.







WHAT'S THE MOOD IN YOUR OFFICE SINCE THE ELECTION?

“There has been lots of conversation about how to engage in productive discussion with those who voted for the president-elect; about calling senators and congressmen, volunteering and donating to organizations mobilized to fight for our rights.” — Carianne Marshall, SONGS Music Publishing



Wendy Goldstein, 54 ▼

EXECUTIVE VP, REPUBLIC RECORDS

● Working for The Weeknd, Ariana and DNCE Goldstein likes to say that A&R is “half skill and half luck,” though the steady stream of hits she has racked up during more than two decades seems to take chance out of the equation. Her most recent masterstrokes? The Daft Punk-buoyed title track from The Weeknd’s upcoming album, *Starboy*, which already has climbed to No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100, and “Cake by the Ocean,” the Hot 100 top 10 from Joe Jonas’ DNCE, the 15th-best-selling track of 2016 year to date, moving nearly 1.4 million downloads.

The Brooklyn-raised college dropout has been making major moves since her first week as an A&R rep at Geffen Records in 1993, when — acting on a tip — she went down to Philadelphia to see a band of high school kids and signed The Roots. Her combination of two classic A&R virtues — long-term talent development and the ability to place hit songs with key artists — has powered her rise at UMG’s Republic, where she was upped to executive vp in October, and where the corporate culture is set by Lucian Grainge, a chairman/CEO with a background in A&R, not finance.

Goldstein has worked with Ariana Grande since the pint-sized diva’s signing at 16, helping guide the former teen Nickelodeon star to *Dangerous Woman* status — Grande’s third album has earned 903,000 equivalent album units year to date. And Goldstein’s impeccable hip-hop credentials made her the perfect person to help transform The Weeknd from alt-R&B mixtape savant to the triple-platinum, Oscar-nominated pop king. Recalls Goldstein: “He said, ‘I want to learn the DNA of how to write a hit song,’” so she brokered a sitdown with Max Martin, resulting in the Hot 100 No. 1 “I Can’t Feel My Face.”

**NONMUSICAL FEMALE ICON** “Jane Fonda. She’s a badass, she’s political, she’s smart, and she can still be girly. She’s no dummy.”



POWER IN NUMBERS

800

Number of employees working under Universal Music Publishing Group chairman/CEO Jody Gerson

1.4M

Sales of DNCE’s “Cake by the Ocean” single — the 15th-best-selling track of 2016 year to date, and one of a number of Republic Records hits under Wendy Goldstein

\$139M

Box-office gross to date of Justin Bieber’s Purpose World Tour, which was orchestrated in large part by SB Projects’ Allison Kaye

Jody Gerson, 55 ▲

CHAIRMAN/CEO, UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING GROUP

● Nothing compares 2 landing Prince’s catalog As head of the industry’s second-largest music publisher, Gerson scored the business’ most coveted deal in 2016: exclusive worldwide administration of Prince’s songwriting rights. “Obviously, it was a very competitive deal,” says Gerson, who came to UMPG at the end of 2014 from Sony/ATV, where she had held a co-president position since 2008. Also in 2016, UMPG signed worldwide exclusive deals with R.E.M., Pearl Jam, Romeo Santos (who had never before done a publishing deal), Joe Jonas (and his dance-funk band DNCE) and rapper Travis Scott, whom Gerson had pursued long before his September LP, *Birds in the Trap Sing McKnight*, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200. More crucially, global revenue is up 4.1 percent since 2015, and global synch revenue up 13 percent.

Although the Beverly Hills resident is quick to credit the company’s administration and 800 “extraordinary” employees for these wins, Gerson, who was *Billboard*’s 2015 Executive of the Year, is the one who keeps walking these huge signings across the finish line. “I don’t do anything half-assed,” she says. “I go all the way.”

Music publishing historically has been a cigar-chomping boys’ club. As the first woman to run a major label’s music publishing arm, the divorced mother of three has not only changed the face of the business but softened its often ruthless competitiveness. “I don’t need my success to be about somebody else’s failure,” she says. Case in point: Gerson hasn’t drawn much attention to resigning Pearl Jam, which had left UMPG for Kobalt in 2010. “Whatever we’ve done here has gotten better, so they came back,” she says. But the Prince deal, she admits, made her feel “a little like Superwoman.”

**NONMUSICAL FEMALE ICON** “Michelle Obama. I wish she was my friend.”

Allison Kaye, 35 ▲

PRESIDENT OF MUSIC, SB PROJECTS

● The Bieber whisperer

When your client — in this case, Justin Bieber — releases a critically acclaimed record that debuts at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, earns 1.6 million equivalent album units in the United States and generates 1.7 billion on-demand audio streams, there is no such thing as sitting out the accompanying tour, even if you’re seven months pregnant. “It’s not the first time I’ve toured while pregnant, but it will be the last,” says Kaye, one of the principal architects behind Bieber’s Purpose World Tour, which has earned more than \$139 million so far.

Underscoring the mother of two’s resilience is her feat in helping execute one of the most successful image makeovers in recent pop history, transforming the Biebs from a house-egging public urinator into a matured, sympathetic heartthrob. “We took Justin from being maybe the most hated person in the music industry two years ago, to people seeing he’s just a good kid who was going through it,” says Kaye, whose own tight-knit relationship with the wunderkind has metamorphosed since they met in 2009. “Justin was like Dennis the Menace and I was the neighbor next door,” she recalls. “I remember taking him to a shoot and finding him in catering, trashing the kitchen and acting like an animal.” She laughs. SB Projects founder Scooter Braun “would show up and Justin would all of a sudden act like an angel.”

Promoted from GM in July, Kaye will now focus more on “putting out fires” and remaining hands-on with clients including Ariana Grande, Kanye West and Tori Kelly. But balancing the demands of her job with family life? “Sometimes you have to realize you can’t be all things to all people, and that’s OK.”

**FIRST FEMALE ARTIST WITH WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED**

“Debbie Gibson. My parents’ basement was tile, so we roller-skated to Debbie Gibson.”



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WHAT'S THE MOOD IN YOUR OFFICE SINCE THE ELECTION?

“I came out of the closet. I voted for Trump, 100 percent. I’m not embarrassed about it, and the repercussions have been zero. He was more in line with my priorities, which are security, security, security. But I’m not gloating. I hope we all win.” — Linda Edell Howard, Adams and Reese LLP



**Sarah Stennett\*** ▲  
CO-FOUNDER/CEO, FIRST ACCESS ENTERTAINMENT

● **Developing Zayn in more than One Direction**

After more than 20 years in the music industry, half of it running her own shop, Stennett says she operates by one guiding principle: “Keep moving forward. If you have an instinct, follow it.”

In October 2015, the Liverpool, England, native did just that when she announced a joint venture with Russian billionaire and Warner Music Group owner Len Blavatnik. Her Turn First Artists management firm — Zayn Malik, Rita Ora and Iggy Azalea are clients — became First Access Entertainment, an enterprise now focused on finding synergistic opportunities for Stennett’s acts in film, TV, fashion, technology and, yes, music.

“It’s about positioning ourselves to ensure that every opportunity, every market shift isn’t missed,” she says. So, when Malik’s debut solo album, *Mind of Mine*, topped the Billboard 200 and earned 633,000 equivalent album units, but extreme anxiety kept him from touring, Stennett turned to other media. Malik and *Law & Order* creator Dick Wolf are developing *Boy*, a series for NBC based on his experiences in One Direction, and in November, Delacorte Press published his best-selling memoir.

Nearly every artist on the First Access roster is engaged in some genre-bending, cross-platform project. Ora will be a judge on VH1’s *America’s Next Top Model* reboot in December, and Lion Babe’s Jillian Hervey has landed campaigns with H&M, Pantene and The Gap.

Stennett, who is the parent of fraternal twins with songwriter George Astasio, says she seeks to “find a balance between pushing [my artists] and supporting them.” Offices in New York, Los Angeles and London mean marathon workdays, which she mostly shrugs off as no big deal. “I travel a lot, much to my husband’s displeasure, and I’m on the phone until 2 or 3 a.m. when I’m home in London,” she says. “I feel I’m able to be everywhere at once.”

**Julie Swidler, 58** ▼  
EXECUTIVE VP BUSINESS AFFAIRS/GENERAL COUNSEL, SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

● **Sony’s closer**

As streaming becomes a dominant model, Sony Music Entertainment executive Swidler will be one of the industry’s key figures dictating the terms. In 2016, SME was the last of the three major labels to reach a licensing agreement with SoundCloud, even though the corporation was the first to initiate talks with the German platform. “We held out for a long time and we got the right kind of deal,” says Swidler, who lives in Manhattan with her husband, a corporate finance lawyer. The money has followed: For the first half of Sony’s fiscal year 2016, streaming generated \$575.6 million, up 47.8 percent from the same period of 2015.

Good deals aren’t just about the immediate bottom line. “It’s about trying to take back control of our content,” says Swidler. “Some services will say to us, ‘It’s all promotional,’” she says. “But we sell access, so unless you’re promoting someone going to a paid service, what is the promotion [for us]?”

From March to July 2015, Swidler also oversaw Sony Nashville, where she helped guide Tyler Farr’s *Suffer in Peace* to No. 4 on the Billboard 200 — before handing the division to Randy Goodman, whom she helped hire. “Julie had every meal with an artist, manager or publisher, and people here were blown away that a temporary top-level executive would spend so much time [with them],” says Sandbox Entertainment CEO Jason Owen, who manages Little Big Town and Kacey Musgraves. “That went a long way.”

In 2016, with help from president of global digital business and U.S. sales Dennis Kooker, Swidler will keep counseling Sony acts and their managers on how streaming will help them. “That’s something we think about every day,” she says. “What works.”

**LESSON LEARNED FROM MOM** “Be careful what you say in the ladies’ room.’ She never was.”



POWER IN NUMBERS

**633K**

Track equivalent album units sold of First Access Entertainment client Zayn Malik’s debut album, *Mind of Mine*

**\$575M**

Sony Music’s streaming revenue for the first half of fiscal year 2016, a 47.8 percent increase over the same period in 2015

**93%**

Amount of TV audience the 2016 CMA Awards retained compared to 2015, despite airing against Game 7 of the World Series



**Sarah Trahern, 52** ▲  
CEO, COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

● **Country music’s No. 1 advocate**

Before the 50th annual Country Music Association Awards even aired on ABC on Nov. 2, Trahern helped the CMA achieve an even more audacious milestone. “Forever Country,” a three-song medley performed by 30 of the genre’s biggest artists past and present, became one of only three songs to debut at No. 1 on the 58-year-old Hot Country Songs chart. “We were really able to harness the power of our whole industry together,” says Trahern, a married “mother” of Griffey, a shepherd-hound mix she and her husband rescued.

The mega-single helped pave the way for other unexpected collaborations at the CMAs, which have become a trademark of the telecast as well as a media and ratings draw.

The most headline-grabbing of all was Beyoncé’s surprise team-up with the Dixie Chicks on her *Lemonade* track “Daddy Lessons,” which sparked country-purist backlash and racist comments from online trolls. The CMA was accused of deleting subsequent clips of the performance to avoid further fallout, but Trahern waves off the controversy. “We continue to share the full-length [video] via our official social channels,” she says.

Although airing against Game 7 of the World Series cut into the live ratings, the CMAs posted large gains in live-plus-three-day and live-plus-seven-day Nielsen viewership — which take into account DVR and on-demand plays — and retained 93 percent of 2015’s viewership. “One of our board members is a Chicago Cubs fan and said to me, ‘Sarah, the CMAs have only been around for 50 years, and the Cubs haven’t won for 108. I’ve got to support them,’” recalls Trahern. “I gave him a fierce look. Our goal is to grow country music on a nationwide basis.” With Keith Urban and Little Big Town leapfrogging up the charts in the weeks since the awards, Trahern has achieved that goal.



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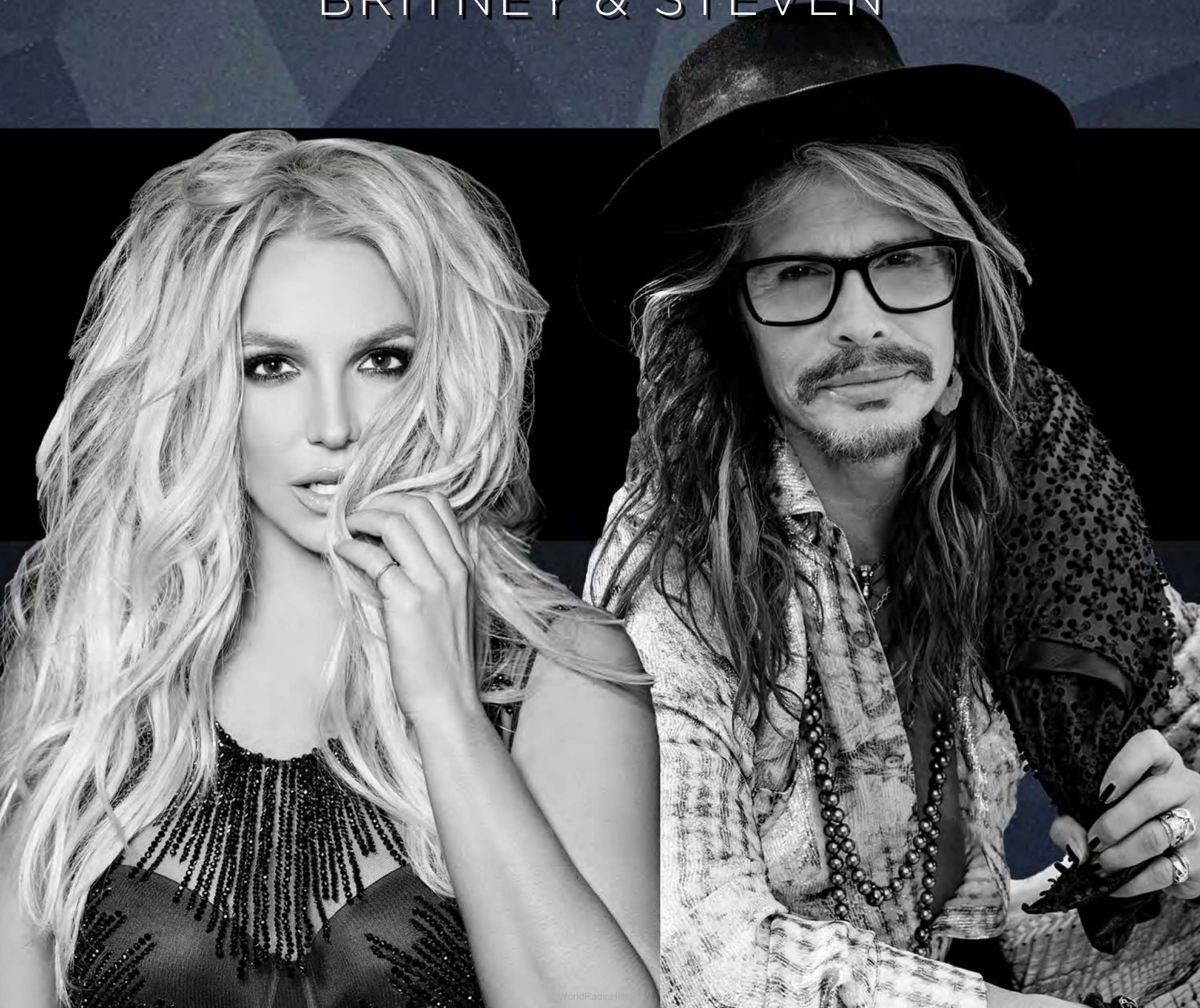
From left: Dave Grohl, MAC Presents president Allen and Citi managing director of media, advertising and global entertainment Jennifer Breithaupt photographed by Emily Shur on Nov. 9 at Studio 606 in Northridge, Calif.



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HOW ARE YOU DEALING WITH YOUR POST-ELECTION ANXIETY?

“I am avoiding the news as much as possible. I am honoring my grief and leaving some space for it. I am speaking with like-minded people about how to unite and organize, and I’m doing a lot of yoga and meditation — and maybe some drinking.” — Ali Harnell, AEG Live

**LABELS**

**Candace Berry\***

EXECUTIVE VP/GM OF SALES, UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP

● **The bottom line: Revenue is up**

In her second year helming UMG’s sales and digital distribution, Berry oversaw a third quarter that posted a 10.8 percent revenue boost from \$1.3 billion to \$1.6 billion. Fueling that gain were hits by Drake, Rihanna and Desiigner — and that’s not counting a fourth-quarter release schedule featuring Lady Gaga, The Weeknd, DNCE, Mary J. Blige and Sting. “The best executives aren’t afraid to hire really talented people,” says Berry. “We all learn from each other, so it’s good for the business.”

**BIGGEST SPLURGE** “I’ve loved showing horses from the time I was a teenager.”

**Leesa Brunson\***

SENIOR VP A&R OPERATIONS, DEF JAM RECORDS

● **Kanye and Bieber’s green light**

Celebrating 15 years at Def Jam, Brunson has earned the nickname “The Closer” by overseeing the creative team responsible for project rollouts and “never delivering a ‘no’” to a roster that includes Alessia Cara, Logic and Justin Bieber — along with the perpetually tinkering Kanye West, whose Tidal-exclusive LP, *The Life of Pablo*, became the label’s first Billboard 200 No. 1 in 2016. Her open-door policy and industry expertise keep both veterans and rookies coming back. Says Brunson: “They look for me when they come into the building.”

**ADVICE FOR UP-AND-COMERS** “Stay focused and go at it like it’s the last thing on earth.”

**Lori Feldman\***

EXECUTIVE VP STRATEGIC MARKETING, WARNER BROS. RECORDS

**Hildi Snodgrass, 49**

CFO/EXECUTIVE VP, WARNER BROS. RECORDS

● **The wind beneath Andra Day’s wings**

Although Day sold just 11,000 first-week copies of her Grammy-nominated single, “Rise Up,”

Feldman made sure the R&B singer was well-stocked in brand partners, including Diet Coke, Citi, State Farm, Delta, the NFL and Apple. “No one had heard of her, yet her message was so positive and uplifting we were able to bring all these various partners to the table,” says Feldman. Day generated more than 27 million Spotify streams for “Rise Up” and sold 250,000 copies of her 2015 debut LP, *Cheers to the Fall*. It was one of the success stories that, says Snodgrass, contributed to WBR’s 30 percent market-share increase.

**Maria Fernandez, 43**

SENIOR VP OPERATIONS/CFO OF LATIN IBERIA; SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

● **Making the most of mucho market share**

The Venezuelan numbers whiz oversees Sony’s U.S. Latin, Latin American, Spanish and Portuguese financial operations, and the numbers are strong. In the United States alone, SME’s Latin-track market share stood at 54 percent year to date in September, up from 36 percent. “It has been years since we had such a big presence from Latin acts,” says Fernandez, who was essential in negotiating Sony Music’s joint venture with ticketing agency CTS Eventim in Brazil that served as the official ticket platform for the Olympic Games in Rio.

**NONMUSICAL FEMALE ICON** Joan of Arc

**Ethiopia Habtemariam, 37**

PRESIDENT OF URBAN MUSIC, UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING GROUP; PRESIDENT, MOTOWN RECORDS

**Michelle Jubelirer, 42**

COO, CAPITOL MUSIC GROUP

**Jacqueline Saturn\***

GM, HARVEST RECORDS/CAROLINE

● **The Tower’s power trio**

As the label group kicks off Capitol Records’ 75th anniversary, it closes out a banner year, thanks in part to these three executives. Eighteen months into her promotion to COO, Jubelirer has overseen a massive restructuring and developed breakthrough stars



Berry



Brunson



Feldman, Snodgrass



Fernandez



Habtemariam, Jubelirer, Saturn



Lacy



Lombardi, Marcus Seklir

Troye Sivan and Halsey, whose smash collaboration with Columbia Records’ The Chainsmokers, “Closer,” spent 12 weeks at No. 1 on the Hot 100. Saturn splits her duties between Harvest Records — where sophomore LPs from Banks and Glass Animals debuted in the Billboard 200 top 20 — and Caroline, which signed Prophets of Rage. And Habtemariam remains one of urban music’s most powerful players, mentoring Motown rising talent Lil Yachty. At Capitol, says Jubelirer, “more women are in our executive team meetings than men.”

**Cris Lacy, 43**

VP A&R, WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE

● **Winning the long game**

“It seems like a year for honesty at our label,” says Lacy, who saw Blake Shelton’s *If I’m Honest* become 2016’s biggest-selling country album. It also was a year of hard-won artist development: 23-year-old William Michael Morgan reached No. 2 on Hot Country Airplay more than 59 weeks after the release of his Sam Hunt co-penned single, “I Met a Girl” — and nearly four years after Lacy signed him to the label. “We were met with opposition on all fronts, but the song and the vocal won out,” says Lacy, who’s an avid book collector in her off hours.

**ADVICE FOR UP-AND-COMERS** “Trust yourself. Women’s intuition is real — it’s a gift.”

**Doneen Lombardi\***

EXECUTIVE VP MARKETING, COLUMBIA RECORDS

**Nancy Marcus Seklir\***

SENIOR VP BUSINESS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS, COLUMBIA RECORDS

● **Adele and Solange’s support group**

In their respective roles, Lombardi and Marcus Seklir have supervised Columbia’s string of 2016 home runs, including Solange’s Billboard 200 No. 1 debut, *A Seat at the Table*, and the continuing dominance of Adele’s 25. “There are such amazing women at the label,” says the mother of two. “I feel inspired every day.”

**ADVICE FOR UP-AND-COMERS** Lombardi “You can have everything with balance, focus and dedication.”

**5 Executives To Watch**

**RIISING STARS**

▶ **GLENNE CHRISTIAANSEN, 26**

LEAD, MUSIC PARTNERSHIPS; SNAPCHAT  
Plays a key role in making Snapchat a must for music promotion. Partnered with Live Nation and iHeartMedia, as well as artists Selena Gomez and Ariana Grande.

▶ **POPPY CRUM, 42**

CHIEF SCIENTIST, DOLBY LABORATORIES  
A neurophysiologist and violinist, Crum leads concept and design efforts at the audio giant with an eye toward virtual reality and artificial intelligence applications.

▶ **KAREN LIEBERMAN, 41**

VP SALES AND DIGITAL, DISNEY MUSIC GROUP  
The digital marketing pro mounted buzzy campaigns for the soundtracks to *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, which hit No. 5 on the Billboard 200, and Lin-Manuel Miranda’s *Moana*.

▶ **CYBELE PETTUS, 48**

SENIOR MUSIC SUPERVISOR, EA MUSIC  
Pettus’ soundtracks for wildly popular video-game series *FIFA*, *Madden NFL* and *NBA Live* reach millions of ears — making EA’s releases a major source of music discovery.

▶ **SALLY WILLIAMS, 45**

GM, RYMAN AUDITORIUM  
The incoming chairman of the Country Music Association has grown attendance 175 percent over eight years and oversaw a \$14.5 million expansion in time for the Nashville institution’s 125th anniversary in 2017.





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## THE IMAGE MAKERS

These topline music publicists shape the careers of everyone from *The Boss* to *Queen Bey*

Keeping up with the frenetic pace of today's media while managing the public's demand on their superstar artists — these are among the challenges facing music's premiere PR execs. Shorefire Media founder **Marilyn Laverty** (clockwise from top left) ran point on longtime client Bruce Springsteen's bravura book rollout; Epic Records executive vp **Laura Swanson** oversaw a banner year for Antonio "L.A." Reid; PMK-BNC head of music **Kristen Foster** opened new horizons for Tim McGraw and Harry Connick Jr.; Schure Media Group founder **Yvette Noel-Schure** kept Beyoncé at the pinnacle of popular culture; and Capitol Music Group senior vp **Ambrosia Healy** and RCA Records executive vp **Mika El-Baz** broke new stars while keeping older ones relevant. Says Foster of her mission: "Artists have an internal sense of who they are and what their art means, and our jobs are to help convey that to the world."



Clockwise from top left: Laverty, Swanson, Foster, Noel-Schure, Healy and El-Baz photographed by Amanda Friedman on Nov. 17 at The Speak in Los Angeles.

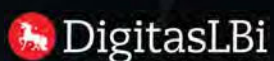


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**Cindy Mabe, 43**

PRESIDENT, UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP NASHVILLE  
 ● Music City’s market-share leader

After a 2015 in which breakout stars Sam Hunt and Chris Stapleton went multiplatinum, Mabe spent 2016 developing a new generation of hitmakers. The effort paid off at the Country Music Association Awards on Nov. 2 when rising act Brothers Osborne won vocal duo of the year. Veterans Keith Urban and Little Big Town also scored when their standout performances of their latest singles, “Blue Ain’t Your Color” and “Better Man,” respectively, leapt to the top two spots on the all-genre iTunes chart the following morning. The married mother of three likens watching their CMA performances “to a gigantic group hug,” and fans apparently agree. “Blue” has become Urban’s highest-charting single in more than seven years on the Hot 100, and the Taylor Swift-penned “Better Man” is performing on par with LBT’s 2016 Grammy winner, “Girl Crush.” UMG’s 29.5 percent market share for the first half of 2016 put it comfortably ahead of its rival labels. **ADVICE FOR UP-AND-COMERS** “Find your path and don’t keep comparing yourself to others.”

**Brenda Romano\***

PRESIDENT OF PROMOTION, INTERSCOPE GEFGEN A&M

● Broke “Black Beatles” — big  
 As the guiding force of IGA’s radio and video promotion department for more than 20 years, Romano knows how to play the long game or go all in when it comes to breaking new acts and working hits — 22 tracks on Mainstream Top 40 so far in 2016, including songs by Lady Gaga and Selena Gomez. Her team used a slow-build strategy with X Ambassadors, whose songs “Renegades” and “Unsteady” built during the course of 18 months. And when Rae Sremmurd’s “Black Beatles” surged to No. 1 on the Hot 100 thanks to the viral

Mannequin Challenge, Romano put the pedal to the metal. “Something like that has to be organic,” she says, adding, “We’re going to have some fun breaking these guys now. Big.”

**MANAGEMENT**

**Kathryn Frazier, 46**

OWNER/CEO, BIZ3; CO-FOUNDER, OWSLA  
 ● Got J. Cole to headline Lollapalooza and meditate

Frazier’s Biz3 celebrated its 20th year in 2016, providing press and management services — and transcendental meditation coping skills — to a roster that includes Daft Punk, Skrillex, J. Cole, Die Antwoord and Lauryn Hill. “I buy [my clients] visits to a shaman, especially the rappers,” says Frazier. “It’s such a machismo kind of world.” Business coups included brokering Run the Jewels’ Xbox collaboration for *Gears of War 4*, which made the duo characters in the game, and Cole’s headlining gig at Lollapalooza. **RECENT ‘MAN-SPLAINING’ MOMENT** “I have spent 24 years being mistaken for a groupie backstage.”

**LIVE**

**Maureen Ford\***

PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL SALES, MEDIA AND SPONSORSHIP; LIVE NATION

**Amy Howe, 44**

COO, TICKETMASTER NORTH AMERICA

**Kathy Willard, 50**

CFO, LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT  
 ● Ticket masters

Willard, Howe and Ford are three reasons why Live Nation’s third-quarter earnings are up 23 percent over 2015, and its 2016 attendance totals are



Romano



Frazier



Ford, Howe, Willard



Harnell, Leon, Rathwell

projected to exceed 70 million concertgoers, which would topple the 2015 total of 63 million — a record for the company. Willard says Live Nation continues to grow through the acquisitions of the Governors Ball music festival in New York and promoter AC Entertainment. “The way we run this business is very decentralized,” she says, “because we believe the entrepreneurs within our business are what make us unique.” And in the face of competition for StubHub, SeatGeek and Amazon, Howe explains that the company is developing a software strategy that will allow its clients to “distribute inventory on multiple platforms, not just Ticketmaster.”

**Ali Harnell, 48**

SENIOR VP, AEG LIVE

**Rebeca Leon, 41**

SENIOR VP LATIN TALENT, GOLDENVOICE

**Debra Rathwell\***

SENIOR VP, AEG LIVE

● Sellout specialists

This trio of senior vps was responsible for a diverse array of tours and live events that starred Justin Bieber, The Who and the Rise Up As One border concert. Rathwell orchestrated 64 sold-out arena dates for Bieber’s Purpose Tour in the spring and another 49 arena/stadium shows in Europe in the fall. She also was key to the success of The Who Hits 50 Tour that culminated in two nights of shows with The Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney and other rock behemoths at the Goldenvoice-produced Desert Trip in October. Leon worked the Rise Up As One concert on San Diego’s U.S.-Mexico border on Oct. 15, and Harnell is credited with more than 550,000 tickets sold worth \$28 million.

**LESSON LEARNED FROM MOM Leon** “She taught me that there is more glory playing on the field than being a cheerleader.”

**TV’s Music Bookers: Viral Visionaries**

▶ **JAMIE GRANET-BEDERMAN, 40**  
 SUPERVISING PRODUCER  
**JULIE GUROVITSCH, 34**  
 TALENT EXECUTIVE FOR MUSIC, THE TONIGHT SHOW STARRING JIMMY FALLON  
 The duo behind Fallon’s often-viral musical segments. Booked Madonna on 24 hours’ notice for President Obama’s June visit.

▶ **MONICA ESCOBEDO, 39**  
 ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCER, ABC NEWS/  
 GOOD MORNING AMERICA  
 Escobedo booked Rachel Platten to sing “Fight Song” during its peak success — a performance that beat out appearances by Adele and Bruno Mars for a Daytime Emmy Award.

▶ **DIANA MILLER, 37**  
 TALENT EXECUTIVE, THE LATE LATE SHOW WITH JAMES CORDEN  
 Played a leading role in developing “Carpool Karaoke” from an idea that guests turned down to a viral sensation that has starred Adele and Michelle Obama, and will become a stand-alone Apple Music series.

▶ **BRITTANY SCHREIBER, 29**  
 MUSIC BOOKING PRODUCER, NBC NEWS/TODAY  
 Shawn Mendes, Nick Jonas and Steven Tyler are among the artists who climbed the *Billboard* charts after Schreiber booked them to perform at Rockefeller Plaza on *Today*’s summer concert series. (Mendes filled three city blocks.)

▶ **LINDSAY SHOOKUS, 36**  
 PRODUCER, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE  
 A 14-year veteran of the show, Shookus still makes news. She booked indie artist Chance the Rapper and the SNL debut of A Tribe Called Quest, a day after the reunited rap group released its first album in 18 years.

▶ **SHERYL ZELIKSON, 46**  
 SENIOR MUSIC PRODUCER, THE LATE SHOW WITH STEPHEN COLBERT  
 Zelikson has transitioned from previous boss David Letterman’s rock and Americana tastes to Colbert’s eclecticism by booking a wide range of acts, from James Bay to Babymetal.





Katherine Baral  
Danielle Beckford  
Chyna Chuan  
Allison Coleman  
Janaya Crudup  
Mari Davies  
Melanie Davis  
Natalka Dudynsky  
Michelle Edgar  
Celena Fields  
Jess Frohman  
Sophia Galate  
Alana Gitt  
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Emily Weir  
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*"It takes a lot of creativity from all sides, not just the artist. Cindy is not only passionate about the music but also incredibly supportive of the creative process. She would come by the studio during the recording of Ripcord and just hang out. I loved it." — Keith Urban*

Urban and Universal Music Group Nashville president Cindy Mabe photographed by Alysse Gafkjen on Nov. 1 at Bound'ry in Nashville.





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WHAT IS THE MOOD IN YOUR OFFICE SINCE THE ELECTION?

“After the election, there was open sobbing in the hallways and no one was playing music — which is rare. People are coming out of the fog now and starting to rally around protesting the election or finding ways to hold the president-elect accountable.” — Camille Hackney, Atlantic Records

Guru Guide: How The Power Set Finds Inspiration Offline

Billboard's Women in Music executives reveal their favorite female proselytizers, who promote self-betterment through fearlessness, activism, de-cluttering — and lots of zzz's

INTENTION	INFLUENCER	PHILOSOPHY	SUPER FANSV
 <p>Make more of a difference in the world</p>	<p><b>Luvvie Ajayi</b> Awesomely Luvvie blogger, comic, author of <i>I'm Judging You: The Do-Better Manual</i> and advocate for AIDS prevention</p>	<p>Ajayi's frank tone, humor and insights on female empowerment, race and social media have made her a go-to for modern, <i>Norma Rae</i>-inspired wisdom. "We need to take care of ourselves," she says.</p>	<p>"Luvvie has a unique talent for tackling serious subjects — sexism, racism and the need to strive for higher ethics — with humor, wisdom and positivity," says Epic Records' <b>Sylvia Rhone</b>.</p>
 <p>Have a clearer head (and home)</p>	<p><b>Marie Kondo</b> Author of <i>The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up</i></p>	<p>For a few years now, she has taught acolytes to purge themselves of clutter around them by only embracing objects that "spark joy" — resulting in calmer thoughts and an undistracted mind.</p>	<p>"Konverts" include City National Bank's <b>Lori Badgett</b>, ICM's <b>Caroline Yim</b> and Citi's <b>Jennifer Breithaupt</b>, who says, "I swear by her book, and my closet has never been happier."</p>
 <p>Face demons fearlessly</p>	<p><b>Cheryl Strayed</b> Author of <i>Wild, Tiny Beautiful Things</i> and online advice column <i>Dear Sugar</i></p>	<p>The master of facing guilt and shame, Strayed imparts empathetic and intimate insights to fans and readers on painful topics, from coping with jealousy to dealing with childlessness.</p>	<p>AEG Live's <b>Ali Harnell</b> and <b>Debra Rathwell</b> are fans, as is Atlantic Records' <b>Julie Greenwald</b>. Harnell calls Strayed "badass," adding, "I'm moved by her story and spirit."</p>
 <p>Succeed through sleep</p>	<p><b>Arianna Huffington</b> Author of <i>The Sleep Revolution: Transforming Your Life, One Night at a Time</i> and founder of health and wellness startup Thrive Global</p>	<p>A reformed evangelist for a full eight hours of sleep, Huffington believes adequate rest is the key to success and happiness. (She provides a generous nap policy for her employees.)</p>	<p>"Her book [was] behind a challenge I launched for my team this summer. Everyone was encouraged to spend 30 minutes each day focusing on their wellness," says Google Play's <b>Tamara Hrivnak</b>.</p>
 <p>Embrace and leverage faults and insecurities</p>	<p><b>Brené Brown</b> Storyteller, TED talker and author of <i>The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are</i></p>	<p>Brown's explorations of the power of human connections have led to three best-selling books and blockbuster TED Talks on the value of vulnerability and its ability to allow for growth.</p>	<p>Tri Star Sports &amp; Entertainment's <b>Lou Taylor</b> says, "Brené perpetuates the message that the attributes that make up a woman's DNA are indeed what make us successful."</p>



Justice



Adler, Banks, Tsuchii



Bernstein, Kirby Yoh, Newkirk Simon

Jennifer Justice\*

PRESIDENT OF CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT, SUPERFLY

● Growth agent

After 17 years as Roc Nation's general counsel, Justice joined Bonnaroo producer Superfly in 2016 in a role that she says is "pretty similar" to what she was doing with her previous boss, Jay Z. "We bring in deals and are part of the growth strategy," she says. Justice also has established a new process for vetting potential partnerships and is set to close several within the year, "with like-minded people that have complementary skill sets." Justice is Superfly's first female executive in a revenue-generating role, as well as president of the advisory board of WIE Network, an empowerment community for professional women.

AGENCIES

Jenna Adler\*

MUSIC AGENT, CREATIVE ARTISTS AGENCY

Emma Banks\*

MUSIC AGENT, CREATIVE ARTISTS AGENCY

Marlene Tsuchii\*

MUSIC AGENT, CREATIVE ARTISTS AGENCY

● Booking Bieber, J.Lo and the Chili Peppers

Although Banks claims that agenting is "an invisible profession [because] most people don't know about it," she and her fellow CAA colleagues cut quite a profile in the industry. Tsuchii's client Justin Bieber sold 1 million tickets on the U.S. leg of his Purpose Tour; Jennifer Lopez, whom Adler represents, has generated \$15 million so far during her first Las Vegas residency; and thanks to the London-based Banks' international bookings, Red Hot Chili Peppers are selling more tickets in Europe than ever before.

**LESSON LEARNED FROM MOM Tsuchii** "Tenacity. She left Japan during the war, went to Brazil and learned Portuguese. Then she picked up and came to America. She learned English, met my father and basically scrapped a life together from nothing."

Michele Bernstein, 46

PARTNER, WILLIAM MORRIS ENDEAVOR

Samantha Kirby Yoh, 47

PARTNER/CO-HEAD OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT, WILLIAM MORRIS ENDEAVOR

Sara Newkirk Simon, 39

PARTNER/CO-HEAD OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT, WILLIAM MORRIS ENDEAVOR

● WME's music power trio

"The truth is, each year it gets better here," says Newkirk Simon, who, with Bernstein and Kirby Yoh, helped make WME a powerhouse in the live-music arena, with bookings of more than 35,000 shows in 2016, as well as film deals, sports tie-ins and art exhibitions for their clients. Newkirk Simon



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“We have a Slack channel dedicated to female empowerment where we exchange articles and information. We will continue to use it to organize. I am enlisting as many people as possible to go to the Million Women March.” — Jennifer Justice, Superfly

set up a deal for Pharrell Williams — whom she represents along with Selena Gomez, Usher and Adam Levine — to produce the film *Hidden Figures* (which stars Taraji P. Henson in a true story about NASA scientists in the 1960s) and compose the soundtrack. Kirby Yoh worked behind the scenes on LCD Soundsystem’s reunion shows and Florence Welch’s deal to be a face of Gucci. And Bernstein, who is WME’s tour marketing and ticketing guru, rolled out Bruno Mars’ 24K Magic World Tour after strategic appearances on *60 Minutes* and the American Music Awards on Nov. 20.

**Cara Lewis\***

FOUNDER, CARA LEWIS GROUP  
● Does well by Chance

In a whirlwind year that began when Lewis parted ways with Creative Artists Agency in November 2015, the famously tough and meticulous agent says she was given a mandate by her artists, who include Eminem, Pitbull, Chance the Rapper and Bryson Tiller. “Everybody unanimously agreed: ‘You should start your own company,’” recalls Lewis. In its first year, Cara Lewis Group booked more than 800 shows around the world, including Chance’s 30-plus-date Magnificent Coloring World Tour. “It’s about artists, it’s about imaging, and it’s about the team,” says the New York native.

**BIGGEST SPLURGE** “My Hermes So Black Birkin limited collector’s piece and my [nickel-plated bronze] Hermes Kelly Bag sculpture.”

**Corrie Christopher Martin, 39**

SENIOR AGENT, PARADIGM TALENT AGENCY

**Jackie Nal pant\***

SENIOR AGENT, PARADIGM TALENT AGENCY  
● Establishing a new Paradigm

A year after partnering with The Windish Agency’s nearly 30 agents and 750 acts, Paradigm continues to evolve. Martin, whose roster includes Imagine Dragons and Riot Fest, opened an office in San Diego in 2016 and helped relaunch hardcore punk band Descendents, which put out its first album in 12 years. For Nal pant, whose acts include Walk the

Moon, which had a triple-platinum hit with “Shut Up and Dance,” and rising stars The Strumbellas — 2016 was bittersweet. “I lost my mentor, boss and best friend, Chip Hooper,” she says of Paradigm’s worldwide head of music, who died in March.

**Natalia Nastaskin\***

HEAD OF U.S. MUSIC OPERATIONS, UNITED TALENT AGENCY

● Guns N’ Roses n’ growth

Nastaskin was pivotal in integrating The Agency Group and United Talent Agency in 2016, which, in short order, made the combined firm a music-industry player on a global level. Under her leadership the division has amassed a team of 100 agents; added worldwide representation of Muse, DJ Khaled, Chris Brown and Toby Keith; and mounted tours for G-Eazy and a reunion Nastaskin still can’t contain her enthusiasm over. “Guns N’ Roses was one of the concerts of the century,” says the avid fan who has the title of GNR’s power ballad “Don’t Cry” tattooed on her wrist.

**RECENT ‘MAN-SPLAINING’ MOMENT** “I get mansplained all the time by the male makeup artists at Sephora — but I don’t mind that.”

**Marsha Vlastic, 70**

PRESIDENT, ARTIST GROUP INTERNATIONAL

● Chartered Neil Young’s Desert Trip

As an agent for nearly 45 years, Vlastic has represented music’s biggest stars, from Elvis Costello to AC/DC to Metallica, but says she has never worked on anything as challenging as Desert Trip. Her client Neil Young performed with The Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, The Who, Bob Dylan and Roger Waters in October. The festival grossed \$130 million over two weekends. “These six people had to agree,” she says. “All of the pieces of the puzzle had to fit.”

**Caroline Yim, 38**

CONCERTS AGENT, ICM PARTNERS

● Kendrick and Future’s road warrior

Three of Yim’s longtime clients had exceptional



Lewis



Martin, Nal pant



Nastaskin



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years: Kendrick Lamar was the toast of the Grammys and rocked the summer festival circuit; Future made the leap to live headliner, both on his own and as co-headliner of Drake’s Summer Sixteen Tour; and three-year client Anderson Paak rode the buzz from breakout album *Malibu*. Says Yim: “One thing I love about my clients is they’re still the guys I met when we started working together.”

**FIRST FEMALE ARTIST WITH WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED**

“TLC. I was in junior high when their first album came out. Some days I felt like T-Boz, other days Chilli and some days I even felt like Left Eye. I loved watching the girls grow up and get sexier.”

**PUBLISHING**

**Jennifer Knoepfle, 40**

SENIOR VP/HEAD OF WEST COAST A&R, SONY/ATV MUSIC PUBLISHING

● Antonoff investment pays off

Knoepfle’s signing of Jack Antonoff as a songwriter and a joint-venture partner in his Rough Customer publishing company paid dividends for Sony/ATV in 2016. Antonoff got a co-writer credit on Rachel Platten’s “Stand by You,” which has logged 894,000 downloads, and “Out of the Woods,” one of three songs he wrote and produced for Taylor Swift’s 1989 album that has sold 546,000 copies. Knoepfle says watching Antonoff play guitar with Swift’s band when she performed the song at the 2016 Grammys was a “personal highlight” of her year.

**Carianne Marshall\***

PARTNER, SONGS MUSIC PUBLISHING

● Synch savant

Although few of the company’s songwriters had new albums out in 2016, Marshall says synch licensing revenue from movies, TV and commercials rose 38.6 percent in 2016. Key placements this year include getting a hip-hop version of George Gershwin’s “Let’s Call the Whole Thing Off” in a Gatorade ad. Her team also placed X Ambassadors’ “Collider” in a movie trailer for *Resident Evil: The Final Chapter*.

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INTERNATIONAL

▶ **REBECCA ALLEN, 43**

MANAGING DIRECTOR, DECCA RECORDS U.K.

The first woman to head Decca Records in its near 90-year history, London-based Allen has put the label on a winning track in the two years since she took its helm. She signed legendary film composer Ennio Morricone and worked to make jazz artists Gregory Porter and Melody Gardot crossover stars, while cementing Decca’s position as the United Kingdom’s biggest classical label.

▶ **BETH APPLETON, 45**

SENIOR VP GLOBAL MARKETING, WARNER MUSIC GROUP

Responsible for coordinating international marketing campaigns for WMG’s acts, Appleton delivers sales on a global level. Major Lazer’s “Cold Water,” featuring Justin Bieber and MØ, topped the iTunes chart in 46 markets, while management systems introduced by the London-based Appleton have enabled execs to quickly identify and push priority songs in multiple territories.

▶ **NICOLA TUER\***

COO, SONY MUSIC U.K. & IRELAND

Since her promotion to COO in 2014, Tuer has been instrumental in tightening the gap between Sony Music U.K. and market leader Universal. She has worked closely with CEO Jason Iley to reshape the business and drive sales. Her responsibilities also include leading the label’s catalog division, Sony Commercial Group, which sold more than 8.5 million albums in 2015.





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From left: Young, Lepera, Berliner, White, Edell Howard, LaPolt and Soriano photographed by Elizabeth Weinberg on Nov. 15 at E.P. & L.P. in Los Angeles.



## POWER OF ATTORNEYS

Seven music lawyers at the top of their game

Whether restructuring Perry Farrell's interest in Lollapalooza (from left, **Jamie Young**, Hertz Lichtenstein & Young); representing Dr. Luke (**Christina Lepera**, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp), Foo Fighters (**Jill Berliner**, Rimon Law) or contestants on *The Voice* (**Debbie White**, Loeb & Loeb); or advocating for creators' rights (**Linda Edell Howard**, Adams and Reese; **Dina LaPolt**, LaPolt Law) or free agent Frank Ocean (**Laurie Soriano**, King Holmes Paterno & Soriano), the industry's top female lawyers didn't just break the glass ceiling, they obliterated it. "I've had my firm since 2001," says LaPolt, who represents Steven Tyler and Deadmau5, "but this is the first year I feel I can really compete with these guys." Soriano looks to her own client, Stevie Nicks, for inspiration: "She's a strong, powerful woman who has to a large degree broken the mold." And then there's the unenviable case of a producer accused of sexual and emotional abuse by an artist he signed. "It's not a man/woman issue," says Lepera of the Kesha lawsuit, "it's about human beings."



HAVE THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION MADE YOU MORE ANXIOUS?

“I am not an anxious person. I live by Matthew 6:34: ‘Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.’”  
— Lou Taylor, Tri Star Sports & Entertainment Group

**Sas Metcalfe, 55**

PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL CREATIVE,  
KOBALT MUSIC GROUP

● **New business energizer**

Kobalt’s revenue grew to \$245 million in 2015, up from \$195 million the previous year (2016 financials aren’t out until May) and that was before Metcalfe and her 40-person creative team went on a signing spree that added Zayn Malik, Danger Mouse, Raphael Saadiq, Mike Will Made It, Father John Misty and the Pet Shop Boys catalog to its roster. Established acts all, but Metcalfe also likes to sign new talent and says she’s excited about the prospects of indie rockers The Lemon Twigs, who just released their debut album, *Do Hollywood*.  
**BIGGEST SPLURGE** “An electric bike.”

**Angie Pagano, 36**

GM, ARTIST PUBLISHING GROUP

● **The secret weapon in Mike Caren’s A&R-senal**

In addition to representing a stable that includes James “J Hart” Abrahart and Madison Love, who co-wrote Keith Urban’s No. 1 Country Airplay single “Wasted Time,” Pagano has doubled the size of APG’s A&R department to 14 full-time employees. “It’s pretty unparalleled that nobody on our staff has more than 10 writers,” says the West Hollywood resident. Pagano grew up in Chicago making playlists for her friends and says, “It wasn’t until I got to [John Marshall Law School] that I realized you could be in the music industry.”

**Beka Tischker, 40**

MANAGER; PRESIDENT, PRESCRIPTION SONGS

● **Hit specialist**

Running the shop at Dr. Luke’s Prescription Songs, managing such writers as recent Republic Records signee Julia Michaels (whose music publisher is Warner/Chappell) and fighting for creators’ rights on Capitol Hill keeps the relentlessly upbeat executive in a state of “organized chaos.” And Tischker’s roster has flourished amid Dr. Luke’s controversial legal battles with Kesha. Prescription landed six top 10 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 in 2016, including The Weeknd’s “Starboy” (No. 2),

Meghan Trainor’s “No” and The Chainsmokers’ “Don’t Let Me Down” (both No. 3). Her Rx for Prescription: “I want staff who can out-negotiate me and writers who are creatively satisfied.”

● **FIRST FEMALE ARTIST WITH WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED**

“Shirley Manson. I liked her fearlessness, the risks she took. She’s unapologetic about who she is.”

**Katie Vinten, 33**

SENIOR VP/CO-HEAD OF A&R U.S., WARNER/  
CHAPPELL MUSIC

● **Justin Tranter and Julia Michaels’ earth mother**

When Vinten became a first-time mother in August, she already was an old hand at successfully nurturing sensitive souls — of the songwriter variety. Her roster includes Tranter, who had a stellar 2016 writing for DNCE and Selena Gomez; Asia Whiteacre, who had a hit as a co-writer for Hailee Steinfeld’s “Starving” (427,000 downloads sold); and Michaels, who, after writing hits for Nick Jonas and Britney Spears, “discovered her voice as an artist” and will release a record through Republic in 2017. “It just takes one song to change it all,” says Vinten, “and then it will all roll from there.”

**ADVICE FOR UP-AND-COMERS** “Be heard! Do not be silenced by male-dominated society.”

**DIGITAL**

**Rocio Guerrero, 30**

GLOBAL HEAD OF LATIN CONTENT  
PROGRAMMING, SPOTIFY

● **Making reggaeton a global genre**

Treated perfunctorily when Spotify first launched, Latin music streams have grown exponentially under Guerrero’s leadership. It’s the second-biggest genre globally for the on-demand service and drives three of Spotify’s seven most-streamed playlists, including “Exitos Mexico” and Guerrero’s pet project, “Baila Reggaeton,” which has given key exposure to Nicky Jam and J Balvin. Guerrero, who studied classical violin in her native Spain, gets her musical kicks in other ways. “I play every Thursday with the New York Symphonic Arts Ensemble,” says the Brooklyn resident.



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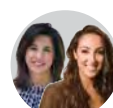
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Lee

**Tamara Hrivnak, 40**

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC PARTNERSHIPS  
(AMERICAS), GOOGLE PLAY

**Vivien Lewit, 46**

GLOBAL HEAD OF ARTIST AND LABEL RELATIONS,  
GOOGLE PLAY

● **Google’s music maestros**

Google’s increasingly global music strategy — the tech giant has paid out more than \$3 billion in royalties to the music industry — rests largely in the hands of this duo. In 2015, Lewit, whose domain is artist relations, shepherded the launches of YouTube Red and the YouTube Music app. Hrivnak introduced YouTube Red in 2016, in Mexico, and expanded the brand through a partnership with Canada’s Juno Awards.

**MEDIA**

**Sharon Dastur, 46**

SENIOR VP PROGRAMMING AND INTEGRATION,  
IHEARTMEDIA

**Marissa Morris, 30**

VP ARTIST RELATIONS, NATIONAL  
PROGRAMMING GROUP; IHEARTMEDIA

● **Making radio waves**

Dastur, a 20-year company veteran who thinks her day is wasted if it starts later than 7 a.m., transitioned two years ago from overseeing New York pop station WHTZ (Z100) to helping guide programming, ratings and revenue strategies for 850 stations nationwide. She also is an executive producer of the company’s annual 12-city Jingle Ball tour, which she calls her “proud baby.” Morris — who earned vp stripes before her 30th birthday — supervises a team of five women, which in 2015 secured artists and brand partnerships for more than 200 company initiatives.

**Debra Lee, 62**

CHAIRMAN/CEO, BET NETWORKS

● **Brought BET to the White House**

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▶ **DANIELLE AGUIRRE\***  
EXECUTIVE VP/GENERAL COUNSEL, NATIONAL MUSIC PUBLISHERS’ ASSOCIATION  
Aguirre was a key architect of the Spotify settlement that will pay publishers and songwriters for all streams and minimize unmatched royalties.

▶ **SUSAN GENCO, 50**  
EXECUTIVE VP, GLOBAL MUSIC RIGHTS  
Genco has negotiated many of the deals that put Irving Azoff and Randy Grimmett’s invite-only boutique — the first U.S. performing rights organization founded in 70-plus years — on the map.

▶ **ELIZABETH MATTHEWS, 48**  
CEO, ASCAP  
Under Matthews’ leadership, ASCAP has topped \$1 billion in revenue for its second straight year, re-signed Paul McCartney and Max Martin, and joined forces with rival BMI to fight for composers’ rights.

▶ **ANN SWEENEY, 57**  
SENIOR VP GLOBAL POLICY, BMI  
Sweeney oversees international collections, ensuring that BMI songwriters are paid and bolstering the PRO’s bottom line. Like ASCAP, revenue passed \$1 billion for the second year.

▶ **KELLI TURNER, 46**  
CFO/EXECUTIVE VP OPERATIONS AND CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT, SESAC  
Turner has played a key role growing SESAC’s revenue from \$182 million to \$206 million in 2016, in part through a deal with Universal Publishing Production Music.



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— Julia Michaels*

Clockwise from top left: Songwriter Lindy Robbins, Prescription Songs president Beka Tischker and singer-songwriters Michaels and Mozella photographed by Brigitte Sire on Nov. 8 at Break Room 86 in Los Angeles.





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“The good thing about Trump is that something snapped in a lot of women and they’re now saying, ‘No more.’ We’re looking at the way that we’re treated, and we’re going to see a command of respect going forward.” — Dawn Soler, ABC Studios

Awards aired on 12 networks across Viacom, including CMT and MTV. And thanks in large part to Beyoncé’s surprise performance of “Freedom” — with an assist from Kendrick Lamar — and a four-part Prince tribute, the June telecast is 2016’s No. 1 cable awards show among adults 18 to 49. For an encore, BET went to the White House to produce *Love and Happiness*, a musical tribute to Barack and Michelle Obama that featured Common, De La Soul, Usher and Janelle Monáe. “We’re still very committed to music,” says Lee. “Our tentpoles and specials are very important to our audience.” Coming in January: *The New Edition Story*, a three-part miniseries on the R&B group that featured Bobby Brown.

**RECENT ‘MAN-SPLAINING’ MOMENT** “A guy friend tried to tell me about Trump’s *Access Hollywood* tape, ‘That’s just the way men talk.’ I just didn’t accept that at all.”

**Sarah Moll, 40**

FOUNDER/CEO, EXIT 13 EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

● **Scored Gaga for Super Bowl 51 halftime show** After she and her team put together three of the highest-rated halftime shows in Super Bowl history — in 2014 with Bruno Mars, 2015 with Katy Perry and 2016 with Coldplay, Beyoncé and Mars — Moll departed the NFL after 17 years to open her own events production company. The Playa del Rey, Calif., resident says she’s expanding her purview into producing and talent coordination, but she’s still contracted to orchestrate the halftime festivities for Super Bowl 51, which will star Lady Gaga — a deal that took root when the singer-songwriter was invited to sing the national anthem at Super Bowl 50. “I knew she would kill it vocally,” says Moll. “I’m not going to say it sealed the deal for 51, but it helped her get in.”

**Dawn Soler, 56**

SENIOR VP TV MUSIC, ABC STUDIOS

● **Charting the alphabet net’s musical future** A 10-year veteran of ABC, Soler oversees all of the music used in the programming it broadcasts and produces — 25 in all — including *Once Upon a Time*, *Scandal*, *Grey’s Anatomy* and the Netflix series *Luke Cage*, which featured a hip-hop-and R&B-flavored soundtrack as well as guest performances by Raphael Saadiq and Charles Bradley. “It has been such an interesting year of transition — finding the next trend and figuring out how to take advantage of it,” Soler says she’s looking at how to incorporate such apps as Snapchat and Musical.ly as a way to engage audiences with ABC programming. Meanwhile, her ABC.com pet project *ABC Music Lounge* is still going strong, while another passion project, *On the Record*, which gives artists like Malaysian singer Yuna a platform to share their stories and their music, debuted during the summer. “I love *On the Record*,” she says, “because it’s a chance for artists to express themselves and have audiences fall in love with them.”

**BRANDING**

**Marcie Allen, 43**

PRESIDENT, MAC PRESENTS

● **Chance the Rapper x Kenzo x H&M = winner** In 2016, the music sponsorship and experiential marketing agency re-upped Citi as a sponsor for Billy Joel’s residency at Madison Square Garden in New York and created Miller Lite activations at the Governors Ball and Austin City Limits festivals. But Allen’s mic-drop moment in 2016 was pairing Chance the Rapper with the Kenzo x H&M fashion-design collaboration. Since 2004, when Allen launched MAC “on my dining room table in Nashville,” sponsor revenue for music has grown from \$550 million to \$1.5 billion, according to *IEG Sponsorship Report*.

**ADVICE FOR UP-AND-COMERS** “The music industry is small. No deal is worth [damaging] a relationship.”

**Jennifer Breithaupt, 44**

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MEDIA, ADVERTISING AND GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT, CITI

● **Making big bank on music events** Breithaupt — who in early 2016 assumed responsibility for Citi’s U.S. advertising and media, plus global entertainment — oversaw a groundbreaking year for the Citi Private Pass music access program. Partnering with more than half of the United States’ top-grossing tours (Guns N’ Roses, Coldplay, Luke Bryan), Citi posted a whopping 34 percent increase in music revenue — the best year-to-date results since the program launched 10 years ago. Looking ahead, Citi plans to host up to 10 live virtual-reality concerts. As Breithaupt says, “Virtual reality is the new frontier.”

**RECENT ‘MAN-SPLAINING’ MOMENT** “In my last fantasy football matchup, my male opponent felt he needed to explain the basics of football. I beat him 162 to 81.”

**Deborah Curtis\***

VP GLOBAL EXPERIENTIAL MARKETING AND PARTNERSHIPS, AMERICAN EXPRESS

● **Uber-successful with Beyoncé promotion** Thanks to Curtis, AmEx offered exclusive presale tickets to some of the top-grossing tours in the past two years — including Beyoncé, Justin Bieber and Rihanna in 2016 — and a groundbreaking promotion with Uber that gave riders the chance to win tickets to sold-out Beyoncé shows, plus one-of-a-kind offers for customers who enrolled their credit cards in the Panorama festival app.

**RECENT ‘MAN-SPLAINING’ MOMENT** “When I hear the words ‘you’re just being emotional,’ I think, ‘When did emotion become a negative?’”

**BUSINESS**

**Lori Badgett, 42**

SENIOR VP/TEAM MANAGER, NASHVILLE ENTERTAINMENT; CITY NATIONAL BANK



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Taylor

**Denise Colletta, 49**

SENIOR VP, ENTERTAINMENT DIVISION; CITY NATIONAL BANK

● **Bankers to the stars** City National helps half of all Broadway shows, including Tony-winning heavyweight *The Book of Mormon*, hit stages from London to Sydney. In 2016, City led a 12-bank syndicate in a \$500 million credit line for Canadian publishing powerhouse *ole*. “Year over year, we provide more than 100 million dollars in financing to the music industry,” says Los Angeles-based Colletta. Badgett, a banjo-plucker who “grew up backstage at the Grand Ole Opry,” helps the artists connect with Music City commerce.

**FIRST FEMALE ARTIST WITH WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED** Colletta “Pat Benatar, and she was a bank teller, which is how I got my start in 1987.”

**Mary Ann McCready, 64**

FOUNDING CO-OWNER/PRESIDENT, FLOOD BUMSTEAD McCREADY & McCARTHY

● **Music City’s secretive weapon** McCready has an epic client list she can’t discuss — Blake Shelton and Lady Antebellum among them — because as a business management firm, discretion is everything. As befits her Midwestern values, the Ohio native stresses stability, not status. “We have a kick-ass tax department; everybody tries to hire our royalty people,” she says. In 27 years, the partnership has grown from three to eight. “Our clients don’t have to worry about succession,” says McCready. “In management, that’s rare.”

**Lou Taylor, 51**

CEO, TRI STAR SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

● **J.Lo and Britney’s ledger domain of choice** Leading a primarily female 78-person staff, the business manager oversees a roster that includes Gwen Stefani, Meghan Trainor and the Las Vegas residencies of Jennifer Lopez and Britney Spears, whose show has grossed \$82 million since its 2013 opening. “I wanted to create an environment where women could have the freedom to succeed without any limitation,” says Taylor. “That’s what I’ve built.”

**LESSON LEARNED FROM MOM** “Presentation matters.”

**METHODOLOGY** A COMMITTEE OF *BILLBOARD* EDITORS AND REPORTERS WEIGHED A VARIETY OF FACTORS IN DETERMINING THE WOMEN IN MUSIC EXECUTIVE POWER LIST, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO IMPACT ON CONSUMER BEHAVIOR, AS MEASURED BY SUCH METRICS AS CHART PERFORMANCE, TOURING GROSSES AND TICKET SALES, SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS AND RADIO AND TV AUDIENCES REACHED; COMPANY GROWTH; CAREER TRAJECTORY; REPUTATION AMONG PEERS; AND OVERALL IMPACT IN THE INDUSTRY DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, *BILLBOARD* BOXSCORE (TOURING FIGURES) AND NIELSEN MUSIC (ALBUM AND TRACK SALES, STREAMING AND RADIO AIRPLAY) WERE UTILIZED AS DATA SOURCES. ESTIMATED ANNUAL EARNINGS WERE CALCULATED BY *BILLBOARD* USING THESE AND OTHER SOURCES.

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# Billboard Artist 100

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## NO. 1 Bruno Mars

As new LP *24K Magic* debuts at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 and Top Album Sales and No. 1 on Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums (see pages 124 and 142), Mars crowns the Artist 100 for the first time in his 114th week on the chart. He passes Shawn Mendes, who completed the longest prior ascent to No. 1 — 86 weeks — in October.



2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
8	10	1	<b>#1</b> BRUNO MARS	ATLANTIC/AG	1	114
66	55	2	METALLICA	BLACKENED	2	76
6	4	3	PENTATONIX	RCA	2	30
2	2	4	DRAKE	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	1	126
7	7	5	THE WEEKND	XO/REPUBLIC	1	111
80	94	6	MIRANDA LAMBERT	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	6	55
3	3	7	TWENTY ONE PILOTS	FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	1	84
5	5	8	RAE SREMMURD	EARDRUMMER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	5	90
9	9	9	<b>ARIANA GRANDE</b>	REPUBLIC	1	124
4	6	10	THE CHAINSMOKERS	DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	2	52
11	12	11	SHAWN MENDES	ISLAND	1	94
10	11	12	RIHANNA	WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	2	122
13	13	13	JUSTIN BIEBER	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	1	125
14	15	14	ADELE	XL/COLUMBIA	1	95
15	14	15	SIA	MONKEY PUZZLE/RCA	5	126
20	16	16	MAROON 5	222/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	126
-	1	17	A TRIBE CALLED QUEST	EPIC	1	3

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24	21	18	ZAY HILFIGERRR & ZAYION MCCALL	THA LIGHTS GLOBAL/ATLANTIC/AG	18	5
78	74	19	NIALL HORAN	NEON HAZE/CAPITOL	11	9
21	18	20	DJ SNAKE	DJ SNAKE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	16	80
26	20	21	ALESSIA CARA	EP/DEF JAM	15	64
28	19	22	GUCCI MANE	GUWOP/ATLANTIC/AG	6	7
17	17	23	KEITH URBAN	HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	8	87
16	39	24	LADY GAGA	STREAMLINE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	26
23	23	25	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE	REPUBLIC NASHVILLE/BMLG	1	126
27	26	26	HALSEY	ASTRALWERKS	4	53
60	44	27	NICKI MINAJ	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	2	116
57	63	28	EMINEM	WEB/SHADY/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	11	126
33	30	29	LIL UZI VERT	GENERATION NOW/ATLANTIC/AG	29	21
31	25	30	X AMBASSADORS	KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	21	74
98	45	31	<b>GARTH BROOKS</b>	PEARL	7	13
46	50	32	MICHAEL BUBLE	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	4	17
25	22	33	JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE	RCA	5	80
65	37	34	AMINE	REPUBLIC	34	6
29	27	35	KANYE WEST	G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	3	76

The week's most popular artists across all genres, ranked by album and track sales as measured by Nielsen Music, radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen Music, streaming activity data from online music sources tracked by Nielsen Music, and fan interaction on social networking sites as compiled by Next Big Sound. See Charts Legend on billboard.com for complete rules and explanations. © 2016, Prometheus Global Media, LLC and Nielsen Music, Inc. All rights reserved.

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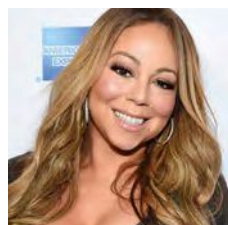
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## Carey & 'Christmas' Return

**Mariah Carey** (above) returns to the Billboard Artist 100, at No. 69, for the first time since last holiday season, largely driven by the perennial success of her modern yuletide standard, "All I Want for Christmas Is You." Radio airplay accounts for the greatest share of her Artist 100 chart points (32 percent), followed by digital song sales (26 percent) as "Christmas" tops the Holiday 100 (which, like the Billboard Hot 100, combines airplay, sales and streaming data), as the chart (dated Dec. 10) makes its annual relaunch. Since the Holiday 100 began, on Dec. 10, 2011, "Christmas" has spent 21 weeks at No. 1; no other song has led for more than two frames. The carol leads the list with 22 million in airplay audience, 4.8 million U.S. streams and 14,000 downloads sold in the tracking week.

Meanwhile, **John Mayer** makes his first appearance on the Artist 100 (which bowed in July 2014), at No. 70, powered by new single "Love on the Weekend." Paid downloads lead the way as the track bounds 6-2 on Rock Digital Song Sales after its first full week of tracking (42,000 sold). It surges 12-5 on Hot Rock Songs and enters the Hot 100 at No. 53, where it's Mayer's 20th career entry (dating to his 2002 debut with "No Such Thing") and highest-charting since "Who You Love" (featuring former flame **Katy Perry**) reached No. 48 in January 2014.

—Gary Trust

2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
43	36	36	<b>KENDRICK LAMAR</b>	TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	97
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		37	<b>DNCE</b>	REPUBLIC	21	45
22	28	38	<b>FUTURE</b>	A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	1	71
39	51	39	<b>TAYLOR SWIFT</b>	BIG MACHINE/BMLG	1	122
64	67	40	<b>FIFTH HARMONY</b>	SYCO/EPIC	6	88
70	47	41	<b>DAFT PUNK</b>	DAFT LIFE/COLUMBIA	41	10
73	42	42	<b>BTS</b>	BIG HIT ENTERTAINMENT/LOEN ENTERTAINMENT	16	7
42	33	43	<b>D.R.A.M.</b>	#1EPICHECK/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	31	15
19	29	44	<b>BEYONCE</b>	PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA	2	124
56	48	45	<b>JOHN LEGEND</b>	COLUMBIA	15	80
32	35	46	<b>CARRIE UNDERWOOD</b>	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	3	113
41	38	47	<b>THOMAS RHETT</b>	VALORY/BMLG	7	95
-	65	48	<b>TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA</b>	LAVA/REPUBLIC	24	16
37	41	49	<b>CALVIN HARRIS</b>	FLY EYE/COLUMBIA	9	93
50	56	50	<b>DJ KHALED</b>	WE THE BEST/EPIC	3	26
34	32	51	<b>CHRIS STAPLETON</b>	MERCURY NASHVILLE/UMGN	2	57
68	46	52	<b>JON BELLION</b>	VISIONARY/CAPITOL	25	7
52	60	53	<b>LIL YACHTY</b>	LIL BOAT SAILING TEAM/QUALITY CONTROL/MOTOWN/CAPITOL	50	14
40	54	54	<b>DAYA</b>	ARTBEATZ	20	54
49	61	55	<b>BRETT ELDRIDGE</b>	ATLANTIC/WMN	9	48
44	52	56	<b>GNASH</b>	:;/AG	42	18
92	73	57	<b>KIDZ BOP KIDS</b>	RAZOR & TIE/CONCORD	9	46
35	49	58	<b>TIM MCGRAW</b>	MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE/BMLG	10	103
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		59	<b>GEORGE STRAIT</b>	MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN	8	11
-	93	60	<b>ZAYN</b>	RCA	1	33
18	31	61	<b>KENNY CHESNEY</b>	BLUE CHAIR/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE/SMN	2	99
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		62	<b>LITTLE MIX</b>	SYCO/COLUMBIA	37	11
54	59	63	<b>DESIIGNER</b>	G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	6	37
47	40	64	<b>JASON ALDEAN</b>	BROKEN BOW/BBMG	1	118
88	86	65	<b>CHRIS TOMLIN</b>	SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	17	15
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		66	<b>SHAKIRA</b>	SONY MUSIC LATIN/RCA	35	15
58	64	67	<b>YOUNG M.A</b>	M.A MUSIC/3D	58	8
53	58	68	<b>MAJOR LAZER</b>	MAD DECENT/DEF JAM	12	42
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		69	<b>MARIAH CAREY</b>	EPIC	23	14
<b>NEW</b>		70	<b>JOHN MAYER</b>	COLUMBIA	70	1
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		71	<b>CAMILA CABELLO</b>	SYCO/EPIC	71	9



2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		72	<b>BING CROSBY</b>	DECCA/MCA/GEFFEN/UME	35	10
71	72	73	<b>BLAKE SHELTON</b>	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	1	126
62	62	74	<b>TORY LANEZ</b>	MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	9	44
38	43	75	<b>LUKE BRYAN</b>	CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	1	126
75	53	76	<b>ELVIS PRESLEY</b>	RCA/LEGACY	30	24
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		77	<b>ANDY GRAMMER</b>	S-CURVE/BMG	18	50
82	88	78	<b>21 SAVAGE</b>	SLAUGHTER GANG	74	5
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		79	<b>JORDAN SMITH</b>	LIGHTWORKS/REPUBLIC	6	12
51	76	80	<b>COLE SWINDELL</b>	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	10	112
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		81	<b>THE LUMINEERS</b>	DUALTONE	1	30
96	8	82	<b>LEONARD COHEN</b>	COLUMBIA	8	5
67	71	83	<b>MEGHAN TRAINOR</b>	EPIC	1	124
81	82	84	<b>OLD DOMINION</b>	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	29	50
63	75	85	<b>BRYSON TILLER</b>	TRAPSOUL/RCA	10	61
77	85	86	<b>TRAVIS SCOTT</b>	GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	5	39
84	68	87	<b>LAUREN DAIGLE</b>	CENTRICITY/CAPITOL CMG	68	14
12	34	88	<b>ALICIA KEYS</b>	RCA	12	4
61	69	89	<b>CHARLIE PUTH</b>	ARTIST PARTNERS GROUP/ATLANTIC/AG	10	87
36	77	90	<b>ERIC CHURCH</b>	EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN	8	120
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		91	<b>DISTURBED</b>	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	5	44
<b>NEW</b>		92	<b>TRISHA YEARWOOD</b>	GWENDOLYN/PEARL	92	1
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		93	<b>FRANK SINATRA</b>	FRANK SINATRA ENTERPRISES/CAPITOL/UME	33	10
95	92	94	<b>BRETT YOUNG</b>	BMLG	87	8
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		95	<b>AMY GRANT</b>	AMY GRANT/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	79	5
45	70	96	<b>KIIARA</b>	ATLANTIC/AG	24	21
87	98	97	<b>PANIC! AT THE DISCO</b>	DCD2/FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	3	56
72	66	98	<b>COLDPLAY</b>	PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC/AG	4	90
-	96	99	<b>USHER</b>	RCA	10	58
<b>NEW</b>		100	<b>HIGHLY SUSPECT</b>	IN DE GOOT/300/AG	100	1





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	1	#1 1WK METALLICA BLACKENED	Hardwired...To Self-Destruct	1	1
NEW	2	BRUNO MARS ATLANTIC/AG	24K Magic	2	1
NEW	3	MIRANDA LAMBERT VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	The Weight Of These Wings	3	1
2	4	GG PENTATONIX RCA	A Pentatonix Christmas	2	5
1	5	A TRIBE CALLED QUEST EPIC	We Got It From Here...Thank You 4 Your Service	1	2
3	6	SOUNDTRACK VILLA 40/DREAMWORKS/RCA	Trolls	3	9
11	7	GARTH BROOKS & TRISHA YEARWOOD GWENDOLYN/PEARL	Christmas Together	7	2
4	8	RAE SREMMURD EARDRUMMER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	SremmLife 2	4	15
6	9	ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST HAMILTON UPTOWN/ATLANTIC/AG	Hamilton: An American Musical	3	61
5	10	DRAKE YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Views	1	30
8	11	THE CHAINSMOKERS DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	Collage (EP)	6	3
18	12	PENTATONIX RCA	That's Christmas To Me	2	28
14	13	ARIANA GRANDE REPUBLIC	Dangerous Woman	2	27
21	14	LADY GAGA STREAMLINE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Joanne	1	5
10	15	SOUNDTRACK DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/AG	Suicide Squad: The Album	1	16
NEW	16	SOUNDTRACK WALT DISNEY	Moana	16	1
NEW	17	DNCE REPUBLIC	DNCE	17	1
15	18	TWENTY ONE PILOTS FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Blurryface	1	80
32	19	MICHAEL BUBLE 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Christmas	1	51
NEW	20	GEORGE STRAIT MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN	Strait Out Of The Box: Part 2	20	1
112	21	PS JORDAN SMITH LIGHTWORKS/REPUBLIC	'Tis The Season	21	2
35	22	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE BMLG	Dig Your Roots	2	13
16	23	CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE/UMGN	Traveller	1	63
34	24	SHAWN MENDES ISLAND	Illuminate	1	9
NEW	25	LITTLE MIX SYCO/COLUMBIA	Glory Days	25	1
28	26	ADELE XL/COLUMBIA	25	1	53
22	27	RIHANNA WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	ANTI	1	44
NEW	28	HIGHLY SUSPECT IN DE GOOT/300	The Boy Who Died Wolf	28	1
19	29	TRAVIS SCOTT GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	Birds In The Trap Sing McKnight	1	12
24	30	SIA MONKEY PUZZLE/RCA	This Is Acting	4	43
12	31	VARIOUS ARTISTS SONY MUSIC/UNIVERSAL/UME	NOW 60	7	3
NEW	32	VARIOUS ARTISTS EPIC	Epic Lit (Version 2)	32	1
26	33	KEITH URBAN HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	Ripcord	4	29
72	34	KIDZ BOP KIDS KIDZ BOP/RAZOR & TIE/CONCORD	Kidz Bop 33	34	6
29	35	21 SAVAGE & METRO BOOMIN SLAUGHTER GANG	Savage Mode	28	19
25	36	VARIOUS ARTISTS RCA	The RCA-List, Vol. 2	23	3
NEW	37	SIXX: A.M. ELEVEN SEVEN	Prayers For The Blessed, Vol. 2	37	1
37	38	KANYE WEST G.O.O.B./DEF JAM	The Life Of Pablo	1	34
30	39	KENNY CHESNEY BLUE CHAIR/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE/SMN	Cosmic Hallelujah	2	4
64	40	SOLANGE SAINT/COLUMBIA	A Seat At The Table	1	8
45	41	THE WEEKND XO/REPUBLIC	Beauty Behind The Madness	1	65
7	42	LEONARD COHEN COLUMBIA	You Want It Darker	7	5
50	43	LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY/CAPITOL CMG	How Can It Be	30	81
20	44	ALICIA KEYS RCA	HERE	2	3
9	45	STING CHERRYTREE/A&M/INTERSCOPE/IGA	57th & 9th	9	2
81	46	GARTH BROOKS PEARL	The Ultimate Hits	3	117
27	47	MEEK MILL MAYBACH/ATLANTIC/AG	DC4	3	4
62	48	AMY GRANT AMY GRANT/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Tennessee Christmas	38	5
40	49	CHANCE THE RAPPER CHANCE THE RAPPER	Coloring Book	8	28
42	50	DJ SNAKE DJ SNAKE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Encore	8	16

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57	51	MICHAEL BUBLE REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Nobody But Me	2	5
53	52	AVENGED SEVENFOLD CAPITOL	The Stage	4	4
85	53	THE LUMINEERS DUALTONE	Cleopatra	1	33
38	54	JEEZY YJ/DEF JAM	Trap Or Die 3	1	4
48	55	THOMAS RHETT VALORY/BMLG	Tangled Up	6	61
66	56	PANIC! AT THE DISCO DC/DZ/FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Death Of A Bachelor	1	45
47	57	BRYSON TILLER TRAPSOUL/RCA	T R A P S O U L	8	61
150	58	CHRIS TOMLIN SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Never Lose Sight	6	5
44	59	D.R.A.M. #1EPICHECK/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	Big Baby D.R.A.M.	19	5
61	60	JUSTIN BIEBER SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Purpose	1	54
54	61	BEYONCE PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA	Lemonade	1	31
49	62	LIL UZI VERT GENERATION NOW/ATLANTIC/AG	Lil Uzi Vert Vs. The World	44	26
73	63	CHRIS TOMLIN SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Adore: Christmas Songs Of Worship	17	12
52	64	ALESSIA CARA EP/DEF JAM	Know-It-All	9	54
51	65	JON BELLION VISIONARY/CAPITOL	The Human Condition	5	18
63	66	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA LAVA/ATLANTIC/RHINO	The Ghosts Of Christmas Eve	9	5
76	67	CARRIE UNDERWOOD 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	Storyteller	2	57
NEW	68	6LACK LVNR/INTERSCOPE/IGA	FREE 6LACK	68	1
75	69	MELANIE MARTINEZ ATLANTIC/AG	Cry Baby	6	67
67	70	DJ KHALED WE THE BEST/EPIC	Major Key	1	17
80	71	USHER RCA	Hard II Love	5	10
65	72	TWENTY ONE PILOTS FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Vessel	21	119
55	73	KEVIN GATES BREAD WINNERS' ASSOCIATION/ATLANTIC/AG	Islah	2	43
74	74	HALSEY ASTRALWERKS	Badlands	2	65
59	75	JASON ALDEAN MACON/BROKEN BOW/BMG	They Don't Know	1	11
109	76	GREEN DAY REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Revolution Radio	1	7
NEW	77	CELTIC WOMAN FEATURING THE ORCHESTRA OF IRELAND MANHATTAN	Voices Of Angels	77	1
139	78	ONEREPUBLIC MOSLEY/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Oh My My	3	7
115	79	BRETT ELDREDGE ATLANTIC/WMN	Glow	29	4
NEW	80	PRINCE NPG/WARNER BROS.	4Ever	80	1
83	81	G-EAZY G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	When It's Dark Out	5	51
17	82	JOE PLAID TAKEOVER/BMG	#MYNAMEISJOETHOMAS	17	2
144	83	MARIAH CAREY COLUMBIA/LEGACY	Merry Christmas	3	61
70	84	J. COLE DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA	2014 Forest Hills Drive	1	103
NEW	85	LAMB OF GOD EPIC	The Duke (EP)	85	1
82	86	PARTYNEXTDOOR OVO SOUND/WARNER BROS.	PARTYNEXTDOOR 3 (P3)	3	15
114	87	NORAH JONES BLUE NOTE	Day Breaks	2	7
99	88	METALLICA BLACKENED/WARNER BROS.	Metallica	1	406
69	89	DRAKE YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Take Care	1	195
71	90	RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS WARNER BROS.	The Getaway	2	23
68	91	FRANK OCEAN BOYS DON'T CRY	Blonde	1	14
151	92	CASTING CROWNS BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG	The Very Next Thing	9	10
79	93	DRAKE YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	If You're Reading This It's Too Late	1	94
77	94	LIL UZI VERT GENERATION NOW/ATLANTIC/AG	The Perfect LUV Tape	55	15
130	95	BLAKE SHELTON WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	If I'm Honest	3	27
197	96	VINCE GUARALDI TRIO FANTASY/CONCORD	A Charlie Brown Christmas (Soundtrack)	23	53
31	97	LESLIE ODOM, JR. S-CURVE/BMG	Simply Christmas	31	2
NEW	98	DISTURBED REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Disturbed: Live At Red Rocks	98	1
167	99	JIMMY BUFFETT MAILBOAT	'Tis The Season	50	4
95	100	SAM HUNT MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN	Montevallo	3	109



## Metallica Wires In Sixth No. 1

Metallica scores its sixth No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 with *Hardwired... To Self-Destruct*. The set debuts atop the list with 291,000 equivalent album units earned in the week ending Nov. 24, according to Nielsen Music. Of that sum, 282,000 were traditional album sales. *Hardwired* arrived Nov. 18 on Metallica's own Blackened Records and distributed by Alternative Distribution Alliance. The set also bows at No. 1 on the Independent Albums chart.

*Hardwired's* start is the third-largest debut of 2016 — in terms of both overall units and traditional album sales — behind only the arrivals of Drake's *Views* (1.04 million units; 852,000 in sales) and Beyoncé's *Lemonade* (653,000 units; 485,000 sales).

Further, *Hardwired* sold more in its first week than any rock album in two-and-a-half years. The last rock album to sell more in a single week was Coldplay's *Ghost Stories*, which bowed on June 7, 2014, with 382,000 copies sold.

*Hardwired* is Metallica's first studio album since 2008's *Death Magnetic*, which also bowed at No. 1, with 490,000 copies sold in its first week. Metallica's last six studio releases, stretching back to its self-titled album (aka *The Black Album*) in 1991, have debuted at No. 1. Before *Death Magnetic*, the band topped the chart with *St. Anger* (in 2003), *Reload* (1997), *Load* (1996) and *Metallica* (1991).

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117	101	<b>LAUREN DAIGLE</b>	Behold: A Christmas Collection	CENTRICITY/CAPITOL CMG		77	4
106	102	<b>STRAIGHT NO CHASER</b>	I'll Have Another...Christmas Album	ATCO/ATLANTIC/AG		61	4
137	103	<b>MEGHAN TRAINOR</b>	Thank You	EPIC		3	28
168	104	<b>BRUNO MARS</b>	Doo-Wops & Hooligans	ELEKTRA/AG		3	299
98	105	<b>ADELE</b>	21	XL/COLUMBIA		1	301
111	106	<b>ERIC CHURCH</b>	Mr. Misunderstood	EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN		2	56
126	107	<b>KINGS OF LEON</b>	Walls	RCA		1	6
116	108	<b>CELINE DION</b>	These Are Special Times	550 MUSIC/EPIC/LEGACY		2	57
RE	109	<b>KACEY MUSGRAVES</b>	A Very Kacey Christmas	MERCURY NASHVILLE/UMGN		109	2
149	110	<b>RASCAL FLATTS</b>	The Greatest Gift Of All	BIG MACHINE/BMLG		110	3
58	111	<b>A\$AP MOB</b>	Cozy Tapes, Vol. 1: Friends	A\$AP WORLDWIDE/POLO GROUNDS/RCA		13	4
86	112	<b>FUTURE</b>	DS2	A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC		1	71
88	113	<b>X AMBASSADORS</b>	VHS	KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA		7	74
145	114	<b>CHRIS YOUNG</b>	It Must Be Christmas	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN		62	5
NEW	115	<b>PROTEST THE HERO</b>	Pacific Myth	RAZOR & TIE/CONCORD		115	1
170	116	<b>MICHAEL JACKSON</b>	The Essential Michael Jackson	EPIC/LEGACY		46	176
97	117	<b>EMINEM</b>	The Eminem Show	WEB/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/UME		1	295
156	118	<b>VARIOUS ARTISTS</b>	NOW That's What I Call Merry Christmas	SONY MUSIC/UNIVERSAL/UME		118	2
84	119	<b>TORY LANEZ</b>	I Told You	MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE/IGA		4	14
92	120	<b>KENDRICK LAMAR</b>	good kid, m.A.A.d city	TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA		2	213
104	121	<b>FETTY WAP</b>	Fetty Wap	RGF/300/AG		1	61
93	122	<b>DRAKE</b>	Nothing Was The Same	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC		1	163
90	123	<b>COLDPLAY</b>	A Head Full Of Dreams	PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC/AG		2	51
135	124	<b>FIFTH HARMONY</b>	7/27	SYCO/EPIC		4	26
96	125	<b>DRAKE &amp; FUTURE</b>	What A Time To Be Alive	A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC		1	62
102	126	<b>LUKE BRYAN</b>	Kill The Lights	CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN		1	68
43	127	<b>BON JOVI</b>	This House Is Not For Sale	CAPTAIN KID/ISLAND		1	3
13	128	<b>LEONARD COHEN</b>	The Essential Leonard Cohen	COLUMBIA/LEGACY		13	2
RE	129	<b>BRUNO MARS</b>	Unorthodox Jukebox	ATLANTIC/AG		1	149
101	130	<b>ED SHEERAN</b>	x	ATLANTIC/AG		1	127
129	131	<b>DISTURBED</b>	Immortalized	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.		1	66
87	132	<b>MAREN MORRIS</b>	Hero	COLUMBIA NASHVILLE/SMN		5	25
100	133	<b>A BOOGIE WIT DA HOODIE</b>	Artist	HIGHBRIDGE THE LABEL/AG		99	7
NEW	134	<b>GARTH BROOKS &amp; TRISHA YEARWOOD</b>	Christmas Together / Gunslinger	GWENDOLYN/PEARL		134	1
134	135	<b>COLE SWINDELL</b>	You Should Be Here	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN		6	29
113	136	<b>DAYA</b>	Sit Still, Look Pretty	ARTBEATZ		36	7
RE	137	<b>JENNIFER NETTLES</b>	To Celebrate Christmas	BIG MACHINE/BMLG		137	2
94	138	<b>RAE SREMMURD</b>	SremmLife	EARDRUMMER/INTERSCOPE/IGA		5	99
157	139	<b>KORN</b>	The Serenity Of Suffering	ROADRUNNER/AG		4	5
89	140	<b>CHARLIE PUTH</b>	Nine Track Mind	ARTIST PARTNERS GROUP/ATLANTIC/AG		6	43
183	141	<b>FRANK SINATRA</b>	Christmas Songs By Sinatra	COLUMBIA/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP		72	27
RE	142	<b>BRITNEY SPEARS</b>	Glory	RCA		3	8
166	143	<b>JOSH GROBAN</b>	Noel	143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.		1	69
124	144	<b>KELSEA BALLERINI</b>	The First Time	BLACK RIVER		31	71
188	145	<b>NEIL DIAMOND</b>	Acoustic Christmas	CAPITOL		125	4
91	146	<b>GNASH</b>	us (EP)	3:/AG		46	32
118	147	<b>JEREMIH</b>	Late Nights: The Album	MICK SCHULTZ/DEF JAM		42	51
107	148	<b>LIL YACHTY</b>	Lil' Boat	LIL BOAT SAILING TEAM/QUALITY CONTROL/MOTOWN/CAPITOL		106	19
NEW	149	<b>NATHANIEL RATELIFF &amp; THE NIGHT SWEATS</b>	A Little Something More...	STAX/CONCORD		149	1
140	150	<b>JOURNEY</b>	Journey's Greatest Hits	COLUMBIA/LEGACY		10	436

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142	151	<b>ELVIS PRESLEY</b>	It's Christmas Time	RCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP		41	54
RE	152	<b>THE BEATLES</b>	Live At The Hollywood Bowl	APPLE/CAPITOL/UME		7	5
NEW	153	<b>DODIE</b>	Intertwined (EP)	DODIE		153	1
NEW	154	<b>JUSTICE</b>	Woman	GENESIS/ED BANGER/BECAUSE		154	1
136	155	<b>EMINEM</b>	Curtain Call: The Hits	SHADY/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA		1	317
121	156	<b>SAM SMITH</b>	In The Lonely Hour	CAPITOL		2	128
159	157	<b>TAYLOR SWIFT</b>	1989	BIG MACHINE/BMLG		1	109
RE	158	<b>JAMES BAY</b>	Chaos And The Calm	REPUBLIC		15	85
RE	159	<b>KIDZ BOP KIDS</b>	Kidz Bop 32	KIDZ BOP/RAZOR & TIE/CONCORD		9	14
132	160	<b>OLD DOMINION</b>	Meat And Candy	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN		16	55
RE	161	<b>SARAH MCLACHLAN</b>	Wonderland	VERVE/VLG		79	2
138	162	<b>GEORGE STRAIT</b>	Strait For The Holidays	MCA NASHVILLE/UME		138	3
163	163	<b>SHAWN MENDES</b>	Handwritten	ISLAND		1	85
119	164	<b>BEYONCE</b>	Beyonce	PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA		1	150
RE	165	<b>PENTATONIX</b>	PTXmas (EP)	RCA		7	21
RE	166	<b>QUEEN</b>	Greatest Hits	HOLLYWOOD		11	262
147	167	<b>JON PARDI</b>	California Sunrise	CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN		11	21
153	168	<b>THE 1975</b>	I Like It When You Sleep, For You Are So Beautiful Yet So Unaware Of It	DIRTY HIT/INTERSCOPE/IGA		1	39
RE	169	<b>SKILLET</b>	Unleashed	HEAR IT LOUD/ATLANTIC/AG		3	14
RE	170	<b>BING CROSBY</b>	White Christmas	MCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/UME		82	29
148	171	<b>THE WEEKND</b>	Trilogy	XO/REPUBLIC		4	143
RE	172	<b>TOBYMAC</b>	This Is Not A Test	FOREFRONT/CAPITOL CMG		4	28
125	173	<b>BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS</b>	Legend: The Best Of...	TUFF GONG/ISLAND/UME		5	445
154	174	<b>AMY WINEHOUSE</b>	Back To Black	REPUBLIC		2	158
105	175	<b>VARIOUS ARTISTS</b>	WOW Hits 2017	PLG/WORD-CURBY/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG		64	9
123	176	<b>FUTURE</b>	EVOL	A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC		1	42
120	177	<b>A BOOGIE WIT DA HOODIE</b>	TBA (EP)	HIGHBRIDGE THE LABEL/AG		63	4
NEW	178	<b>E-40</b>	The D-Boy Diary: Book 1	HEAVY ON THE GRIND		178	1
131	179	<b>JAMES ARTHUR</b>	Back From The Edge	SYCO/COLUMBIA		126	4
161	180	<b>DIERKS BENTLEY</b>	Black	CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN		2	26
RE	181	<b>JUSTIN BIEBER</b>	Under The Mistletoe	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM		1	30
RE	182	<b>NAT KING COLE</b>	The Christmas Song	CAPITOL/UME		93	24
143	183	<b>BLAKE SHELTON</b>	Reloaded: 20 #1 Hits	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN		5	57
174	184	<b>SELENA GOMEZ</b>	Revival	INTERSCOPE/IGA		1	59
185	185	<b>JOHNNY CASH</b>	The Legend Of Johnny Cash	COLUMBIA NASHVILLE/LEGACY/AMERICAN/ISLAND/UME		5	243
RE	186	<b>FRANK SINATRA</b>	Icon Christmas: Frank Sinatra	FRANK SINATRA ENTERPRISES/CAPITOL/UME		65	6
RE	187	<b>JOHNNY MATHS</b>	Gold: A 50th Anniversary Christmas Celebration	COLUMBIA/LEGACY		112	18
146	188	<b>HOZIER</b>	Hozier	RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA		2	112
RE	189	<b>PENTATONIX</b>	Pentatonix	RCA		1	24
78	190	<b>DAVID BOWIE</b>	Legacy	ISO/COLUMBIA/LEGACY		78	2
110	191	<b>VARIOUS ARTISTS</b>	NOW That's What I Call Country #1's	SONY MUSIC/UNIVERSAL/UME		76	3
NEW	192	<b>SOUNDTRACK</b>	Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them	WATERTOWER		192	1
NEW	193	<b>PINK MARTINI</b>	Je Dis Oui!	HEINZ		193	1
192	194	<b>BLINK-182</b>	California	VIKING WIZARD EYES/BMG		1	20
152	195	<b>TIM MCGRAW</b>	Damn Country Music	MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE/BMLG		5	46
RE	196	<b>METALLICA</b>	Master Of Puppets	BLACKENED/WARNER BROS.		29	131
NEW	197	<b>KIDZ BOP KIDS</b>	Kidz Bop Christmas (2016)	KIDZ BOP/RAZOR & TIE/CONCORD		197	1
141	198	<b>2PAC</b>	Greatest Hits	AMARU/DEATH ROW/INTERSCOPE/UME		3	169
162	199	<b>CARRIE UNDERWOOD</b>	Greatest Hits: Decade #1	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN		4	103
RE	200	<b>GUNS N' ROSES</b>	Greatest Hits	GEFFEN/UME		3	378

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**PENTATONIX**  
A Pentatonix Christmas

Pentatonix's *A Pentatonix Christmas* continues its run in the top 10 of the Billboard 200 as the set gets pushed back 2-4 — despite a handsome 80 percent unit gain to 101,000 equivalent album units earned in the week ending Nov. 24, according to Nielsen Music. While the album still has a chance at hitting No. 1, next up atop the list likely will be **The Weeknd's Starboy**, as industry forecasters suggest it will launch at No. 1 on the Dec. 17 chart with at least 350,000 units. —K.C.



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**JORDAN SMITH**  
*'Tis the Season*

The *Voice* winner's holiday album zooms 112-21 with a 243 percent unit gain (to 20,000) thanks to a return to the TV show that launched him. He performed on the Nov. 22 episode of the series.



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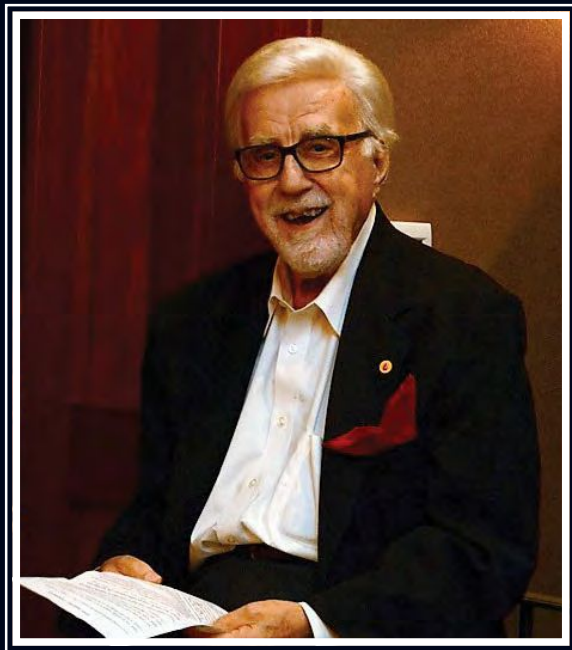
**CELTIC WOMAN**  
*Voices of Angels*

On World Albums, the vocal group notches its 13th No. 1 with this album's chart-topping arrival (10,000 copies sold). In the 25-year history of the chart, only **Celtic Thunder** has more leaders, with 15.



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# Prince's 40th Hit Album: 4Ever

Prince's first posthumous release, the greatest-hits compilation *4Ever*, debuts at No. 48 on Top Album Sales and No. 80 on the Billboard 200. On the latter list, the set marks the late icon's 40th charting album. *4Ever* sold 8,000 copies in the week ending Nov. 24, according to Nielsen Music, and earned 9,000 equivalent album units.

The new 40-song set is especially notable because it includes the previously unreleased "Moonbeam Levels." The song originally was recorded in 1982 during sessions for the 1999 album.

The other 39 songs on *4Ever* span from 1978 to 1993 during his time with Warner Bros. Records — from "Soft and Wet," his first charting single, to "Nothing Compares 2 U" in 1993. Of Prince's 30 top 40-charting hits on the Billboard Hot 100, 24 of them appear on *4Ever*. The only top 40 hits absent from the set are "Partyman," "The Arms of Orion" (both from the *Batman* soundtrack), "Money Don't Matter 2 Night," "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World," "LetItGo" and "I Hate U."

*4Ever* does include the first appearance of Prince's Hot 100 No. 1 "Batdance" on any of his hits compilations.

Since Prince's death, on April 21, his catalog of albums has sold 2.6 million in the United States. Further, after his death, his albums were so popular that on the May 14 tally, he had a record 19 concurrently charting titles.

—Keith Caulfield



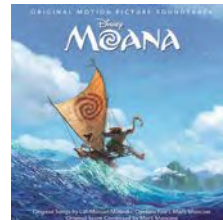
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LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS. ON CHART
HOT SHOT DEBUT	1	#1 1WK METALLICA BLACKENED	Hardwired...To Self-Destruct	1
NEW	2	BRUNO MARS ATLANTIC/AG	24K Magic	1
NEW	3	MIRANDA LAMBERT VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	The Weight Of These Wings	1
2	4	PENTATONIX RCA	A Pentatonix Christmas	5
1	5	A TRIBE CALLED QUEST EPIC	We Got It From Here...Thank You 4 Your Service	2
3	6	SOUNDTRACK VILLA 40/DREAMWORKS/RCA	Trolls	9
6	7	GARTH BROOKS & TRISHA YEARWOOD	Christmas Together	2
11	8	PENTATONIX RCA	That's Christmas To Me	27
10	9	ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST HAMILTON UPTOWN/ATLANTIC/AG	Hamilton: An American Musical	61
19	10	LADY GAGA STREAMLINE/INTERSCOPE/JGA	Joanne	5
NEW	11	GEORGE STRAIT MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN	Straight Out Of The Box: Part 2	1
NEW	12	SOUNDTRACK WALT DISNEY	Moana	1
47	13	JORDAN SMITH LIGHTWORKS/REPUBLIC	'Tis The Season	4
NEW	14	DNCE REPUBLIC	DNCE	1
7	15	VARIOUS ARTISTS SONY MUSIC/UNIVERSAL/UME	NOW 60	3
NEW	16	HIGHLY SUSPECT IN DE GROOT/300	The Boy Who Died Wolf	1
35	17	KIDZ BOP KIDS KIDZ BOP/RAZOR & TIE/CONCORD	Kidz Bop 33	6
22	18	MICHAEL BUBLE 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Christmas	50
NEW	19	SIXX: A.M. ELEVEN SEVEN	Prayers For The Blessed, Vol. 2	1
17	20	CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE/UMGN	Traveller	64
4	21	LEONARD COHEN COLUMBIA	You Want It Darker	5
31	22	SOUNDTRACK DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/AG	Suicide Squad: The Album	16
NEW	23	LITTLE MIX SYCO/COLUMBIA	Glory Days	1
5	24	STING CHERRYTREE/A&M/INTERSCOPE/JGA	57th & 9th	2
36	25	GARTH BROOKS PEARL	The Ultimate Hits	119
44	26	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE BMLG	Dig Your Roots	13
24	27	AMY GRANT AMY GRANT/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Tennessee Christmas	5
34	28	TWENTY ONE PILOTS FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Blurryface	80
32	29	LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY/CAPITOL CMG	How Can It Be	73
18	30	KENNY CHESNEY BLUE CHAIR/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE/SMN	Cosmic Hallelujah	4
13	31	ALICIA KEYS RCA	HERE	3
30	32	MICHAEL BUBLE REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Nobody But Me	5
27	33	AVENGED SEVENFOLD CAPITOL	The Stage	4
39	34	ADELE XL/COLUMBIA	25	53
33	35	CHRIS TOMLIN SIX STEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Adore: Christmas Songs Of Worship	12
RE	36	ARIANA GRANDE REPUBLIC	Dangerous Woman	25
28	37	KEITH URBAN HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	Ripcord	29
75	38	CHRIS TOMLIN SIX STEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Never Lose Sight	5
NEW	39	CELTIC WOMAN FEAT. THE ORCHESTRA OF IRELAND MANHATTAN	Voices Of Angels	1
RE	40	SOLANGE SAINT/COLUMBIA	A Seat At The Table	7
29	41	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA LAVA/ATLANTIC/RHINO	The Ghosts Of Christmas Eve	5
48	42	BRETT ELDRIDGE ATLANTIC/WMN	Glow	4
58	43	GREEN DAY REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Revolution Radio	7
NEW	44	LAMB OF GOD EPIC	The Duke (EP)	1
9	45	JOE PLAID TAKEOVER/BMG	#MYNAMEISJOETHOMAS	2
51	46	NORAH JONES BLUE NOTE	Day Breaks	7
63	47	CASTING CROWNS BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG	The Very Next Thing	10
NEW	48	PRINCE NPG/WARNER BROS.	4ever	1
NEW	49	DISTURBED REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Disturbed: Live At Red Rocks	1
64	50	JIMMY BUFFETT MAILBOAT	'Tis The Season	4

HEATSEEKERS ALBUMS™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS. ON CHART
NEW	1	#1 1WK DODIE	Intertwined (EP)	1
1	2	CHUCK MURPHY ONEWEST	Peace Be With You	7
NEW	3	HIGH VALLEY WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	Dear Life	1
NEW	4	J BOOG WASHHOUSE HAWAII	Wash House Ting	1
7	5	GG TRAVIS MARVIN TRAVIS MARVIN	Simple (EP)	2
NEW	6	DAWN RICHARD OUR DAWN/LOCAL ACTION	Redemption	1
5	7	MO3 MO3 MEDIA	4 Indictments	2
NEW	8	ELLA MAI 10 SUMMERS/INTERSCOPE/JGA	CHANGE (EP)	1
9	9	PETER HOLLENS PETER HOLLENS	A Hollens Family Christmas	4
NEW	10	MIKE ZITO RUF	Make Blues Not War	1
RE	11	STARS GO DIM FERVENT/WORD-CURB/WMN	Stars Go Dim	16
14	12	MO3 MO3 MEDIA	Shottaz Reloaded	23
15	13	GENTRI SHADOW MOUNTAIN	Finding Christmas	6
RE	14	DON CHIEF EAT GREEDY	The Return Of Chief Lucas	2
NEW	15	ION DISSONANCE GOOD FIGHT	Cast The First Stone	1
NEW	16	CURTIS GRIMES LONELY RIVER	Undeniably Country	1
NEW	17	KEVIN ABSTRACT BROCKHAMPTON/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	American Boyfriend: A Suburban Love Story	1
NEW	18	ROYAL TEETH ROUND HILL	Amateurs (EP)	1
NEW	19	BRIAN SIMPSON SHANACHIE	Persuasion	1
16	20	ZACH WILLIAMS ESSENTIAL/PLG	Chain Breaker - EP	9
6	21	RHONDA VINCENT AND THE RAGE UPPER MANAGEMENT	All The Rage: In Concert, Vol. One	2
RE	22	THE RECORD COMPANY CONCORD	Give It Back To You	26
NEW	23	DEVILMENT NUCLEAR BLAST	Devilment II - The Mephisto Waltzes	1
NEW	24	TRUDY LYNN CONNOR RAY	I'll Sing The Blues For You	1
23	25	THE NASHVILLE TRIBUTE BAND SHADOW MOUNTAIN	Merry: A Nashville Tribute To Christmas	3

SOUNDTRACKS™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	#1 3WKS SOUNDTRACK VILLA 40/DREAMWORKS/RCA	Trolls	9
NEW	2	SOUNDTRACK WALT DISNEY	Moana	1
2	3	SOUNDTRACK DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/AG	Suicide Squad: The Album	16
4	4	SOUNDTRACK FANTASY/CONCORD	A Charlie Brown Christmas (Vince Guaraldi Trio)	113
NEW	5	SOUNDTRACK WATEROWER	Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them	1
5	6	SOUNDTRACK MARVEL/HOLLYWOOD	Guardians Of The Galaxy: Awesome Mix Vol. 1	122
7	7	SOUNDTRACK NEW LINE/WATERTOWER	Elf	98
RE	8	SOUNDTRACK NETFLIX/LAKESHORE	Stranger Things, Volume Two	5
8	9	SOUNDTRACK NPG/WARNER BROS./RHINO	Purple Rain (Prince And The Revolution)	276
NEW	10	THE BAND WARNER BROS./RHINO	The Last Waltz (Soundtrack)	1
10	11	SOUNDTRACK WALT DISNEY	Frozen	157
11	12	SOUNDTRACK LOST HIGHWAY/MERCURY/UME	O Brother, Where Art Thou?	599
14	13	SOUNDTRACK RUTHLESS/PRIORITY/CAPITOL	Straight Outta Compton: Music From The Motion Picture	46
6	14	SOUNDTRACK REUNION/PLG	To Joey, With Love	2
RE	15	SOUNDTRACK MARVEL/HOLLYWOOD	Doctor Strange	3
13	16	SOUNDTRACK RCA/LEGACY	Dirty Dancing	92
9	17	SOUNDTRACK NETFLIX/LAKESHORE	Stranger Things, Volume One	11
16	18	SOUNDTRACK WALT DISNEY	Elena Of Avalor (EP)	18
21	19	SOUNDTRACK RCA	The Best Man Holiday	18
17	20	SOUNDTRACK WALT DISNEY	Frozen: The Songs	78
18	21	SOUNDTRACK 20TH CENTURY FOX/COLUMBIA	Glee: The Music, The Christmas Album	35
15	22	SOUNDTRACK HBO/WATERTOWER	Westworld: Selection From The HBO Series - Season 1 (EP)	4
RE	23	SOUNDTRACK WARNER SUNSET/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	The Polar Express	74
RE	24	SOUNDTRACK JIVE/JLG	This Christmas	20
RE	25	SHARON JONES AND THE DAP-KINGS DAPTONE	Miss Sharon Jones! (Soundtrack)	2



# Family-Friendly Film Tunes Rule

The top five of the Soundtracks chart is stuffed with family-friendly albums, led by the *Trolls* soundtrack at No. 1. The set, which features Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling!," sold another 42,000 copies in the week ending Nov. 24, according to Nielsen Music (up 16 percent).

Behind *Trolls* is *Moana* at No. 2, with 20,000 sold. The animated feature from Disney opened in U.S. theaters on Nov. 23. The soundtrack includes new tunes written by Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Following *Moana* is the very adult soundtrack to *Suicide Squad* — the lone R-rated film in the top five.

At No. 4 is an annual holiday favorite: the TV soundtrack to *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by the Vince Guaraldi Trio. It sold 5,000 copies in the latest tracking week (up 83 percent), and its sales numbers are sure to rise as Christmas approaches.

The album has proved to be a hot seller on vinyl as it ranks at No. 5 on the Vinyl Albums chart with 2,000 sold (up 46 percent). In 2015, the album sold 25,000 vinyl LPs and was the year's top-selling holiday set on the format. In 2016, it has so far sold another 8,000 copies, and since Nielsen started tracking sales in 1991, it has moved 55,000 on vinyl.

Rounding out the top five on Soundtracks is *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, debuting at No. 5 with 4,000 copies. The score album is composed by James Newton Howard.

—K.C.

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# 'Starboy' Shoots Back To No. 1

"Starboy" by **The Weeknd** (below) featuring **Daft Punk** zooms 11-1 on Billboard + Twitter Top Tracks to rule for a second overall week, following its No. 1 debut nine weeks ago. "Starboy" rallies after The Weeknd performed the tune at the American Music Awards on Nov. 20. In addition, the song benefits from the Nov. 25 release of its parent album of the same name. The set is likely to launch at No. 1 on the Dec. 17 Billboard 200 (see page 124).

Another AMAs performance pumps a big chart move as **Fifth Harmony's** "That's My Girl" vaults 29-3 on Top Tracks, marking the group's eighth top 10 hit. The act last reached the region with "All in My Head (Flex)," which peaked at No. 6 in June.

5H member **Camila Cabello** is also in the top five as her **Machine Gun Kelly** collaboration, "Bad Things," re-enters at No. 5. The pair performed it on the Nov. 23 episode of NBC's *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*.

Elsewhere on the chart, **Noah Cyrus** claims the week's highest debut as "Make Me (Cry)" (featuring **Labrinth**) opens at No. 21. Cyrus, younger sister of **Miley**, released the track Nov. 15, with momentum building after its Nov. 22 music video premiere. The clip has soared to more than 9 million views on YouTube through Nov. 29.

—Trevor Anderson



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LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
11	1	<b>#1</b> <b>STARBOY</b>	The Weeknd Feat. Daft Punk	10
1	2	<b>THIS TOWN</b>	Niall Horan	9
29	3	<b>THAT'S MY GIRL</b>	Fifth Harmony	9
RE	4	<b>BOUNCE BACK</b>	Big Sean	3
RE	5	<b>BAD THINGS</b>	Machine Gun Kelly x Camila Cabello	6
48	6	<b>MILLION REASONS</b>	Lady Gaga	8
3	7	<b>24K MAGIC</b>	Bruno Mars	8
22	8	<b>SIDE TO SIDE</b>	Ariana Grande Feat. Nicki Minaj	15
42	9	<b>DON'T WANNA KNOW</b>	Maroon 5 Feat. Kendrick Lamar	7
8	10	<b>CLOSER</b>	The Chainsmokers Feat. Halsey	18
5	11	<b>BLACK BEATLES</b>	Rae Sremmurd Feat. Gucci Mane	7
24	12	<b>MERCY</b>	Shawn Mendes	14
20	13	<b>SHOUT OUT TO MY EX</b>	Little Mix	5
12	14	<b>CHANTAJE</b>	Shakira Feat. Maluma	4
16	15	<b>LET ME LOVE YOU</b>	DJ Snake Feat. Justin Bieber	6
7	16	<b>LOVE YOURSELF</b>	Justin Bieber	54
19	17	<b>MAMA</b>	BTS	3
30	18	<b>PILLOWTALK</b>	Zayn	32
4	19	<b>SLUMBER PARTY</b>	Britney Spears Feat. Tinashe	3
9	20	<b>SORRY</b>	Justin Bieber	58
NEW	21	<b>MAKE ME (CRY)</b>	Noah Cyrus Feat. Labrinth	1
37	22	<b>TREAT YOU BETTER</b>	Shawn Mendes	26
RE	23	<b>HEATHENS</b>	twenty one pilots	23
13	24	<b>FIRE</b>	BTS	26
43	25	<b>I FEEL IT COMING</b>	The Weeknd Feat. Daft Punk	2
RE	26	<b>BODY SAY</b>	Demi Lovato	7
15	27	<b>HARDWIRED</b>	Metallica	7
NEW	28	<b>GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN</b>	Pentatonix	1
21	29	<b>ALL WE KNOW</b>	The Chainsmokers Feat. Phoebe Ryan	9
RE	30	<b>WORK</b>	Rihanna Feat. Drake	42
RE	31	<b>BANG BANG</b>	Green Day	4
2	32	<b>BLACK BARBIES</b>	Nicki Minaj	2
18	33	<b>REDBONE</b>	Childish Gambino	2
35	34	<b>LOVE ON THE BRAIN</b>	Rihanna	10
41	35	<b>YOUR LOVE</b>	Little Mix	2
50	36	<b>FAKE LOVE</b>	Drake	5
NEW	37	<b>NOBODY LIKE YOU</b>	Little Mix	1
RE	38	<b>THE GREATEST</b>	Sia Feat. Kendrick Lamar	10
31	39	<b>SECRET LOVE SONG</b>	Little Mix Feat. Jason Derulo	53
NEW	40	<b>STILL</b>	G-Eazy	1
32	41	<b>WE DON'T TALK ANYMORE</b>	Charlie Puth Feat. Selena Gomez	31
NEW	42	<b>BRAND NEW</b>	Mike Stud	1
RE	43	<b>COLD WATER</b>	Major Lazer Feat. Justin Bieber & MO	18
45	44	<b>LOVE ME NOW</b>	John Legend	6
NEW	45	<b>BONE MARROW</b>	G-Eazy Feat. Danny Seth	1
RE	46	<b>HELLO</b>	Adele	57
RE	47	<b>STARVING</b>	Hailee Steinfeld & Grey Feat. Zedd	10
RE	48	<b>ALONE</b>	Marshmello	15
NEW	49	<b>ROCKABYE</b>	Clean Bandit Feat. Sean Paul & Anne-Marie	1
RE	50	<b>YOUTH</b>	Troye Sivan	20

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LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
5	1	<b>#1</b> <b>LOVESICK</b>	Mura Masa Feat. A\$AP Rocky	9
1	2	<b>PERFECT STRANGERS</b>	Jonas Blue Feat. JP Cooper	26
2	3	<b>SING ME TO SLEEP</b>	Alan Walker	26
3	4	<b>DANCING ON MY OWN</b>	Calum Scott	36
15	5	<b>CRUEL</b>	Snakehips Feat. Zayn	20
25	6	<b>PHONE DOWN</b>	Lost Kings Feat. Emily Warren	4
NEW	7	<b>ALARM</b>	Anne-Marie	1
9	8	<b>YOU</b>	Belly Feat. Kehlani	18
7	9	<b>THE OCEAN</b>	Mike Perry Feat. Shy Martin	6
10	10	<b>JUMPSHOT</b>	Dawin	2
NEW	11	<b>HURRICANE</b>	While She Sleeps	1
13	12	<b>PRBLMS</b>	6LACK	7
6	13	<b>FIND ME</b>	Sigma Feat. Birdy	3
11	14	<b>CAPSIZING</b>	Frenship & Emily Warren	23
RE	15	<b>SAY WHEN</b>	THEY.	4
14	16	<b>LOCATION</b>	Khalid	15
41	17	<b>MY NAME IS HUMAN</b>	Highly Suspect	5
21	18	<b>OH LORD</b>	MiC LOWRY	8
16	19	<b>BONBON</b>	Era Istrefi	23
NEW	20	<b>RHYTHM INSIDE</b>	Calum Scott	1
18	21	<b>TRACIONERA</b>	Sebastian Yatra	9
24	22	<b>DILE QUE TU ME QUIERES</b>	Ozuna	12
RE	23	<b>KEEP YOU IN MIND</b>	Guordan Banks	5
17	24	<b>SEPTEMBER SONG</b>	JP Cooper	11
RE	25	<b>OTW</b>	DJ Luke Nasty	2
26	26	<b>CALL ON ME</b>	Starley	3
34	27	<b>MADE A WAY</b>	Travis Greene	16
19	28	<b>IT'S ALL ON U</b>	Illenium Feat. Liam O'Donnell	6
27	29	<b>YOU AND ME</b>	Marc E. Bassy Feat. G-Eazy	30
37	30	<b>WE CAN</b>	Kranium Feat. Tory Lanez	9
20	31	<b>WAT U MEAN (AYE, AYE, AYE)</b>	Dae Dae	27
47	32	<b>CLOSE TO YOU</b>	Dreezy Feat. T-Pain	18
8	33	<b>BALLERINA</b>	Belly	4
32	34	<b>PERMISSION</b>	Ro James	43
28	35	<b>SPIRITS</b>	The Strumbellas	44
39	36	<b>HEY</b>	Fais Feat. Afrojack	33
23	37	<b>INSIDE THE LINES</b>	Mike Perry Feat. Casso	3
35	38	<b>CROSSFIRE</b>	Stephen	49
NEW	39	<b>WHAT ABOUT ME</b>	Isac Elliot	1
31	40	<b>WHAT IS LOVE 2016</b>	Lost Frequencies	2
RE	41	<b>BODY</b>	Dreezy Feat. Jeremih	39
22	42	<b>SI ELLA QUISIERA</b>	Justin Quiles	4
29	43	<b>QUEEN ELIZABETH</b>	Cheat Codes	4
50	44	<b>POR FIN TE ENCONTRE</b>	Cali y El Dandee Feat. Juan Magan & Sebastian Yatra	11
40	45	<b>HURTS SO GOOD</b>	Astrid S	25
38	46	<b>ALL MY FRIENDS</b>	Snakehips Feat. Tinashe & Chance The Rapper	56
RE	47	<b>DRUGS</b>	EDEN	15
RE	48	<b>MIGHT NOT</b>	Belly Feat. The Weeknd	41
45	49	<b>MY SH*T</b>	A Boogie Wit da Hoodie	14
RE	50	<b>STRANGER</b>	Peking Duk Feat. Elliphant	3



# Mendes' Busy Week

**Shawn Mendes** (above) jumps 9-3 on the Social 50 chart after a big week that included star-studded Instagram posts, an announcement of new tour dates and follower milestones.

In addition to Mendes posting a video of himself singing his song "Mercy" with **Niall Horan** and a picture with **Drake** (calling the rapper a "true legend"), the singer added dates to his 2017 *Illuminate* World Tour and celebrated reaching 16 million Instagram followers and 8 million Twitter followers. All that social buzz helped Mendes gain in nearly all monitored social metrics, including a 777 percent leap in Instagram reactions (9.7 million total in the week ending Nov. 27, according to Next Big Sound) and a 335 percent rise in Twitter reactions (459,000).

Below Mendes, **Nicki Minaj** climbs 27-6 after a big week on social media that included posts commemorating the sixth anniversary of debut album *Pink Friday* on Nov. 22. Minaj gained 339 percent in Instagram reactions (13.8 million in all) as well as 480 percent in Twitter followers.

Finally, **Lil Uzi Vert** and **Gucci Mane** both return to the Social 50 at Nos. 35 and 38, respectively (the former marking his best position on the chart), following the release of their joint mixtape, *1017 vs. The World*, on Nov. 23. They respectively gain 2,042 percent and 99 percent in Twitter reactions, with Mane's jump also attributed to chatter following his engagement to girlfriend **Keyshia Ka'oir** while on the kiss cam at an Atlanta Hawks basketball game on Nov. 22. —Kevin Rutherford

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# Country

December 10  
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HOT COUNTRY SONGS™						
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION	Artist	PEAK POS.
			PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL		
1	1	1	<b>#1 4 WKS</b> BLUE AIN'T YOUR COLOR	HIT RED/CAPITOL	Keith Urban	1
2	2	2	MAY WE ALL	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE FEATURING TIM MCGRAW	BMLG	2
5	3	3	SLEEP WITHOUT YOU	BRETT YOUNG	BMLG	3
12	8	4	<b>AG</b> WANNA BE THAT SONG	BRETT ELDRIDGE	ATLANTIC/WMN	4
3	4	5	MIDDLE OF A MEMORY	COLE SWINDELL	WARNER BROS./WMN	3
9	7	6	SONG FOR ANOTHER TIME	OLD DOMINION	RCA NASHVILLE	6
6	5	7	A LITTLE MORE SUMMERTIME	JASON ALDEAN	MACON/BROKEN BOW	5
4	6	8	SETTING THE WORLD ON FIRE	KENNY CHESNEY FEAT. PINK	BLUE CHAIR/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	1
7	9	9	BETTER MAN	LITTLE BIG TOWN	CAPITOL NASHVILLE	6
11	10	10	DIRTY LAUNDRY	CARRIE UNDERWOOD	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE	10
8	11	11	MOVE	LUKE BRYAN	CAPITOL NASHVILLE	5
14	12	12	STAR OF THE SHOW	THOMAS RHETT	VALORY	12
13	14	13	HOW I'LL ALWAYS BE	TIM MCGRAW	MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE	13
10	13	14	VICE	MIRANDA LAMBERT	VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE	2
21	16	15	A GUY WITH A GIRL	BLAKE SHELTON	WARNER BROS./WMN	15
18	17	16	KILL A WORD	ERIC CHURCH FEATURING RHIANNON GIDDENS	EMI NASHVILLE	16
19	18	17	PARACHUTE	CHRIS STAPLETON	MERCURY	17
15	15	18	80S MERCEDES	MAREN MORRIS	COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	15
22	19	19	DIRT ON MY BOOTS	JON PARDI	CAPITOL NASHVILLE	19
27	22	20	SEEN' RED	DUSTIN LYNCH	BROKEN BOW	20
16	20	21	I KNOW SOMEBODY	LOCASH	REVIVER	4
17	21	22	DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS	DIERKS BENTLEY FEATURING ELLE KING	CAPITOL NASHVILLE	3
24	23	23	IF THE BOOT FITS	GRANGER SMITH	WHEELHOUSE	23
23	24	24	TODAY	BRAD PAISLEY	ARISTA NASHVILLE	12
28	25	25	THE WEEKEND	BRANTLEY GILBERT	VALORY	23
30	27	26	SOBER SATURDAY NIGHT	CHRIS YOUNG FEATURING VINCE GILL	RCA NASHVILLE	26
29	26	27	ROAD LESS TRAVELED	LAUREN ALAINA	19/INTERSCOPE/MERCURY	25
31	30	28	<b>DG</b> MAKE YOU MINE	HIGH VALLEY	ATLANTIC/WEA	28
34	32	29	THINK A LITTLE LESS	MICHAEL RAY	ATLANTIC/WEA	29
33	29	30	YEAH BOY	KELSEA BALLERINI	BLACK RIVER	29
25	28	31	FOREVER COUNTRY	ARTISTS OF THEN, NOW & FOREVER	CMA/MCA NASHVILLE	1
		<b>HOT SHOT DEBUT</b>	<b>32</b> NO ONE	SUNDANCE HEAD	REPUBLIC	32
35	33	33	HOMETOWN GIRL	JOSH TURNER	MCA NASHVILLE	33
37	34	34	HURRICANE	LUKE COMBS	RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	32
36	35	35	HOLDIN' HER	CHRIS JANSON	WARNER BROS./WAR	35
32	31	36	LOVE TRIANGLE	RAELYNN	WARNER BROS./WMN	31
38	36	37	MY GIRL	DYLAN SCOTT	CURB	31
39	37	38	THERE'S A GIRL	TRENT HARMON	19/REPUBLIC/DOT	36
		<b>39</b>	<b>SG</b> WE SHOULD BE FRIENDS	MIRANDA LAMBERT	VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE	39
		<b>40</b>	<b>40</b> BLACK	DIERKS BENTLEY	CAPITOL NASHVILLE	39
40	38	41	IF I TOLD YOU	DARIUS RUCKER	CAPITOL NASHVILLE	25
43	42	42	BABY, LET'S LAY DOWN AND DANCE	GARTH BROOKS	PEARL	36
42	41	43	OUTSKIRTS OF HEAVEN	CRAIG CAMPBELL	RED BOW	41
		<b>NEW</b>	<b>44</b> TIN MAN	MIRANDA LAMBERT	VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE	44
44	44	45	HOW NOT TO	DAN + SHAY	WARNER BROS./WAR	44
41	43	46	A LITTLE MORE LOVE	JERROD NIEMANN & LEE BRICE	CURB	41
		<b>NEW</b>	<b>47</b> CIRCLES	JANA KRAMER	ELEKTRA NASHVILLE/WAR	47
45	48	48	WHISKEY AND YOU	CHRIS STAPLETON	MERCURY	35
		<b>NEW</b>	<b>49</b> FOR HER	CHRIS LANE	BIG LOUD	49
46	45	50	DAMN DRUNK	RONNIE DUNN WITH KIX BROOKS	NASH ICON/BIG MACHINE	45

TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS™						
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	CERTIFICATION	Title	WKS. ON CHART	
		IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL				
	<b>HOT SHOT DEBUT</b>	<b>#1 1 WK</b> MIRANDA LAMBERT	The Weight of These Wings		1	
1	2	<b>GG</b> GARTH BROOKS & TRISHA YEARWOOD	Christmas Together		2	
	<b>NEW</b>	<b>3</b> GEORGE STRAIT	Strait Out Of The Box: Part 2		1	
4	4	CHRIS STAPLETON	Traveller		82	
8	5	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE	Dig Your Roots		13	
5	6	KENNY CHESNEY	Cosmic Hallelujah		4	
6	7	KEITH URBAN	Ripcord		29	
10	8	BRETT ELDRIDGE	Glow		4	
14	9	JIMMY BUFFETT	'Tis The Season		4	
12	10	RASCAL FLATTS	The Greatest Gift Of All		5	
27	11	<b>PS</b> KACEY MUSGRAVES	A Very Kacey Christmas		4	
9	12	JASON ALDEAN	They Don't Know		11	
13	13	CHRIS YOUNG	It Must Be Christmas		6	
	<b>NEW</b>	<b>14</b> GARTH BROOKS & TRISHA YEARWOOD	Christmas Together / Gunslinger		1	
21	15	JENNIFER NETTLES	To Celebrate Christmas		4	
16	16	CARRIE UNDERWOOD	Storyteller		57	
11	17	GEORGE STRAIT	Strait For The Holidays		4	
7	18	VARIOUS ARTISTS	NOW That's What I Call Country #1's		3	
30	19	BLAKE SHELTON	If I'm Honest		27	
20	20	THOMAS RHETT	Tangled Up		61	
3	21	RONNIE DUNN	Tattooed Heart		2	
	<b>NEW</b>	<b>22</b> FAITH HILL	Deep Tracks		1	
18	23	AARON LEWIS	Sinner		10	
2	24	HOME FREE	Full Of (Even More) Cheer		2	
24	25	ERIC CHURCH	Mr. Misunderstood		56	



## Lambert 'Wings' It To No. 1

*The Weight of These Wings* by **Miranda Lambert** debuts as her sixth No. 1 on Top Country Albums with 122,000 sold, according to Nielsen Music. Lambert is the second artist in the chart's nearly 53-year history to post six consecutive career-opening No. 1s, tying **Carrie Underwood**, who continued her perfect streak with her sixth leader, *Storyteller* (Nov. 14, 2015). Like Underwood, all of Lambert's titles have bowed at the summit, starting with 2005's *Kerosene*, which was followed by *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* (2007), *Revolution* (2009), *Four the Record* (2011) and *Platinum* (2014). Lambert also ties Underwood for the fourth-most Top Country Albums No. 1s among women. **Reba McEntire** leads with 12, followed by **Loretta Lynn** (10) and **Dolly Parton** (seven).

**Florida Georgia Line's** "May We All" (featuring **Tim McGraw**) ascends 2-1 on Country Airplay, gaining 4 percent to 46 million audience impressions. The song marks the duo's 10th Country Airplay No. 1, while McGraw earns his record-extending 29th (dating to the chart's launch on Jan. 20, 1990). **Kenny Chesney** ranks second, with 27. Meanwhile, **Garth Brooks** and **Trisha Yearwood's** *Christmas Together* hikes 83 percent to 39,000 sold; however, in its second week on Top Country Albums, it dips 1-2, displaced by Lambert's new set. The husband-and-wife team also ranks at No. 14 on Top Country Albums; in a Walmart exclusive, *Christmas Together* was bundled with Brooks' new solo album *Gunslinger*, which shifted 7,000 in the tracking week. *Gunslinger* went on sale in wide release on Nov. 25. —*Jim Asker*

COUNTRY AIRPLAY™						
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	Artist	WKS. ON CHART		
		IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL				
2	1	<b>#1 1 WK</b> MAY WE ALL	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE FEAT. TIM MCGRAW	17		
3	2	SLEEP WITHOUT YOU	BRETT YOUNG	40		
5	3	SONG FOR ANOTHER TIME	OLD DOMINION	25		
6	4	<b>GG</b> WANNA BE THAT SONG	BRETT ELDRIDGE	28		
1	5	A LITTLE MORE SUMMERTIME	JASON ALDEAN	20		
7	6	BLUE AIN'T YOUR COLOR	KEITH URBAN	15		
4	7	MIDDLE OF A MEMORY	COLE SWINDELL	30		
9	8	HOW I'LL ALWAYS BE	TIM MCGRAW	20		
8	9	MOVE	LUKE BRYAN	20		
10	10	DIRTY LAUNDRY	CARRIE UNDERWOOD	14		
12	11	A GUY WITH A GIRL	BLAKE SHELTON	9		
11	12	IF THE BOOT FITS	GRANGER SMITH	39		
13	13	STAR OF THE SHOW	THOMAS RHETT	9		
14	14	80S MERCEDES	MAREN MORRIS	23		
15	15	KILL A WORD	ERIC CHURCH FEAT. RHIANNON GIDDENS	14		
16	16	SEEN' RED	DUSTIN LYNCH	23		
17	17	TODAY	BRAD PAISLEY	8		
18	18	SOBER SATURDAY NIGHT	CHRIS YOUNG FEAT. VINCE GILL	25		
20	19	PARACHUTE	CHRIS STAPLETON	31		
19	20	ROAD LESS TRAVELED	LAUREN ALAINA	15		
23	21	BETTER MAN	LITTLE BIG TOWN	6		
22	22	THINK A LITTLE LESS	MICHAEL RAY	32		
21	23	MAKE YOU MINE	HIGH VALLEY	40		
24	24	THE WEEKEND	BRANTLEY GILBERT	19		
25	25	DIRT ON MY BOOTS	JON PARDI	10		

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# Rock

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HOT ROCK SONGS™							
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
	1	1	<b>#1</b> 16 WKS <b>HEATHENS</b> ▲ MELIZONDO/JOSEPH (T.JOSEPH)	DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	twenty one pilots	1	23
	2	2	<b>UNSTEADY</b> ▲ ALEX DA KID (A.GRANT,S.N.HARRIS,N.FELDSHUH,C.HARRIS,A.LEVIN)	KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	X Ambassadors	2	60
	3	3	<b>RIDE</b> ▲ R.REED (T.JOSEPH)	FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	twenty one pilots	1	71
	4	4	<b>SUCKER FOR PAIN</b> ● Lil Wayne, Wiz Khalifa & Imagine Dragons With Logic & Ty Dolla Sign Feat. X Ambassadors ALEX DA KID (A.GRANT,S.N.HARRIS,N.FELDSHUH,C.HARRIS,A.LEVIN)	DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	X Ambassadors	3	22
	-	12	<b>DG SG</b> <b>LOVE ON THE WEEKEND</b> J.MAYER (J.MAYER)	COLUMBIA	John Mayer	5	2
	6	7	<b>AG</b> <b>HANDCLAP</b> R.REED (M.FITZPATRICK,S.MILLANDER,N.SCARIS,M.KING,LOJANES,I.MUNOZ,S.FRIEDBERG)	DANGERBIRD/ELECTRA/ATLANTIC	Fitz And The Tantrums	6	35
	5	6	<b>HYMN FOR THE WEEKEND</b> ▲ S.MITH,R.MCDONALD (R.MADLEY,CROFT,D.SIM,S.MITH,S.ALLEN,D.HALL,J.DATES)	PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	Coldplay	4	48
	8	9	<b>OPHELIA</b> THE LUMINEERS,S.FELICE (W.SCHULTZ,J.C.FRAITES)	DUALTONE	The Lumineers	5	42
	-	11	<b>ON HOLD</b> J.SMITH,R.MCDONALD (R.MADLEY,CROFT,D.SIM,S.MITH,S.ALLEN,D.HALL,J.DATES)	YOUNG TURKS/BEGGARS GROUP/PINUENE	The xx	9	2
	11	15	<b>WASTE A MOMENT</b> M.DRAVS (C.FOLLOWILL,N.FOLLOWILL,J.FOLLOWILL,M.FOLLOWILL)	RCA	Kings Of Leon	7	11
	-	46	<b>SLEEP ON THE FLOOR</b> S.FELICE (W.SCHULTZ,J.C.FRAITES)	DUALTONE	The Lumineers	11	9
	10	13	<b>CHAIN BREAKER</b> J.L.SMITH (J.L.SMITH,M.L.C.FIELDS,Z.WILLIAMS)	ESSENTIAL/PLG	Zach Williams	10	9
	9	14	<b>GOOD GRIEF</b> M.CREW,D.SMITH (D.SMITH,M.CREW)	VIRGIN/CAPITOL	Bastille	9	23
	17	21	<b>CLEOPATRA</b> S.FELICE (W.SCHULTZ,J.C.FRAITES,S.FELICE)	DUALTONE	The Lumineers	11	34
	15	20	<b>MY NAME IS HUMAN</b> J.HAMILTON (J.STEVENS,R.MEYER,R.MEYER)	IN DE GOOT/300	Highly Suspect	15	11
	16	27	<b>ATLAS, RISE!</b> G.FIDELMAN,J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH (J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH)	BLACKENED/Q PRIME	Metallica	15	4
	46	48	<b>HARDWIRED</b> G.FIDELMAN,J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH (J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH)	BLACKENED/Q PRIME	Metallica	9	14
	26	31	<b>MOTH INTO FLAME</b> G.FIDELMAN,J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH (J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH)	BLACKENED/Q PRIME	Metallica	15	9
	14	18	<b>TAKE IT ALL BACK</b> C.COB (J.L.AKERS,N.E.ZUERCHER,B.V.MACDONALD,S.M.CROSS)	CLETUS THE VAN/CAROLINE	Judah & The Lion	14	14
	13	19	<b>ALL WE EVER KNEW</b> J.JOYCE (THE HEAD AND THE HEART)	WARNER BROS.	The Head And The Heart	13	25
	20	5	<b>HALLELUJAH</b> J.LISSAUER (L.COHEN)	COLUMBIA/LEGACY	Leonard Cohen	5	3
	19	23	<b>CANCER</b> T.JOSEPH (G.WAY,M.WAY,R.TORO,F.JERO,B.BRYAR)	FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	twenty one pilots	6	11
	-	10	<b>HALLELUJAH</b> ▲ A.WALLACE (L.COHEN)	COLUMBIA/LEGACY	Jeff Buckley	10	2
	21	26	<b>I APOLOGIZE</b> K.CHURKO (IVAN MOODY,Z.BATHORY,JASON HOOK,JEREMY HEYDE,K.CHURKO)	PROSPECT PARK	Five Finger Death Punch	21	18
	31	30	<b>STILL BREATHING</b> GREEN DAY (GREEN DAY,A.SLACK,L.SPILLER,WILKINSON,R.PARKHOUSE,G.TIZZARD)	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Green Day	12	9
	22	24	<b>SHE'S OUT OF HER MIND</b> J.FELDMANN (M.HOPPIUS,T.L.BARKER,J.FELDMANN,M.SKIBA)	VIKING WIZARD EYES/BMG	Blink-182	11	13
	18	28	<b>BANG BANG</b> GREEN DAY (GREEN DAY)	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Green Day	8	16
<b>HOT SHOT DEBUT</b>		28	<b>NOW THAT WE'RE DEAD</b> G.FIDELMAN,J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH (J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH)	BLACKENED/Q PRIME	Metallica	28	1
	24	29	<b>WELCOME TO YOUR LIFE</b> CAPTAIN CUTS (GROUPLOVE)	CANVASBACK/ATLANTIC	Grouplove	24	19
	27	32	<b>HIGH AND LOW</b> L.STEEL,N.LITTLEMORE,P.MAYES (L.STEEL,N.LITTLEMORE,J.SLOAN,P.MAYES)	THE SLEEPY JACKSON/ASTRALWERKS/CAPITOL	Empire Of The Sun	24	13
	23	33	<b>THE STAGE</b> J.BARRESI,AVENGED SEVENFOLD (B.E.HANER,JR.M.C.SANDERS,B.WACKEMAN,Z.J.BAKER,J.SEWARD)	CAPITOL	Avenged Sevenfold	10	7
<b>NEW</b>		32	<b>SPIT OUT THE BONE</b> G.FIDELMAN,J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH (J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH)	BLACKENED/Q PRIME	Metallica	32	1
	28	35	<b>BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY</b> DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	Panic! At The Disco	7	16
	25	34	<b>NOT EASY</b> ALEX DA KID (A.GRANT,S.N.HARRIS,A.LEVIN,C.HARRIS,ELLE KING,C.JTHOMAZ)	KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/RCA	Alex Da Kid Feat. X Ambassadors, Elle King & Wiz Khalifa	12	5
	30	36	<b>MOVE</b> L.STALFORS (A.L.JACKSON,A.D.MOORE SHARP,C.LERDAMORNPOONG,G.S.ERWIN)	ELEKTRA/RRP	Saint Motel	30	8
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		36	<b>ANGELA</b> S.FELICE (W.SCHULTZ,J.C.FRAITES,S.FELICE)	DUALTONE	The Lumineers	15	11
	32	37	<b>OPEN YOUR EYES</b> K.CHURKO (DISTURBED)	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Disturbed	32	8
	36	40	<b>SQUARE HAMMER</b> T.DOLGERTY (A.GHOU WRITER)	RISE ABOVE/LOMA VISTA/SEVEN FOUR/THE BICYCLE MUSIC COMPANY/CONCORD	Ghost	34	7
	37	39	<b>TALK TOO MUCH</b> T.PAGNOTTA (C.LAWRENCE,J.MEMMEL,P.WALSH,C.J.BARAN,T.PAGNOTTA)	COLUMBIA	COIN	37	5
	42	45	<b>GO ROBOT</b> DANGER MOUSE (A.KIEDIS,FLEA,C.SMITH,J.KLINGHOFFER)	WARNER BROS.	Red Hot Chili Peppers	36	6
	50	38	<b>TESTIFY</b> C.CASH,NEEDTOBREATHE (W.RINEHART,N.RINEHART)	ATLANTIC	NEEDTOBREATHE	38	4
<b>NEW</b>		42	<b>HURT</b> B.APPLEBERRY (T.REZNOR)	REPUBLIC	Aaron Gibson	42	1
	41	44	<b>WE DON'T KNOW</b> D.SCHIFFMAN (S.WARD,D.RITTER,D.JAMES,J.DRURY,J.HEMBREY,J.SETTERINGTON,B.PICKETT)	GLASSNOTE	The Strumbellas	41	4
	40	50	<b>BLACK HONEY</b> E.PALMQUIST (J.BRECKENRIDGE,E.BRECKENRIDGE,TTERANISHI,D.KENSURIE)	VAGRANT/BMG/ADA	Thrice	39	12
<b>NEW</b>		45	<b>HALO ON FIRE</b> G.FIDELMAN,J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH (J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH)	BLACKENED/Q PRIME	Metallica	45	1
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		46	<b>SEAL THE DEAL</b> J.HANSEN,R.CAGGIANO,M.S.POLSEN (M.S.POLSEN,J.LARSEN)	REPUBLIC	Volbeat	43	3
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		47	<b>TAKE ME DOWN</b> K.KHANDWALA (T.MOMSEN,B.PHILLIPS)	GOIN' DOWN/RAZOR & TIE	The Pretty Reckless	27	17
<b>NEW</b>		48	<b>CONFUSION</b> G.FIDELMAN,J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH (J.HETFIELD,L.ULRICH)	BLACKENED/Q PRIME	Metallica	48	1
<b>RE-ENTRY</b>		49	<b>FIRE ESCAPE</b> ROBOPOP,WATTENBERG,D.A.E.FUHRMANN (J.MCMAHON,D.MELO,G.WATTENBERG,D.A.E.FUHRMANN)	CRUSH MUSIC/VANGUARD/CONCORD	Andrew McMahon In The Wilderness	37	3
<b>NEW</b>		50	<b>UNSTOPPABLE</b> NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	REPUBLIC	The Score	50	1

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<b>HOT SHOT DEBUT</b>	1	<b>#1</b> 1 WK <b>METALLICA</b>	BLACKENED	Hardwired...To Self-Destruct	1	
<b>NEW</b>	2	<b>HIGHLY SUSPECT</b>	IN DE GOOT/300	The Boy Who Died Wolf	1	
<b>NEW</b>	3	<b>SIXX: A.M.</b>	ELEVEN SEVEN	Prayers For The Blessed, Vol. 2	1	
	4	<b>LEONARD COHEN</b>	COLUMBIA	You Want It Darker	5	
	10	<b>GG</b> <b>SOUNDTRACK</b> ●	DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC	Suicide Squad: The Album	16	
	2	<b>STING</b>	CHERRY TREE/A&M/INTERSCOPE/IGA	57th & 9th	2	
	11	<b>TWENTY ONE PILOTS</b> ▲	FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Blurryface	80	
	8	<b>AVENGED SEVENFOLD</b>	CAPITOL	The Stage	4	
	9	<b>TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA</b>	LAVA/ATLANTIC/RHINO	The Ghosts Of Christmas Eve	5	
	15	<b>GREEN DAY</b>	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Revolution Radio	7	
<b>NEW</b>	11	<b>LAMB OF GOD</b>	EPIC	The Duke (EP)	1	
<b>NEW</b>	12	<b>DISTURBED</b>	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Disturbed: Live At Red Rocks	1	
	16	<b>JIMMY BUFFETT</b>	MAILBOAT	'Tis The Season	4	
<b>NEW</b>	14	<b>PROTEST THE HERO</b>	RAZOR & TIE/CONCORD	Pacific Myth	1	
	12	<b>RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS</b>	WARNER BROS.	The Getaway	23	
	5	<b>BON JOVI</b>	CAPTAIN KID/ISLAND	This House Is Not For Sale	3	
	17	<b>KORN</b>	ROADRUNNER/AG	The Serenity Of Suffering	5	
	41	<b>PS</b> <b>THE BEATLES</b>	APPLE/CAPITOL/UMI	Live At The Hollywood Bowl	11	
	23	<b>KINGS OF LEON</b>	RCA	Walls	6	
	22	<b>PANIC! AT THE DISCO</b> ●	DC/DZ/FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Death Of A Bachelor	45	
<b>NEW</b>	21	<b>NATHANIEL RATELIFF &amp; THE NIGHT SWEATS</b>	STAX/CONCORD	A Little Something More From...	1	
	25	<b>THE LUMINEERS</b>	DUALTONE	Cleopatra	33	
<b>NEW</b>	23	<b>DODIE</b>	DODIE	Intertwined (EP)	1	
	29	<b>SKILLET</b>	HEAR IT LOUD/ATLANTIC/AG	Unleashed	16	
<b>NEW</b>	25	<b>JOSH GARRELS</b>	SMALL VOICE	The Light Came Down	1	

ALTERNATIVE AIRPLAY™						
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART	
	3	<b>#1</b> 1 WK <b>ALL WE EVER KNEW</b>	WARNER BROS.	The Head And The Heart	25	
	1	<b>WASTE A MOMENT</b>	RCA	Kings Of Leon	12	
	2	<b>HEATHENS</b>	DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	twenty one pilots	23	
	4	<b>TAKE IT ALL BACK</b>	CLETUS THE VAN/CAROLINE	Judah & The Lion	15	
	5	<b>TROUBLE</b>	DSP/RCA	Cage The Elephant	33	
	6	<b>WELCOME TO YOUR LIFE</b>	CANVASBACK/ATLANTIC	Grouplove	19	
	8	<b>SHE'S OUT OF HER MIND</b>	VIKING WIZARD EYES/BMG	Blink-182	8	
	9	<b>WAY DOWN WE GO</b>	ELEKTRA/ATLANTIC	Kaleo	39	
	7	<b>GOOD GRIEF</b>	VIRGIN/CAPITOL	Bastille	24	
	10	<b>SURE AND CERTAIN</b>	EXOTIC LOCATION/RCA	Jimmy Eat World	13	
	11	<b>OPHELIA</b>	DUALTONE	The Lumineers	42	
	17	<b>GG</b> <b>STILL BREATHING</b>	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Green Day	4	
	13	<b>TALK TOO MUCH</b>	COLUMBIA	COIN	15	
	12	<b>BLOOD IN THE CUT</b>	NIGHT STREET/INTERSCOPE	k.flay	12	
	16	<b>MOVE</b>	ELEKTRA/RRP	Saint Motel	11	
	14	<b>HIGH AND LOW</b>	THE SLEEPY JACKSON/ASTRALWERKS/CAPITOL	Empire Of The Sun	13	
	19	<b>GO ROBOT</b>	WARNER BROS.	Red Hot Chili Peppers	10	
	21	<b>FIRE ESCAPE</b>	CRUSH MUSIC/VANGUARD/CONCORD	Andrew McMahon In The Wilderness	10	
	20	<b>SOMEBODY ELSE</b>	DIRTY HIT/INTERSCOPE	The 1975	18	
	24	<b>CLEOPATRA</b>	DUALTONE	The Lumineers	7	
	22	<b>WE DON'T KNOW</b>	GLASSNOTE	The Strumbellas	9	
	23	<b>7</b>	ISLAND/CAPITOL	Catfish And The Bottlemen	13	
	25	<b>HYMN FOR THE WEEKEND</b>	PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	Coldplay	9	
	18	<b>BANG BANG</b>	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Green Day	16	
	26	<b>ROLL UP</b>	DANGERBIRD/ELEKTRA/ATLANTIC	Fitz And The Tantrums	8	



## 'Knew' Heads To No. 1

The Head and the Heart (above) earns its first No. 1 on the Alternative airplay chart as "All We Ever Knew," its first entry on the list, lifts 3-1. The song previously topped the Triple A airplay tally for eight weeks. The song's Alternative coronation makes the Seattle folk-rock band the fourth act in 2016 to reign with a first title on the chart, following **Kaleo**, **The Strumbellas** and **Nothing but Thieves**. Notably, those acts were largely newcomers with their No. 1s, while The Head and the Heart has enjoyed success dating to its first airplay leader, "Lost in My Mind," which topped Triple A in 2011.

Another airplay chart first belongs to **Kings Of Leon**, whose "Waste a Moment" rises 2-1 on Rock Airplay (12 million in audience, up 1 percent, according to Nielsen Music). The band previously reached No. 2 with "Use Somebody" in 2009. The new track ruled Triple A for eight weeks and Alternative for one.

**Highly Suspect's** *The Boy Who Died Wolf* becomes the trio's first Alternative Albums No. 1 as it debuts with 17,000 copies sold, a new weekly best for the band. The set also starts at No. 2 on both Top Rock Albums and Hard Rock Albums, marking a new best rank for the group on the former chart, topping the No. 7 bow and peak of *Mister Asylum*, the act's debut full-length, which arrived with 8,000 (Aug. 8, 2015). The new album's lead single, "My Name Is Human," tops the Mainstream Rock airplay chart for a second week.

—Kevin Rutherford

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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SONGS™						
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	1	<b>#1</b> <b>AG</b> <b>BLACK BEATLES</b> MIKE WILL MADE IT (A.J.S. BROWN/K.J. BROWN/M.L. WILLIAMS/R. DAVIS)	Rae Sremmurd Featuring Gucci Mane EARDRUMMER/INTERSCOPE	1	15
2	2	2	<b>STARBOY</b> DAFT PUNK/D.O.C. MCKINNEY/CHRISTIE THE WEEKND (A.TESFAYE/T.BANGALTER/G. DE HONEM-CHRISTO.M.MCKINNEY/K.R.WALTER)	The Weeknd Featuring Daft Punk XO/REPUBLIC	1	10
		<b>3</b>	<b>24K MAGIC</b> SHAMPOO PRESS & CURL (BRUNO MARS,P.M.LAWRENCE II,C.B. BROWN)	Bruno Mars ATLANTIC	3	1
		<b>4</b>	<b>SG</b> <b>JUJU ON THAT BEAT (TZ ANTHEM)</b> WTF LISTED (T.PEOPLES,LOU,CALL,LEWIS,A.SMITH,VIEWS,USHER,C.HENDERSON,B.CAMPBELL)	Zay Hilfigerrr & Zayion McCall THA LIGHTS GLOBAL/ATLANTIC	3	10
4	4	5	<b>BROCCOLI</b> J.GRAMM,K.R.BRITUS,R.CHAHAYED (S.M.MASSENBURG-SMITH,M.MCCOLLUM)	D.R.A.M. Featuring Lil Yachty #1E1P/CHECK/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	1	24
6	6	6	<b>FAKE LOVE</b> VINYLZ,FRANK DUKES (A.GRAHAM,A.HERNANDEZ,A.FEENY,B.T.HAZZARD)	Drake YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	5	5
7	5	7	<b>CAROLINE</b> AMINE,I.P.MEJIA (A.A.DANIEL,I.P.MEJIA)	Amine REPUBLIC	5	15
8	7	8	<b>OOOUUU</b> NY BANGERS (M.N.JACOBSON,K.MARRERO)	Young M.A M.A.MUSIC/3D	5	15
14	11	9	<b>DO YOU MIND</b> DJ Khaled Featuring Nicki Minaj, Chris Brown & August Alsina DJ KHALED/DI MASTY/LVM (K.M.KHALED/DI MARRAZ,C.M.BROWN,A. ALSINA, JR.,P.FELTON,D.WILBURN,W.L.ROBERTS/K.COSSON...)	W THE BEST/EPIC	9	17
29	19	10	<b>DG</b> <b>BAD THINGS</b> THE FEATURING (R.C. BAKER,J.SCHWARTZ,LOU,LADOUSSIAN,M.LOVE,K.C.CABELLO,A.SCALZO)	Machine Gun Kelly x Camila Cabello ESTHNO/DAW BONEY/INTERSCOPE	10	6
9	8	11	<b>CHILL BILL</b> PURP/DOGG (J.ROBINSON,J.DAVIS,A.CARRILLO,B.HERRMANN)	Rob \$tone Featuring J. Davi\$ & Spooks RCA	8	18
25	20	12	<b>LOVE ON THE BRAIN</b> F.BALL (F.BALL,J.ANGEL,R.FENTY)	Rihanna WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	12	10
13	12	13	<b>X</b> METRO BOOMIN (S.JOSEPH,L.T.WAYNE,N.D.WILBURN)	21 Savage & Metro Boomin Featuring Future SLAUGHTER GANG	12	17
		<b>14</b>	<b>PARTY MONSTER</b> NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	The Weeknd XO/REPUBLIC	14	1
5	9	15	<b>USED TO THIS</b> ZAYTOVEN,STEPBFLY,CASSIUS JAY (N.D.WILBURN,A.GRAHAM,X.DOTSON)	Future Featuring Drake A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	5	3
11	13	16	<b>SUCKER FOR PAIN</b> Lil Wayne, Wiz Khalifa & Imagine Dragons With Logic & Ty Dolla Sign Feat. X Ambassadors ALEX DA KID (A.GRANT/DI CARTER,K.L.THOMAS,D.SERMON,D.REYNOLDS,B.WICKER,D.PLATZMAN...)	DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/AG	3	19
26	16	17	<b>LOVE ME NOW</b> J.RYAN,B.MILLS (JOHN LEGEND,J.RYAN,B.MILLS)	John Legend COLUMBIA	16	7
12	14	18	<b>TIIMMY TURNER</b> M.G.DEAN,DESIGNER (S.SELBY,III,M.G.DEAN)	Designer G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	10	18
15	15	19	<b>LUV</b> CASHMERE (CASHMERE BLANCO,M.A.HOBERG,B.LLEVIN,D.PETERSON,A.S.KELLY/W.B.J.PASSI,E.V.M.A.WOLFE,S.J.MARSDEN)	Tory Lanez MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	4	22
		<b>20</b>	<b>I FEEL IT COMING</b> NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	The Weeknd Featuring Daft Punk XO/REPUBLIC	20	1
19	18	21	<b>PICK UP THE PHONE</b> Young Thug And Travis Scott Featuring Quavo VINYLZ,FRANK DUKES (TRAVIS SCOTT,A.FEENY,A.HERNANDEZ,LL.WILLIAMS,Q.K.MARSHALL,B.HAZZARD,B.BITTER/M.G.DEAN)	300/ATLANTIC/GLOBAL/ATLANTIC/EPIC	12	22
16	17	22	<b>SNEAKIN'</b> LONDON ON DA TRACK (A.GRAHAM,L.HOLMES,S.JOSEPH)	Drake Featuring 21 Savage YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	8	5
23	24	23	<b>BOUNCE BACK</b> HITMAKA (S.M.ANDERSON,C.WARD,L.T.WAYNE,A.JOHNSON,J.P.FELTON,K.O.WEST)	Big Sean G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	23	3
22	23	24	<b>YOU WAS RIGHT</b> METRO BOOMIN (S.WOODS,L.T.WAYNE)	Lil Uzi Vert GENERATION NOW/ATLANTIC	22	24
42	30	25	<b>BAD AND BOJEE</b> METRO BOOMIN,G.KOOP (K.CEPHUS,Q.K.MARSHALL,L.T.WAYNE,R.MANDELL)	Migos Featuring Lil Uzi Vert QUALITY CONTROL/300	25	3
20	22	26	<b>COME AND SEE ME</b> PARTYNEXTDOOR Featuring Drake N.SHEBIB (J.A.BRATHWAITE,A.GRAHAM,N.J.SHEBIB)	PARTYNEXTDOOR OVO SOUND/WARNER BROS.	20	26
21	26	27	<b>NO HEART</b> METRO BOOMIN,J.LUELLEN,CUBEATZ (S.JOSEPH,L.T.WAYNE)	21 Savage & Metro Boomin SLAUGHTER GANG	21	6
28	25	28	<b>TOO MUCH SAUCE</b> DJ ESCO Featuring Future & Lil Uzi Vert DJ ESCO (W.MOORE,X.DOTSON,N.D.WILBURN,S.WOODS)	EPIC	22	14
27	27	29	<b>FADE</b> KINEST (KINEST WEST/SORFIN, R.A.POST,A.K.HOFFER,M.G.DEAN,XOVIVOSAK,N.GOLDSTEIN,B.BENSTEAD/J.POTTER,S.GRESEMER...)	Kanye West G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	12	12
		<b>30</b>	<b>REDBONE</b> NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	Childish Gambino GLASSNOTE	30	1
		<b>31</b>	<b>THAT'S WHAT I LIKE</b> SHAMPOO PRESS & CURL,STREETOPS (BRUNO MARS,P.M.LAWRENCE II,C.B.BROWN,J.E.FAUNTLEROY II,LYPP,R.OMI/US, J.FREVES,K.C.MCCOLLUGH II)	Bruno Mars ATLANTIC	31	1
34	35	32	<b>SELFISH</b> NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	PnB Rock ATLANTIC	32	5
33	33	33	<b>WHAT THEY WANT</b> RUSS (RUSS)	Russ COLUMBIA	33	9
31	32	34	<b>KEY TO THE STREETS</b> YFN Lucci Featuring Migos & Trouble J.JAMES (R.L.BENNETT,Q.K.MARSHALL,K.K.BALL,M.ORR,J.JAMES)	THINK IT'S A GAME	27	17
32	34	35	<b>LITTY</b> PYRO,DJ RVU (R.R.WILLIAMS,B.TILLMAN,R.GONZALES,D.PETERSON)	Meek Mill Featuring Tory Lanez MAYBACH/ATLANTIC	18	4
35	36	36	<b>MY \$H!T</b> (A BOOGIE WIT DA HOODIE,D.MEACHEM) D STACKZ (A BOOGIE WIT DA HOODIE,D.MEACHEM)	A Boogie Wit da Hoodie HIGHBRIDGE THE LABEL/ATLANTIC	35	8
		<b>37</b>	<b>INFINITE</b> NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	Eminem WEB/SHADY/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE	37	1
		<b>38</b>	<b>VERSACE ON THE FLOOR</b> SHAMPOO PRESS & CURL (BRUNO MARS,P.M.LAWRENCE II,C.B.BROWN,J.E.FAUNTLEROY II)	Bruno Mars ATLANTIC	38	1
40	38	39	<b>GOOSEBUMPS</b> CARDO ON THE BEAT,CUBAETZ (TRAVIS SCOTT,K.L.DUCKWORTH,R.LATOUR,GOMINGER,K.GOMINGER,D.JACKSON)	Travis Scott GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	34	11
37	37	40	<b>WISHING</b> DJ Drama Featuring Chris Brown, Skeme & Lyquin J.NAT (E.SIMMONS,C.M.BROWN,L.KIMBLE,B.MURRAY,D.MCALLISTER,J.JOSEPH,L.MORRISON)	GENERATION NOW/EONE	29	19
45	43	41	<b>RED OPPTS</b> SONNY DIGITAL (S.C.UWAZEZUOKE,S.JOSEPH)	21 Savage SLAUGHTER GANG	41	3
41	40	42	<b>NO FLOCKIN</b> NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	Kodak Black DOLLAZ N DEALZ/ATLANTIC	40	5
-	42	43	<b>TIMELESS</b> A Boogie Wit da Hoodie Featuring DJ SPINKING JAEGEN (A BOOGIE WIT DA HOODIE)	HIGHBRIDGE THE LABEL/ATLANTIC	42	2
		<b>44</b>	<b>CHUNKY</b> SHAMPOO PRESS & CURL (BRUNO MARS,P.M.LAWRENCE II,C.B.BROWN,J.E.FAUNTLEROY II)	Bruno Mars ATLANTIC	44	1
39	41	45	<b>GANGSTA</b> MIKE,DIEMBA DIEMBA (SKYLAR GREY,K.MOLEMAN,LEVIAN,J.E.LUTTRELL,K.A.PARRISH,A.SWANSON)	Kehlani DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC	13	15
36	39	46	<b>ALL EYEZ</b> S.STORCH (TAYLOR,J.P.FELTON,C.JONES,S.S.STORCH,D.AVENDANO)	The Game Featuring Jeremih FIFTH AMENDMENT/BLOOD MONEY/EONE	30	13
-	28	47	<b>ME AND YOUR MAMA</b> L.GORANSSON (D.GLOVER)	Childish Gambino GLASSNOTE	28	2
48	44	48	<b>BIG AMOUNT</b> BUDDAHBLESS (T.EPPS,A.GRAHAM,T.DOUGLAS,M.E.SUDDERTH)	2 Chainz Featuring Drake THE REAL UNIVERSITY/DEF JAM	44	4
-	31	49	<b>WE THE PEOPLE...</b> Q-TIP,B.WELLS (Q-TIP,M.TAYLOR,T.BUTLER,A.F.IOMMI,J.OSBOURNE,W.WARD)	A Tribe Called Quest EPIC	31	2
-	46	50	<b>JUNGLE</b> (A BOOGIE WIT DA HOODIE) D STACKZ (A BOOGIE WIT DA HOODIE)	A Boogie Wit da Hoodie HIGHBRIDGE THE LABEL/ATLANTIC	46	2

TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS™						
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS. ON CHART		
	<b>1</b>	<b>#1</b> <b>1WK</b> <b>BRUNO MARS</b> ATLANTIC/AG	24K Magic	1		
1	2	<b>A TRIBE CALLED QUEST</b> EPIC	We Got It From Here...Thank You 4 Your Service	2		
3	3	<b>ALICIA KEYS</b> RCA	HERE	3		
12	4	<b>GG</b> <b>SOLANGE</b> SAINT/COLUMBIA	A Seat At The Table	8		
2	5	<b>JOE</b> PLAID TAKEOVER/BMG	#MYNAMEISJOETHOMAS	2		
	<b>6</b>	<b>PRINCE</b> NPG/WARNER BROS.	4ever	1		
6	7	<b>BEYONCE</b> PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA	Lemonade	31		
9	8	<b>DRAKE</b> YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Views	30		
8	9	<b>USHER</b> RCA	Hard II Love	10		
5	10	<b>JEEZY</b> YJ/DEF JAM	Trap Or Die 3	4		
	<b>11</b>	<b>6LACK</b> LVNR/INTERSCOPE/IGA	FREE 6LACK	1		
22	12	<b>PS</b> <b>THE WEEKND</b> XO/REPUBLIC	Beauty Behind The Madness	65		
	<b>13</b>	<b>E-40</b> HEAVY ON THE GRIND	The D-Boy Diary: Book 1	1		
	<b>14</b>	<b>E-40</b> HEAVY ON THE GRIND	The D-Boy Diary: Book 2	1		
	<b>15</b>	<b>E-40</b> HEAVY ON THE GRIND	The D-Boy Diary: Deluxe Edition	1		
11	16	<b>RAE SREMMURD</b> EARDRUMMER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Sremmlife 2	15		
14	17	<b>RIHANNA</b> WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	ANTI	43		
20	18	<b>TRAVIS SCOTT</b> GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	Birds In The Trap Sing McKnight	12		
16	19	<b>KEVIN GATES</b> BREAD WINNERS ASSOCIATION/ATLANTIC/AG	Islah	43		
21	20	<b>PARTYNEXTDOOR</b> OVO SOUND/WARNER BROS.	PARTYNEXTDOOR 3 (P3)	12		
18	21	<b>MAXWELL</b> COLUMBIA	blackSUMMERS'night	21		
10	22	<b>COMMON</b> ARTIUM/DEF JAM	Black America Again	3		
4	23	<b>EMELI SANDE</b> CAPITOL	Long Live The Angels	2		
25	24	<b>KIRK FRANKLIN</b> FO YO SOUL/RCA	Losing My Religion	41		
24	25	<b>R. KELLY</b> RCA	12 Nights Of Christmas	5		

R&B/HIP-HOP DIGITAL SONG SALES™						
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART		
1	1	<b>#1</b> <b>3WKS</b> <b>BLACK BEATLES</b> EARDRUMMER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Rae Sremmurd Feat. Gucci Mane	11		
	<b>2</b>	<b>24K MAGIC</b> ATLANTIC/AG	Bruno Mars	1		
	<b>3</b>	<b>STARBOY</b> XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd Feat. Daft Punk	10		
	<b>4</b>	<b>FAKE LOVE</b> YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake	5		
	<b>5</b>	<b>BROCCOLI</b> #1E1P/CHECK/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	D.R.A.M. Feat. Lil Yachty	25		
	<b>6</b>	<b>CAROLINE</b> REPUBLIC	Amine	16		
	<b>7</b>	<b>JUJU ON THAT BEAT (TZ ANTHEM)</b> THA LIGHTS GLOBAL/ATLANTIC/AG	Zay Hilfigerrr & Zayion McCall	8		
	<b>8</b>	<b>BAD THINGS</b> EST19XX/BAD BOY/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Machine Gun Kelly x Camila Cabello	6		
	<b>9</b>	<b>INFINITE</b> WEB/SHADY/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Eminem	1		
	<b>10</b>	<b>LOVE ON THE BRAIN</b> WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	Rihanna	15		
	<b>11</b>	<b>PARTY MONSTER</b> XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	1		
	<b>12</b>	<b>LOVE ME NOW</b> COLUMBIA	John Legend	7		
	<b>13</b>	<b>I FEEL IT COMING</b> XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd Feat. Daft Punk	1		
	<b>14</b>	<b>DO YOU MIND</b> WE THE BEST/EPIC	DJ Khaled Feat. Nicki Minaj, Chris Brown & August Alsina	16		
	<b>15</b>	<b>CHILL BILL</b> Rob \$tone Feat. J. Davi\$ & Spooks RCA	RCA	19		
	<b>16</b>	<b>OOOUUU</b> M.A.MUSIC/3D	Young M.A	15		
	<b>17</b>	<b>SUCKER FOR PAIN</b> DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/AG	Lil Wayne, Wiz Khalifa & Imagine Dragons	18		
	<b>18</b>	<b>BAD AND BOJEE</b> QUALITY CONTROL/300	Migos Feat. Lil Uzi Vert	3		
	<b>19</b>	<b>SNEAKIN'</b> YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake Feat. 21 Savage	5		
	<b>20</b>	<b>FADE</b> G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	Kanye West	11		
	<b>21</b>	<b>RISE UP</b> BUSKIN/WARNER BROS.	Andra Day	36		
	<b>22</b>	<b>THAT'S WHAT I LIKE</b> ATLANTIC/AG	Bruno Mars	1		
	<b>23</b>	<b>CHUNKY</b> ATLANTIC/AG	Bruno Mars	1		
	<b>24</b>	<b>BOUNCE BACK</b> G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	Big Sean	4		
	<b>25</b>	<b>COME AND SEE ME</b> OVO SOUND/WARNER BROS.	PARTYNEXTDOOR Feat. Drake	17		



## Mars Makes Magic At No. 1

**Bruno Mars** (above) bows at No. 1 on the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums chart with his latest release, *24K Magic*, which sold 194,000 copies in the week ending Nov. 24 (his best sales week ever), according to Nielsen Music. The retro, R&B-infused set concurrently debuts at No. 2 on the multimetric Billboard 200, with 231,000 equivalent units. The release spurs four songs onto the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart, led by its title track at No. 3.

*24K Magic* grants Mars his first appearance on Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums as the set is his first full-length release to qualify sonically for the tally.

Meanwhile, **Eminem** enters R&B/Hip-Hop Digital Song Sales at No. 9 with "Infinite," selling 28,000 downloads. The track is a reworking of his 1996 release that appeared on his debut album of the same name. "Infinite" is the first of a series of 20th-anniversary remixes from the original set to be released.

Elsewhere, **Rae Sremmurd's** "Black Beatles" (featuring **Gucci Mane**) rises 3-1 on Rap Airplay. It jumps 34 percent in audience impressions in the week ending Nov. 27 (to 45.4 million). The track continues at No. 1 for a second week on the R&B/Hip-Hop Airplay and Mainstream R&B/Hip-Hop radio charts, while rising into the top 10 (11-7) on Rhythmic (up 41 percent in spins).

Lastly, **The Weeknd** scores two entries on Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs with "Party Monster" (No. 14) and "I Feel It Coming," featuring **Daft Punk** (No. 20). Both tracks introduce the singer's album *Starboy*, which arrived Nov. 25 and likely will open at No. 1 on the Dec. 17 Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums and Billboard 200 charts. —Amaya Mendizabal



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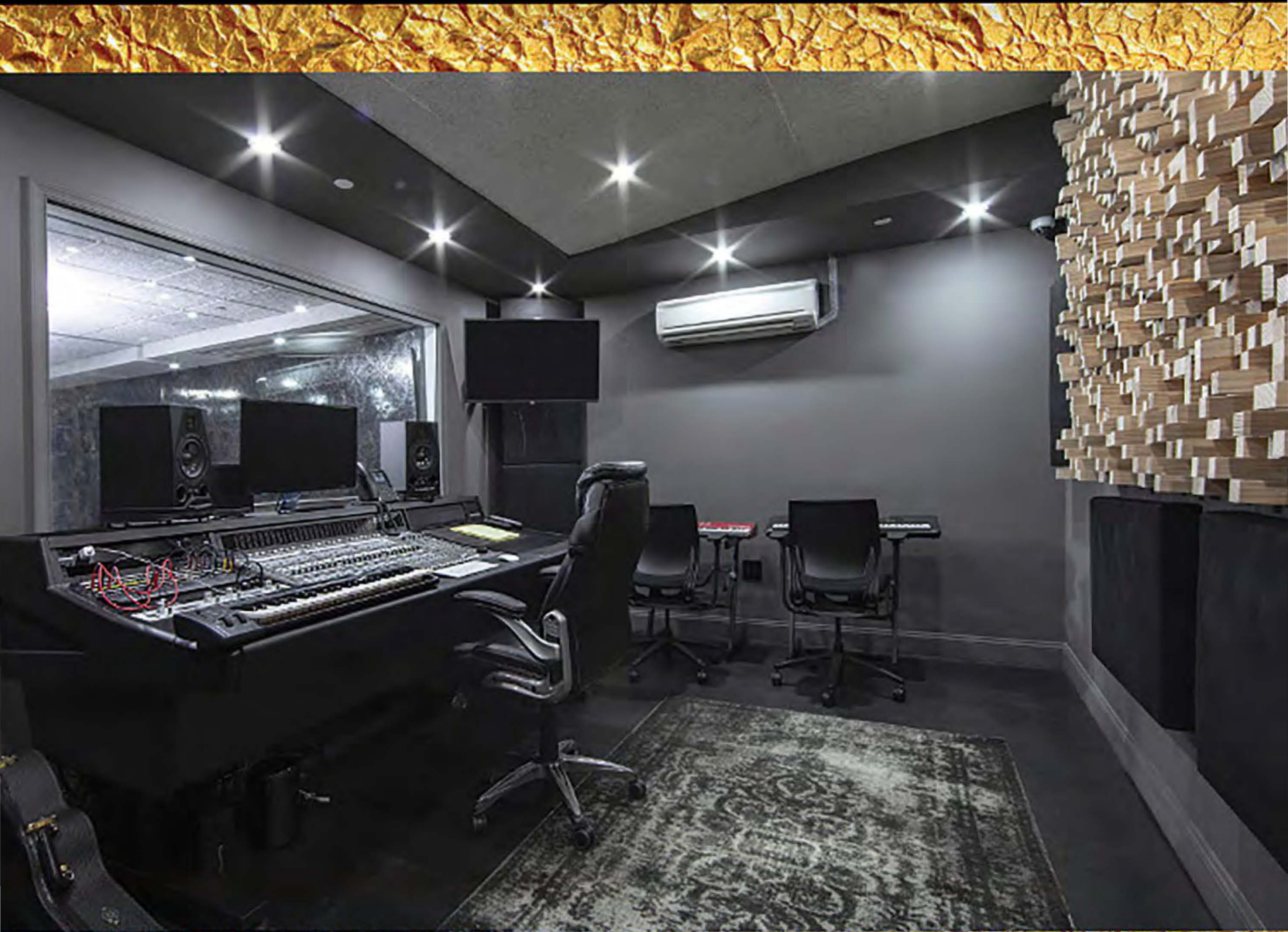
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HOT LATIN SONGS™							
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
6	6	1	<b>#1</b> <b>DG SG</b> CHANTAJE	SHAKIRA	Shakira Featuring Maluma SONY MUSIC LATIN	1	4
1	1	2	SHAKY SHAKY	DJ URBA, ROMI (R.L. AYALA RODRIGUEZ)	Daddy Yankee EL CARTEL	1	30
5	4	3	LA BICICLETA	A. CASTRO, C. VIVES, SHAKIRA, L.F. OCHOA (C. VIVES, A. CASTRO, SHAKIRA)	Carlos Vives & Shakira SONY MUSIC LATIN	2	26
2	2	4	HASTA EL AMANECER	SAGA WHITEBLACK (N. RIVERA CAMINERO, C. MENA, J.D. MEDINA VELEZ, J. THOMAS)	Nicky Jam LA INDUSTRIA/SONY MUSIC LATIN	1	46
3	3	5	SAFARI	J Balvin Featuring Pharrell Williams, BIA & Sky P.L. WILLIAMS (J.A. OSORIO BALVIN, BIA, P.L. WILLIAMS, R. SUAREZ RAMIREZ, J. EDUARDO HUERTA UECKE)	CAPITOL LATIN/UMLE	3	17
4	5	6	CHILLAX	Farruko Featuring Ky-Mani Marley MAFFIO, S. TORRES (C.E. REYES-ROSADO, C.A. PERALTA, K. MARLEY, R. FERNANDEZ, M.G. PEREZ)	SONY MUSIC LATIN	4	22
7	7	7	DUELE EL CORAZON	Enrique Iglesias Featuring Wisin C. HUIZAR, J. JONES, S. POMEY, M. MISSETTE, M. HAZEL, S. KISSE, S. ADAM, L.L. MORENO, L. H. B. SHAW, P. J. HENRI, S. L. C. S. D. O. A. S. W. H. K. A. M. R. O. S. L. I. C. O. U. I.	SONY MUSIC LATIN	1	32
8	8	8	OTRA VEZ	Zion & Lennox Featuring J Balvin SKY (R. SUAREZ RAMIREZ, F.G. ORTIZ TORRES, G.E. PEZARRO, J.A. OSORIO BALVIN, R.D. CANO RIOS)	WARNER LATINA	5	16
9	9	9	TENGO QUE COLGAR	Banda Sinaloense MS de Sergio Lizarraga LIZOS		9	18
11	11	10	VENTE PA' CA	Ricky Martin Featuring Maluma A.C. CALSTRON, W.K. KIDON, S. HENSEN, H. H. M. B. S. C. L. S. T. E. N. C. R. I. B. O. L. L. P. E. R. S. E. N. S. E. R. M. A. R. T. I. N. C. A. M. O. N. T. A. N. E. R. J. M. O. N. T. A. N. E. R. J. L. L. O. N. D. O. N. O. A. R. I. A. S.	SONY MUSIC LATIN	4	9
12	10	11	NUNCA ME OLVIDES	Yandel V.V. MOORE (L. VEGUILLA MALAVE, V.V. MOORE)	SONY MUSIC LATIN	10	20
25	13	12	DILE QUE TU ME QUIERES	Ozuna NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	RIMAS	12	12
19	15	13	VACACIONES	Wisin MOTIFF (J.L. MORENO LUNA, A. GONZALEZ ARROYO, A. BARILLO, M.C. CERES)	SONY MUSIC LATIN	13	8
10	12	14	BAILAR	Deorro Featuring Pitbull & Elvis Crespo DEORRO, J. ORROSQUIETA, M. THEANNE, E. BEGAZO (E. ORROSQUIETA, E. CRESPO, R. FERNANDEZ, A.C. PEREZ)	ULTRA	8	21
13	14	15	AMOR DEL BUENO	Calibre 50 J. TIRADO CASTANEDA (A. RAMOS, J.O. TARAZON, K. CERVANTES)	ANDALUZ/DISA/UMLE	12	20
17	16	16	SIN CONTRATO	Maluma Featuring Fifth Harmony A. CASTRO, E. BARRERA (J.L. LONDONO ARIAS, A. CASTRO, E. BARRERA)	SONY MUSIC LATIN	16	13
<b>HOT SHOT DEBUT</b>		17	<b>AG</b> OLVIDAME Y PEGA LA VUELTA	Jennifer Lopez & Marc Anthony MOTIFF, J. REYES COPELLO (J. GALAN, L. GALAN)	NUYORICAN/SONY MUSIC LATIN	17	1
16	19	18	REGRESA HERMOSA	Gerardo Ortiz M. CASARES, G. ORTIZ (J. DEMARA, G. ORTIZ, A. DEL VILLAR)	BAD SIN/DEL/SONY MUSIC LATIN	16	5
21	17	19	AFUERA ESTA LLOVIENDO	Julion Alvarez y Su Norteno Banda J. ALVAREZ (J. JINZUNZA FAVELA)	FONOVISA/UMLE	17	7
24	23	20	CUATRO BABYS	Maluma Feat. Bryant Myers X Noriel X Juhn SANTANA THE GOLDEN BOY (S. RAMIREZ LOPEZ, J.L. LONDONO ARIAS, L.L. HERNANDEZ QUILES, S. SANTOS ROMAN, B. ROJENA PEREZ)	SONY MUSIC LATIN	20	6
29	21	21	SI NO TE QUIERE	Ozuna Featuring Arcangel & Farruko NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	RIMAS/VP ENTERTAINMENT	21	20
18	20	22	TE DIRAN	La Adictiva Banda San Jose de Mesillas A. VALDES (I. CHAVEZ ESPINOZA)	ANVAL/SONY MUSIC LATIN	16	23
23	25	23	QUIEN TE ENTIENDE	Crecer German C. GERMAN (Y. MEDINA BELTRAN, J. ALEJANDRE)	FONOVISA/UMLE	20	18
22	26	24	YO SI TE AME	La Arrolladora Banda el Limon de Rene Camacho F. CAMACHO TIRADO (J. JINZUNZA FAVELA, L.L. DIAZ)	DISA/UMLE	22	8
-	30	25	<b>AG</b> TE QUIERO PA'MI	Don Omar & Zion & Lennox J.G. RIVERA (W.L. ANDRON RIVERA, F.G. ORTIZ TORRES, G. E. PEZARRO, R. MENDEZ V. MOORE, J.C. RIVERA, L. RIVERA)	MACHETE/UMLE	25	2
15	22	26	FUEGO	Juanes JUANES, MOSTLY SKY (E. ARISTIZABAL VASQUEZ, R. SUAREZ RAMIREZ, C.A. PATINO GOMEZ, R.D. CANO RIOS)	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LATINO/UMLE	14	7
38	34	27	REGGAETON LENTO (BAILEMOS)	CNCO BORL, L.A. O'NEILL, J.I. RIVERA CLASS (L.A. O'NEILL, J. ANDINO, E. PEREZ SOTO, J.I. RIVERA CLASS)	SONY MUSIC LATIN	27	7
20	24	28	EN ESTOS DIAS	Regulo Caro M. PINEDA JR. (R. CARO)	DEL	19	12
30	28	29	PORQUE ME ENAMORE	Ulices Chaidez y Sus Plebes F. RUIZ ISLAS (U.G. NUNEZ CHAIDEZ, J.A. DEL VILLAR)	DEL	28	7
39	29	30	EN LA INTIMIDAD	Ozuna NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	RIMAS	29	5
31	27	31	COMO TE LLAMAS	La Trakalosa de Monterrey A. REYNA, E. LUNA (M. LUNA)	REMEM	27	8
26	35	32	TRACIONERA	Sebastian Yatra M. RENGIFO, A. TORRES, S. OBANDO (M. RENGIFO, A. TORRES)	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LATINO/UMLE	26	8
33	33	33	ACERCATE	De La Ghetto C.A. PATINO, SKY (R. CASTILLO)	WARNER LATINA	33	14
28	31	34	YO SI ME ENAMORE	La Septima Banda L. LUNA DIAZ (L.L. DIAZ)	BRAVA/FONOVISA/UMLE	20	20
<b>NEW</b>		35	CULPABLE TU	Alta Consigna NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	RANCHO HUMILDE	35	1
32	32	36	TU NO VIVE ASI	Mambo Kingz & DJ Luian Presenta Arcangel X Bad Bunny MAMBO KINGZ, DJ LUJIAN (L. MALAVE, E. SEMPER, X. SEMPER, A. SANTOS, B. MARTINEZ)	HEAR THIS MUSIC	32	7
41	38	37	A VER A QUE HORAS	Banda Carnaval J. TIRADO CASTANEDA (E. MUNOZ)	DISA/UMLE	37	4
36	37	38	EL MEXICO AMERICANO	El Komander A. VALENZUELA, O. VALENZUELA (J.A. RIOS MEZA)	TWINNS	36	7
44	39	39	TE REGALO	Ulices Chaidez y Sus Plebes F. RUIZ ISLAS (S. MERCADO, A. DEL VILLAR)	DEL/SONY MUSIC LATIN	39	4
27	36	40	DE PIES A CABEZA	Mana & Nicky Jam SAGA, F. OLVERA, G. NORIEGA (N. RIVERA CAMINERO, A. GONZALEZ TRUJILLO, J.F.E. OLVERA SIERRA)	WARNER LATINA	8	16
34	42	41	PA QUE ME INVITAN	Jencarlos Featuring Charly Black MAFFIO, J. JOHNSTON (L. C. A. E. REYES-ROSADO, D. MENDEZ, C.A. PERALTA)	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LATINO/UMLE	31	9
40	43	42	EL CUENTO PERFECTO	Banda Los Sebastianes de Mazatlan, Sinaloa. S. PLATA MADUENO (M. CASTRO ORTEGA)	PLATA/FONOVISA/UMLE	40	4
42	46	43	ME ESTORBAS	Pesado B. ZAPATA, P. ELIZONDO (L.L. DIAZ, J. JINZUNZA FAVELA)	REMEM	42	3
48	47	44	ADIOS AMOR	Christian Nodal NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	JG	44	3
-	41	45	SI ELLA QUISIERA	Justin Quiles I. M. CHINO, D. VELOP (J. R. QUILES)	RICH/CINQ	28	15
37	45	46	ANDAMOS EN EL RUEDO	Ulices Chaidez y Sus Plebes F. RUIZ ISLAS (J.C. BRACAMONTES RODRIGUEZ, J.A. DEL VILLAR)	DEL	37	16
<b>NEW</b>		47	QUE RARO	Feid / J Balvin SKY, C.A. PATINO, FIED (R. SUAREZ RAMIREZ, C.A. PATINO GOMEZ, S. VILLADA, R.D. CANO RIOS, J.A. OSORIO BALVIN)	IN-TU LINEA/UMLE	47	1
<b>NEW</b>		48	QUE GANO OLVIDANDOTE	Reik K. C. BRIAN (C. BRANT, J. X. DUCORNET, J. KIDRON)	SONY MUSIC LATIN	48	1
43	48	49	TU Y YO	Tommy Torres Featuring Daddy Yankee T. TORRES (R.L. AYALA RODRIGUEZ, T. TORRES)	WARNER LATINA	41	8
<b>NEW</b>		50	POR ENAMORARME	Ariel Camacho y Los Plebes del Rancho NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	DEL	50	1

TOP LATIN ALBUMS™						
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	CERTIFICATION IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS. ON CHART	
1	1	<b>#1</b> <b>GG</b> JUAN GABRIEL	FONOVISA/UMLE	Los Duo 2	50	
<b>HOT SHOT DEBUT</b>	2	CARTEL DE SANTA	BABILONIA/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Viejo Marihuano	1	
2	3	JUAN GABRIEL	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Hoy Manana y Siempre	4	
4	4	JENNI RIVERA	FONOVISA/UMLE	Paloma Negra Desde Monterrey	4	
3	5	LA ENERGIA NORTENA	AZTECA/FONOVISA/UMLE	No Hay Quinto Malo	4	
6	6	JUAN GABRIEL	FONOVISA/UMLE	Vestido de Etiqueta: Por Eduardo Magallanes	15	
28	7	<b>PS</b> LA SONORA DINAMITA	FONOVISA/UMLE	Juntos Por La Sonora	5	
22	8	LOS ANGELES AZULES	DISA/UMLE	De Plaza En Plaza: Cumbia Sinfonica	8	
8	9	JULION ALVAREZ Y SU NORTENO BANDA	FONOVISA/UMLE	Mis Idolos, Hoy Mis Amigos!!!	33	
7	10	IL DIVO	SYCO/COLUMBIA	Amor & Pasion	47	
10	11	ULICES CHAIDEZ Y SUS PLEBES	DEL/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Andamos En El Ruedo	5	
<b>RE</b>	12	LOS ANGELES AZULES	OCESA SETTRACK/DISA/UMLE	Como Te Voy A Olvidar: Edición de Super Lujol	16	
13	13	MARCO ANTONIO SOLIS	FONOVISA/UMLE	40 Anos	12	
14	14	JUAN GABRIEL & VARIOUS	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Juan Gabriel... El Diabolo y Sus Divas	37	
5	15	RICARDO MONTANER	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Ida y Vuelta	4	
20	16	JULION ALVAREZ Y SU NORTENO BANDA	DISA/UMLE	Lecciones Para El Corazon	69	
16	17	VARIOUS ARTISTS	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Inmortales de La Musica Ranche	2	
31	18	GENTE DE ZONA	MAGNUS/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Visualizate	31	
15	19	CALIBRE 50	ANDALUZ/DISA/UMLE	Desde El Rancho	9	
18	20	J BALVIN	CAPITOL LATIN/UMLE	Energia	22	
24	21	CNCO	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Primera Cita	13	
<b>NEW</b>	22	LA ADICTIVA	ANVAL/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Durmiendo En El Lugar Equivocado	1	
17	23	LOS PLEBES DEL RANCHO DE ANIEL CAMACHO	DEL/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Recuerden Mi Estilo	38	
<b>NEW</b>	24	C-KAN	MOB/MASTERED TRAX	MexiCkanos	1	
23	25	ESPINOZA PAZ	SONY MUSIC LATIN	No Pongan Esas Canciones	11	

LATIN DIGITAL SONG SALES™						
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART	
<b>NEW</b>	1	<b>#1</b> <b>1 WK</b> OLVIDAME Y PEGA LA VUELTA	MOTIFF, J. REYES COPELLO (J. GALAN, L. GALAN)	Jennifer Lopez & Marc Anthony NUYORICAN/SONY MUSIC LATIN	1	
4	2	CHANTAJE	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Shakira Feat. Maluma	4	
2	3	LA BICICLETA	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Carlos Vives & Shakira	26	
1	4	BAILAR	ULTRA	Deorro Feat. Pitbull & Elvis Crespo	31	
3	5	SAFARI	CAPITOL LATIN/UMLE	J Balvin Feat. Pharrell Williams, BIA & Sky	21	
6	6	DUELE EL CORAZON	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Enrique Iglesias Feat. Wisin	32	
5	7	SHAKY SHAKY	EL CARTEL/UMLE	Daddy Yankee	31	
<b>RE</b>	8	LA VIRGEN DE LA MACARENA	CRESCENT MOON/COLUMBIA/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP	Arturo Sandoval	2	
7	9	HASTA EL AMANECER	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Nicky Jam	45	
11	10	CHILLAX	CARBON FIBER/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Farruko Feat. Ky-Mani Marley	20	
21	11	FELIZ NAVIDAD	RCA/LEGACY	Jose Feliciano	54	
9	12	VENTE PA' CA	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Ricky Martin Feat. Maluma	9	
14	13	VIVIR MI VIDA	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Marc Anthony	188	
10	14	BAILANDO	REPUBLIC/UMLE	Enrique Iglesias Feat. Descemer Bueno & Gente de Zona	141	
18	15	VACACIONES	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Wisin	8	
13	16	EL PERDON	CODISCOS/LA INDUSTRIA/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Nicky Jam & Enrique Iglesias	96	
12	17	DANZA KUDURO	YANIS/ORFANATO/MACHETE/UMLE	Don Omar & Lucenzo	328	
<b>RE</b>	18	SIN CONTRATO	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Maluma Feat. Fifth Harmony	5	
17	19	LA GOZADERA	MAGNUS/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Gente de Zona Feat. Marc Anthony	83	
<b>RE</b>	20	MONEDA	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Prince Royce Feat. Gerardo Ortiz	3	
15	21	OTRA VEZ	WARNER LATINA	Zion & Lennox Feat. J Balvin	16	
22	22	NUNCA ME OLVIDES	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Yandel	13	
19	23	DILE QUE TU ME QUIERES	RIMAS	Ozuna	10	
20	24	HIPS DON'T LIE	EPIC	Shakira Feat. Wyclef Jean	360	
24	25	YA ME ENTERE	SONY MUSIC LATIN	Reik & Nicky Jam	29	



## Lopez, Anthony Return

Following an explosive performance at the Latin Grammys (broadcast Nov. 17 on Univision), **Jennifer Lopez** and **Marc Anthony** (above) debut atop the Latin Digital Song Sales chart with the lead single from Lopez's forthcoming Spanish-language album (due spring 2017), "Olvidame y Pega La Vuelta" (12,000 downloads sold in the week ending Nov. 24, according to Nielsen Music). It also earns the Hot Shot Debut on Hot Latin Songs, arriving at No. 17 — marking the first time in 17 years that the two have charted together, since "No Me Ames" spent seven weeks at No. 1 in 1999. The new song is a cover of Argentine duo **Pimpinela's** original, which was released in 1982.

Elsewhere, **Shakira** returns to No. 1 on Hot Latin Songs, flying 6-1 with "Chantaje" (featuring **Maluma**) triggered by the release of its music video (it debuted atop the Nov. 19 chart). The clip, shot in Barcelona, aids in a 140 percent increase in the song's overall streams (to 4.1 million weekly clicks), with 68 percent from YouTube views. The single previews Shakira's next Spanish-language album, which she is in the process of recording. Finally, **Yandel** scores his eighth No. 1 on Latin Airplay as "Nunca Me Olvides" steps 2-1 in its 20th charting frame (up 11 percent to 15.5 million audience impressions). Since earning his first solo chart-topper (on Dec. 29, 2012), no other act has earned as many No. 1s.

—Amaya Mendizabal

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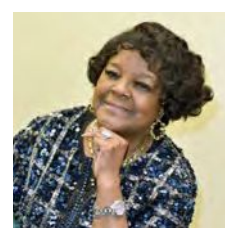
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1	1	1	#1 4 WKS CHAIN BREAKER	J.L. SMITH (J.L. SMITH, M.L.C. FIELDS, Z. WILLIAMS)	Zach Williams ESSENTIAL/PLG	1 / 24
3	3	2	OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL) ▲	M.G. CHISLETT (M. CROCKER, J. HOUSTON, S. LIGTHELM)	Hillsong UNITED HILLSONG/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	1 / 167
2	2	3	THY WILL	R. SKAGGS, B. HERMS (H. SCOTT, E. L. WEISBAND, B. HERMS)	Hillary Scott & The Scott Family HSTY/EMI NASHVILLE/CAPITOL CMG	1 / 31
5	5	4	FEEL INVINCIBLE	B. HOWES (J.L. COOPER, S. MOSLEY)	Skillet HEAR IT LOUD/ATLANTIC/WORD-CURB	2 / 27
4	4	5	EYE OF THE STORM	R. STEVENSON (R. STEVENSON, B. FOWLER)	Ryan Stevenson Featuring GabeReal GOTEE	1 / 37
10	8	6	JESUS	J. EDWARDS, E. CASH (C. TOMLIN, E. CASH)	Chris Tomlin SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	6 / 19
6	6	7	KING OF THE WORLD	B. HERMS (N. GRANT, B. MIZELL, S. MIZELL)	Natalie Grant CURB	6 / 20
9	7	8	THE LION AND THE LAMB	J. REDMON (L.D. MOORING, B. BROWN, B. JOHNSON)	Big Daddy Weave FERVENT/WORD-CURB	7 / 27
7	9	9	PRICELESS	TEDD T, S. MOSLEY FOR KING & COUNTRY (L. SMALLBONE, J. SMALLBONE, S. MOSLEY, T. JORHOM, B. BACKUS)	for KING & COUNTRY FERVENT/WORD-CURB	3 / 35
12	11	10	GREAT ARE YOU LORD	ONE SONIC SOCIETY (J. INGRAM, D. LEONARD, L. JORDAN)	one sonic society ESSENTIAL WORSHIP/PLG	10 / 25
14	12	11	COME ALIVE (DRY BONES)	P. MABURY (L. DAIGLE, M. R. FARREN)	Lauren Daigle CENTRICITY	11 / 24
11	10	12	ONE STEP AWAY	M.A. MILLER (M. HALL, B. HERMS, M. WEST)	Casting Crowns BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG	7 / 21
17	14	13	RISE	B. HERMS (D. GOKEY, B. COWART, J. BROWN, L. EWE)	Danny Gokey BMG	13 / 15
13	13	14	MY VICTORY	E. CASH (D. CROWDER, E. CASH, H. BENTLEY, D. MULLIGAN)	Crowder SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	13 / 21
15	16	15	MAGNIFY	J.L. SMITH, E. BROWN (D. MULLIGAN, C. BROWN, J.L. SMITH)	We Are Messengers WORD-CURB	15 / 19
16	15	16	MEINDED	P. KIPLEY (M. WEST)	Matthew West SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	13 / 26
26	18	17	TESTIFY	E. CASH, NEED TO BREATHE (W. RINEHART, N. RINEHART)	NEED TO BREATHE ATLANTIC/WORD-CURB	17 / 19
20	17	18	LOVE BROKE THRU	C. STEVENS, TOBYMAC (T. MCKEEHAN, C. STEVENS, B. MILLARD, B. FOWLER)	tobyMac FOREFRONT/CAPITOL CMG	17 / 10
18	19	19	HIGHER	S. MOSLEY, M. O'CONNOR (C. MATTSOON, S. MOSLEY, J. LOWRY)	Unspoken CENTRICITY	16 / 22
19	21	20	NEVER BEEN A MOMENT	C. WEDGEWORTH (M. TYLER, J. PARDO)	Micah Tyler FAIR TRADE	19 / 10
23	22	21	WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME	M.G. CHISLETT, J. HOUSTON, B. LIGERTWOOD (B. FIELDING, B. LIGERTWOOD)	Hillsong Worship HILLSONG/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	14 / 9
22	23	22	BATTLES	J. MOHILOWSKI, TEDD T. (J. HAVENS, M. FUQUA, J. MOHILOWSKI, D. OSTEBO, J. CATES)	The Afters FAIR TRADE	22 / 13
24	25	23	WARM UP	T. PROFITT (N. FEUERSTEIN, T. PROFITT)	NF CAPITOL CMG	13 / 7
27	28	24	GIANTS FALL	J. PARDO (F. BATTISTELLI, J. PARDO, M. E. REED)	Francesca Battistelli FERVENT/WORD-CURB	24 / 10
28	26	25	HOW GREAT THOU ART	D. RUST (S.K. HINE)	Home Free COLUMBIA	12 / 4

HOT GOSPEL SONGS™						
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS. / WKS. ON CHART
-	2	1	#1 1 WK HOLD MY MULE	SHIRLEY CAESAR FEAT. ALBERTINA WALKER & MILTON BRUNSON BUBBA SMITH, S. CAESAR (S.A. CAESAR, WILLIAMS)	Albertina Walker & Milton Brunson WORD-CURB	1 / 2
1	1	2	MADE A WAY	T. GREENE, V. NAVAJAR (T. GREENE)	Travis Greene RCA INSPIRATION	1 / 50
2	3	3	YOU'RE BIGGER	A. CARR (A. J. CARR)	Jekalyn Carr LUN/EALE	2 / 37
3	4	4	PUT A PRAISE ON IT	V. MITCHELL, T. COBBS (T. COBBS)	Tasha Cobbs Featuring Kierra Sheard MOTOWN GOSPEL	1 / 53
5	5	5	YOU DESERVE IT	J.J. HAIRSTON (D. BLOOM, C. VAUGHN, P.D. REED, J.J. HAIRSTON)	J.J. Hairston & Youthful Praise JAMESTOWN/EONE	5 / 15
4	6	6	GOD PROVIDES	K. FRANKLIN, S. MARTIN (K. FRANKLIN)	Tamela Mann TILLYMANN	4 / 10
6	7	7	BETTER	D. LAWRENCE, H. WALKER (J. CLAYBORN, H. WALKER, G. HATCHER)	Hezekiah Walker AZUSA/EONE	1 / 38
7	8	8	I NEED YOU	D. MCCLURKIN (D. MCCLURKIN)	Donnie McClurkin RCA INSPIRATION	7 / 33
12	10	9	WINNING	W. CAMPBELL, C. JENKINS (C. JENKINS, W. S. CAMPBELL II)	Charles Jenkins INSPIRED PEOPLE	9 / 13
8	9	10	YOU	J. DOLLY, J.W. BOYD (J. DOLLY, J.W. BOYD)	Jermaine Dolly BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY	7 / 42
14	12	11	HANG ON	J.D. SHEARD II, D. STARKS (D. STARKS)	GEI Featuring Kierra Sheard KAREW	11 / 10
16	14	12	FATHER JESUS SPIRIT	F. HAMMOND, C. RODGERS (F. HAMMOND, D. CLARK, S. SUMMONS)	Fred Hammond F HAMMOND/RCA INSPIRATION	12 / 13
15	13	13	ARISE (YOU ARE GOOD)	A.W. LINDSEY (W.H. MURPHY III, D. MURPHY)	William Murphy RCA INSPIRATION	10 / 19
9	11	14	JOY	V. MITCHELL (P. BARRETT, J. BROWN)	VaShawn Mitchell VMAN/MOTOWN GOSPEL	9 / 15
17	16	15	NEVER HAVE TO BE ALONE	A. LOVE III (A. LOVE III, D. HILL)	CeCe Winans PURESPRINGS GOSPEL/THIRTY TIGERS	15 / 7
19	15	16	GOD'S GRACE	REVEREND LUTHER BARNES & THE RESTORATION WORSHIP CENTER CHOIR L. BARNES, D. LADAMS (L. BARNES, D. LADAMS)	Reverend Luther Barnes & The Restoration Worship Center Choir SRT/SHANACHIE	15 / 7
18	17	17	ROYALTY	SOUNDS OF BLACKNESS FEAT. HIGH SCHOOL FOR RECORDING ARTS G.D. HINES (G.D. HINES, I. WILSON)	Sounds Of Blackness Feat. High School For Recording Arts SOUNDS OF BLACKNESS/ATOMIC K	17 / 17
22	18	18	GLORIOUS GOD	HOWARD GOSPEL CHOIR OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY FEAT. BENJAMIN MOORE K.N. GOLDEN, R.A. GOLDEN, D.M. BROWN (R.A. GOLDEN, K.N. GOLDEN)	Howard Gospel Choir Of Howard University Feat. Benjamin Moore HOWARD GOSPEL CHOIR	18 / 11
24	20	19	BE LIFTED	M. STAMPLEY, J. WILLIAMS (H. STAMPLEY)	Micah Stampley INTERFACE	14 / 28
25	22	20	I SEE A VICTORY	P.L. WILLIAMS (P.L. WILLIAMS, K. FRANKLIN)	Kim Burrell & Pharrell Williams COLUMBIA	18 / 4
21	19	21	VICTORY BELONGS TO JESUS	M. LEWIST, D. LANEY (T. DULANEY)	Todd Dulaney EONE WORSHIP/EONE	19 / 12
23	21	22	CHASING ME DOWN	ISRAEL & NEW BREED FEAT. TYE TRIBBETT A.W. LINDSEY, J. HOUGHTON (L. HOUGHTON, A. W. LINDSEY, M. HOUGHTON)	Israel & New Breed Feat. Tye Tribbett RGM NEW BREED/RCA INSPIRATION	15 / 27
NEW	23	23	TRUST GOD	NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	J Moss Featuring Kirk Whalum PAJAM	23 / 1
-	23	24	THE MASTER'S CALLING	DEBORAH JOY WINANS T. LAUER (T. COCKRELL)	Deborah Joy Winans HARPOSTUDIOS/PINE CITY/LIONS GATE/OWN/MALACO	23 / 3
-	24	25	YOU STILL LOVE ME	V. MITCHELL, T. COBBS (M. BROWN)	Tasha Cobbs MOTOWN GOSPEL	24 / 2

TOP CHRISTIAN ALBUMS™						
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	Title	WKS. ON CHART		
2	1	#1 2 WKS AMY GRANT	Tennessee Christmas	5		
3	2	LAUREN DAIGLE	How Can It Be	86		
7	3	GG CHRIS TOMLIN	Never Lose Sight	5		
6	4	CASTING CROWNS	The Very Next Thing	10		
5	5	LAUREN DAIGLE	Behold: A Christmas Collection	6		
4	6	VARIOUS ARTISTS	WOW Hits 2017	9		
24	7	TOBYMAC	This Is Not A Test	68		
11	8	SKILLET	Unleashed	16		
1	9	HOME FREE	Full Of (Even More) Cheer	2		
HOT SHOT DEBUT	10	JOSH GARRELS	The Light Came Down	1		
15	11	FOR KING & COUNTRY	RUN WILD. LIVE FREE. LOVE STRONG.	115		
13	12	CROWDER	American Prodigal	9		
NEW	13	TOBYMAC	Hits Deep Live	1		
9	14	JOEY + RORY	Hymns	42		
12	15	HILLARY SCOTT & THE SCOTT FAMILY	Love Remains	17		
RE	16	FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI	If We're Honest	126		
33	17	NEED TO BREATHE	HARD LOVE	19		
35	18	JORDAN FELIZ	The River	31		
19	19	MATT REDMAN	These Christmas Lights	5		
49	20	CASTING CROWNS	A Live Worship Experience	51		
16	21	HILLSONG WORSHIP	Let There Be Light	6		
47	22	SWITCHFOOT	Where The Light Shines Through	20		
14	23	SOUNDTRACK	To Joey, With Love	2		
22	24	RYAN STEVENSON	Fresh Start	14		
21	25	PETER HOLLENS	A Hollens Family Christmas	4		

TOP GOSPEL ALBUMS™						
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	Title	WKS. ON CHART		
2	1	#1 14 WKS KIRK FRANKLIN	Losing My Religion	55		
8	2	GG TASHA COBBS	One Place: Live	66		
3	3	REV. CLAY EVANS & THE SHIP	Trust In The Lord: What A Legacy Since 1960, Volume 1	11		
1	4	TAMELA MANN	One Way	11		
NEW	5	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Gospel Pioneer Reunion	1		
5	6	FRED HAMMOND	Worship Journal: Live	8		
6	7	VARIOUS ARTISTS	WOW Gospel 2016	43		
4	8	VASHAWN MITCHELL	Secret Place: Live In South Africa	3		
11	9	TRAVIS GREENE	The Hill	56		
9	10	DONNIE MCCLURKIN	The Journey (Live)	14		
7	11	JOE PACE PRESENTS H.B. CHARLES, JR. AND THE SHILOH CHURCH CHOIR	H.B. Charles, Jr.	9		
13	12	KENNY LATTIMORE	A Kenny Lattimore Christmas	4		
12	13	HEZEKIAH WALKER	"Better": Azusa - The Next Generation 2	19		
10	14	BISHOP PAUL S. MORTON	Legacy: Live In New Orleans	4		
19	15	WILLIAM MURPHY	Demonstrate	22		
16	16	THE RANCE ALLEN GROUP	Live From San Francisco	4		
RE	17	LIVRE	Jericho: Tribe Of Joshua	14		
24	18	SHIRLEY CAESAR	Fill This House	26		
22	19	ANTHONY BROWN & GROUP THERAPY	Everyday Jesus	71		
15	20	JEKALYN CARR	The Life Project	16		
RE	21	MONICA LISA STEVENSON	Kainos: The Acoustic Documentary	4		
14	22	TODD DULANEY	A Worshipers Heart	32		
18	23	WILLIAM MCDOWELL	Sounds Of Revival: Live	44		
25	24	CASEY J	The Truth	66		
RE	25	MALCOLM WILLIAMS & GREAT FAITH	My Plea	4		



## 'Mule' Meme Sends Caesar To No. 1

Genre icon **Shirley Caesar** (above) earns her first No. 1 on Hot Gospel Songs as "Hold My Mule" (featuring **Albertina Walker** and **Milton Brunson**) rises 2-1. Caesar, 79, who first reached a *Billboard* chart in 1975 and originally released "Mule" in 1988, reigns as the track leads Gospel Streaming Songs for a second week, up by 268 percent to 3 million U.S. streams, according to Nielsen Music. On Gospel Digital Songs, "Mule" debuts at No. 12 (up 109 percent).

Why the sudden surge in the song's popularity? In the tradition of recent social media memes like the Mannequin Challenge, which started when **Remix God Suede** created an update of "Mule," with special focus on the line "beans, greens, potatoes, tomatoes, lamb," among other food shout-outs, all timely tie-ins leading up to Thanksgiving. "Mule" gained greater traction when **Chris Brown** posted a video of himself dancing to the song, inspiring further viral clips. (Caesar has even launched an online store selling U Name It Challenge merchandise.)

Since Hot Gospel Songs launched, in 2005, Caesar previously reached a high of No. 3 with "God Will Make a Way" in 2013. Singer-songwriter **Josh Garrels** makes his debut on Top Christian Albums as his new holiday set, *The Light Came Down*, enters at No. 10 (4,000 sold). The release also debuts at No. 6 on Americana/Folk Albums, where it's Garrels' second appearance, following the No. 4-peaking *Home* in 2015.

—Jim Asker

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**ROY ORBISON 3rd**

December 6th, 2016 marks the 28th anniversary of the death of Roy Orbison and the 5th anniversary of the death of Barbara Orbison. In an effort to bring joy to this typically sad day, Roy Orbison, Jr and his fiancée Åsa have chosen December 6 this year to announce a blessing: the birth of Roy Orbison 3rd who was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on March 2, 2016.

The happy, healthy baby boy is Roy Orbison Jr's first child and Roy Orbison's first grandson.

The beaming new dad commented, "Becoming a father has changed my life. I love him so much and everyday I see elements of big Roy's and Barbara's spirit in him. He looks a lot like his grandfather and already loves guitar. We wake him up each morning playing music like "Oh Pretty Woman" and "You Got It".

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DANCE CLUB SONGS™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
2	1	<b>#1</b> <b>IN THE NAME OF LOVE</b> STMPD RCRDS/RCA	Martin Garrix & Bebe Rexha	7
3	2	<b>STARBOY</b> XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd Feat. Daft Punk	7
6	3	<b>GG</b> <b>SAY YES</b> SUGAR HOUSE/JASON WALKER/MR. TAMMAN	Tony Moran Feat. Jason Walker	6
5	4	<b>SAY IT TO ME</b> X2/KOBALT	Pet Shop Boys	7
8	5	<b>24K MAGIC</b> ATLANTIC	Bruno Mars	5
1	6	<b>PEOPLE GRINNIN'</b> BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	NERVO Feat. The Child Of Lov	12
7	7	<b>BELIEVE</b> 418	Crystal Waters Feat. Sted-E & Hybrid Heights	9
9	8	<b>PERFECT STRANGERS</b> JONAS BLUE/CAPITOL	Jonas Blue Feat. JP Cooper	13
14	9	<b>LOVE ME</b> BEATCLAN/BUILDUP	DJ Hollywood Feat. Abri	7
15	10	<b>OLDER</b> OVERDRIVE	Lodato & Joseph Duveen	7
18	11	<b>ICARUS</b> R3HAB	R3hab	5
16	12	<b>SUPERLOVE</b> RCA	Tinashe	6
13	13	<b>SIDE TO SIDE</b> REPUBLIC	Ariana Grande Feat. Nicki Minaj	7
4	14	<b>TEARDROPS</b> HOLLYWOOD	Cole Plante x BOBI	12
21	15	<b>BUTTON PUSHA</b> CARRILLO	Ralphi Rosario & Aneeta Beat	4
20	16	<b>HIGH AND LOW</b> THE SLEEPY JACKSON/ASTRALWERKS/CAPITOL	Empire Of The Sun	6
11	17	<b>MY WAY</b> FLY EYE/COLUMBIA	Calvin Harris	9
26	18	<b>TO NOT LOVE YOU</b> FRIENDSHIP COLLECTIVE	DJ Pebbles	5
29	19	<b>BLOW YOUR MIND (MWAH)</b> WARNER BROS.	Dua Lipa	3
32	20	<b>LOVE ON THE BRAIN</b> WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	Rihanna	3
30	21	<b>GOOD GRIEF</b> VIRGIN/CAPITOL	Bastille	4
31	22	<b>HELL IN PARADISE (2016)</b> MIND TRAIN/TWISTED	Ono	4
12	23	<b>STRONGER TOGETHER</b> REPUBLIC	Jessica Sanchez	11
24	24	<b>ELECTRIC CHURCH</b> ROSTRUM	Mike Taylor	8
22	25	<b>HEATHENS</b> DC/ATLAS/WATERTOWER/ATLANTIC/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	twenty one pilots	8
25	26	<b>MHM MHM</b> RADIKAL	Manuel Riva Feat. Eneli	7
27	27	<b>SAY SOMETHING</b> BELIEVE	Keith Cullen	6
37	28	<b>ALL OUT OF LOVE (2016)</b> AIR SUPPLY	Air Supply	4
10	29	<b>TELEPATHY</b> RCA	Christina Aguilera Feat. Nile Rodgers	11
23	30	<b>CLOSER</b> DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	The Chainsmokers Feat. Halsey	13
43	31	<b>TROUBLE</b> HITS IN THE BAG/INTERSCOPE	Offaiah	2
41	32	<b>RECOVERY</b> KRISTII	Kristii	3
19	33	<b>GONE</b> 418	Carly Eden	8
17	34	<b>SOLDIERS</b> DE ANGELIS	JAGMAC	9
39	35	<b>SMILE</b> VIRGIN/PRIORITY/CAPITOL	Gorgon City Feat. Elderbrook	4
28	36	<b>IT AIN'T OVER</b> RADIKAL	The Bello Boys & Dan Donica Feat. Seri	14
42	37	<b>THIS IS OUR NIGHT</b> CARRILLO	Kissy Sell Out Feat. Lisa Williams	3
46	38	<b>SCARS TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL</b> EP/DEF JAM	Alessia Cara	2
34	39	<b>PERFECT ILLUSION</b> STREAMLINE/INTERSCOPE	Lady Gaga	9
49	40	<b>THE GREATEST</b> MONKEY PUZZLE/RCA	Sia Feat. Kendrick Lamar	2
35	41	<b>HEARTBREAK HOTLINE</b> BUILDUP	The Pool Kids	11
50	42	<b>DON'T WANNA KNOW</b> 222/INTERSCOPE	Maroon 5 Feat. Kendrick Lamar	2
36	43	<b>LET ME LOVE YOU</b> DJ SNAKE/INTERSCOPE	DJ Snake Feat. Justin Bieber	12
<b>HOT SHOT DEBUT</b>	44	<b>SHINE</b> MOLLIE JAY	Mollie Jay	1
38	45	<b>THIS GIRL</b> KUNGS/SOUND OF BARCLAY/BARCLAY/CASABLANCA/REPUBLIC	Kungs vs Cookin' On 3 Burners	15
<b>NEW</b>	46	<b>TAKE MY BREATH AWAY</b> ALEFUNE/DEF JAM	Alesso	1
<b>NEW</b>	47	<b>GET TOGETHER</b> ELECTRA STAR/DAUMAN	Christine Saade + Twisted Dee	1
44	48	<b>HOUSE WORK</b> POLYDOR/CASABLANCA/REPUBLIC	Jax Jones Feat. Mike Dunn & MNEK	6
48	49	<b>SHAMELESS</b> ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Tyler Glenn	2
<b>NEW</b>	50	<b>HURTS</b> CAPITOL	Emeli Sande	1

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  - Recording Industry Assn. of America (RIAA) certification for physical shipments & digital downloads of 500,000 albums (Gold).
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- DG (Digital Sales Gainer)
- AG (Airplay Gainer)
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	GROSS PER TICKET PRICE(S)	ARTIST VENUE DATE	ATTENDANCE CAPACITY	PROMOTER
1	\$4,585,875 \$201/\$61	<b>MARC ANTHONY</b> AMERICAN AIRLINES ARENA, MIAMI NOV. 18-19	37,017 TWO SELLOUTS	CARDENAS MARKETING NETWORK
2	\$3,062,414 \$495/\$179/\$94/\$54	<b>BRITNEY SPEARS</b> THE AXIS AT PLANET HOLLYWOOD, LAS VEGAS NOV. 9, 11-12, 16, 18-19	21,015 25,152 SIX SHOWS	CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT
3	\$2,688,735 \$175/\$35	<b>SIA, MIGUEL, ALUNAGEORGE</b> HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES OCT. 8-9	33,384 TWO SELLOUTS	ANDREW HEWITT CO. & BILL SILVA PRESENTS, LIVE NATION
4	\$2,509,209 \$275/\$55	<b>DOLLY PARTON</b> HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES OCT. 1-2	28,321 31,957 TWO SHOWS	ANDREW HEWITT CO. & BILL SILVA PRESENTS
5	\$2,428,872 \$157/\$99.50	<b>FREAKNIGHT: ZEDD, MARTIN GARRIX, ARMIN VAN BUUREN &amp; OTHERS</b> TACOMA DOME, TACOMA, WASH. OCT. 28-29	24,251 28,371 TWO SHOWS	USC
6	\$2,347,694 \$155.50/\$66	<b>MARC ANTHONY</b> AMWAY CENTER, ORLANDO NOV. 20	11,237 11,966	CARDENAS MARKETING NETWORK
7	\$1,770,549 \$350/\$39.50	<b>VAN MORRISON, TOM JONES</b> HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES OCT. 13	16,844 SELLOUT	ANDREW HEWITT CO. & BILL SILVA PRESENTS
8	\$1,719,403 \$275/\$49	<b>CBS RADIO'S WE CAN SURVIVE: BRUNO MARS, ARIANA GRANDE &amp; OTHERS</b> HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES OCT. 22	15,576 SELLOUT	ANDREW HEWITT CO. & BILL SILVA PRESENTS, CBS RADIO
9	\$1,608,072 \$125/\$29.50	<b>KYGO, BOB MOSES, LABRINTH, SEEB, AFSHEEN</b> HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES OCT. 14-15	26,075 30,688 TWO SHOWS	ANDREW HEWITT CO. & BILL SILVA PRESENTS, LIVE NATION
10	\$1,573,560 \$255/\$45	<b>BLACK SABBATH, RIVAL SONS</b> HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES SEPT. 19	16,338 SELLOUT	ANDREW HEWITT CO. & BILL SILVA PRESENTS, LIVE NATION
11	\$1,472,162 \$90/\$88	<b>TEMPLE OF THE DOG, FANTASTIC NEGRO</b> BILL GRAHAM CIVIC AUDITORIUM, SAN FRANCISCO NOV. 11-12	16,728 TWO SELLOUTS	ANOTHER PLANET ENTERTAINMENT
12	\$1,411,344 \$88	<b>TEMPLE OF THE DOG, FANTASTIC NEGRO</b> THE FORUM, INGLEWOOD, CALIF. NOV. 14	16,038 SELLOUT	LIVE NATION
13	\$1,170,657 \$165/\$35	<b>DARYL HALL &amp; JOHN OATES</b> HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES SEPT. 20	16,452 SELLOUT	ANDREW HEWITT CO. & BILL SILVA PRESENTS, LIVE NATION
14	\$1,116,050 \$135/\$70	<b>BOO!: YELLOW CLAW, SHOWTEK, EPHWURD, KSHMR &amp; OTHERS</b> BILL GRAHAM CIVIC AUDITORIUM, SAN FRANCISCO OCT. 28-29	16,243, 17,000 TWO SHOWS ONE SELLOUT	ANOTHER PLANET ENTERTAINMENT, INSOMNIAC
15	\$1,098,080 (\$900.917) \$39.61/\$37.17	<b>BASTILLE</b> O2 ARENA, LONDON NOV. 1-2	27,798 32,040 TWO SHOWS	KILIMANJARO LIVE/AEG LIVE
16	\$1,047,316 \$125/\$32.50	<b>BON IVER, PATTI SMITH, HISS GOLDEN MESSENGER</b> HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES OCT. 23	16,882 SELLOUT	ANDREW HEWITT CO. & BILL SILVA PRESENTS
17	\$1,008,150 \$99.50/\$29.50	<b>THE LUMINEERS, BORNS, RAYLAND BAXTER</b> HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES OCT. 5	16,765 SELLOUT	ANDREW HEWITT CO. & BILL SILVA PRESENTS
18	\$924,133 (\$756,810) \$116/\$54.95	<b>MAXWELL &amp; MARY J. BLIGE, RO JAMES</b> O2 ARENA, LONDON OCT. 28	9,940 12,701	LIVE NATION
19	\$834,133 (\$684,535) \$48.74/\$42.65	<b>BRING ME THE HORIZON, ENTER SHIKARI, DON BROCO, BASEMENT</b> O2 ARENA, LONDON OCT. 31, NOV. 5	19,552 27,279 TWO SHOWS	LIVE NATION
20	\$697,746 \$87/\$37	<b>KEITH URBAN, BRETT ELDRIDGE, MAREN MORRIS</b> BARCLAYS CENTER, BROOKLYN, N.Y. NOV. 19	10,664 12,883	AEG LIVE
21	\$678,312 \$156/\$46	<b>JULION ALVAREZ</b> SAVE MART CENTER, FRESNO, CALIF. NOV. 20	8,250 10,819	CARDENAS MARKETING NETWORK
22	\$594,167 (\$483,519) \$52.23	<b>NICKELBACK, MONSTER TRUCK</b> O2 ARENA, LONDON OCT. 20	11,429 17,429	LIVE NATION
23	\$566,926 \$286/\$137.50/\$119.90/\$104.50	<b>DONNY &amp; MARIE</b> THE SHOWROOM AT THE FLAMINGO, LAS VEGAS NOV. 8-12, 15-19	5,902 7,285 TEN SHOWS	CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT
24	\$565,120 (\$464,500) \$79.08/\$66.91	<b>BAD COMPANY, RICHIE SAMBORA</b> O2 ARENA, LONDON OCT. 29	8,012 11,437	LIVE NATION
25	\$552,500 \$65	<b>LAURYN HILL &amp; NAS</b> HEARST GREEK THEATRE, BERKELEY, CALIF. NOV. 4	8,500 SELLOUT	ANOTHER PLANET ENTERTAINMENT
26	\$544,528 \$60.75/\$40.75	<b>FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH &amp; SHINEDOWN, SIXX:A.M., AS LIONS</b> TACOMA DOME, TACOMA, WASH. NOV. 5	9,776 14,172	FRANK PRODUCTIONS, NS2, CMOORE LIVE
27	\$533,014 (\$437,420) \$115.76/\$67.02	<b>VAN MORRISON &amp; JEFF BECK</b> O2 ARENA, LONDON OCT. 30	5,250 8,597	LIVE NATION
28	\$489,987 \$79.75/\$29.75	<b>KEITH URBAN, BRETT ELDRIDGE, MAREN MORRIS</b> GIANT CENTER, HERSHEY, PA. NOV. 17	8,493 SELLOUT	LIVE NATION
29	\$471,099 \$60.75/\$45.75	<b>FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH &amp; SHINEDOWN, SIXX:A.M., AS LIONS</b> PEORIA CIVIC CENTER, PEORIA, ILL. NOV. 19	8,405 SELLOUT	FRANK PRODUCTIONS, NS2, CMOORE LIVE
30	\$456,135 \$60.75/\$40.75	<b>FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH &amp; SHINEDOWN, SIXX:A.M., AS LIONS</b> PRUDENTIAL CENTER, NEWARK, N.J. NOV. 26	7,876 9,966	FRANK PRODUCTIONS, NS2, CMOORE LIVE
31	\$455,910 \$105/\$75	<b>KEITH URBAN, BRETT ELDRIDGE, MAREN MORRIS</b> MOHEGAN SUN ARENA, UNCASVILLE, CONN. NOV. 18	5,044 5,131	LIVE NATION
32	\$439,402 (\$578,160 AUSTRALIAN) \$62.23	<b>DISTURBED, TWELVE FOOT NINJA</b> BRISBANE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA 7,008 NOV. 15	10,000	FRONTIER TOURING
33	\$437,575 \$60.75/\$40.75	<b>FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH &amp; SHINEDOWN, SIXX:A.M., AS LIONS</b> DCU CENTER, WORCESTER, MASS. NOV. 25	7,855 8,871	FRANK PRODUCTIONS, NS2, CMOORE LIVE
34	\$412,064 (\$542,190 AUSTRALIAN) \$62.57	<b>DISTURBED, TWELVE FOOT NINJA</b> MARGARET COURT ARENA, MELBOURNE NOV. 12	6,572 SELLOUT	FRONTIER TOURING
35	\$362,412 \$60.75/\$50.75	<b>FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH &amp; SHINEDOWN, SIXX:A.M., AS LIONS</b> HUNTINGTON CENTER, TOLEDO, OHIO NOV. 21	6,099 7,017	FRANK PRODUCTIONS, NS2, CMOORE LIVE



## Bowl Scores Big With Fall Events

Sia (above) heads up a slate of touring artists who appeared this fall at the Hollywood Bowl, the famed 94-year-old Los Angeles amphitheater that earns nine slots on the Boxscore chart. Concert promoters Andrew Hewitt and Bill Silva Presents recently reported events that occurred during September and October at the 17,500-seat outdoor venue, including Sia's two-show stint on Oct. 8 and 9. With sellout crowds at both performances, the total sold-ticket count reached 33,384 for her Nostalgic for the Present Tour that hit 22 North American markets this fall. Her Los Angeles run grabs the No. 3 ranking on the chart based on \$2.6 million in sales.

Country legend **Dolly Parton** follows at No. 4 with a \$2.5 million take from her Oct. 1-2 performances during her Pure & Simple Tour, now in the final days of a 27-week run. Norwegian DJ **Kygo** is the third artist with a two-night engagement at the amphitheater this fall. His Oct. 14-15 concerts (No. 9) drew 26,075 fans and grossed \$1.6 million.

**Van Morrison** is the top grosser among the artists who played single shows at the venue. His sold-out Oct. 13 gig takes the No. 7 ranking with \$1.7 million at the box office. Two other Hollywood Bowl events land in the top 10: CBS Radio's We Can Survive concert honoring National Breast Cancer Awareness month that featured **Bruno Mars**, **Ariana Grande** and others on Oct. 22 (No. 8) and **Black Sabbath's** sold-out performance on Sept. 19 (No. 10).

—Bob Allen



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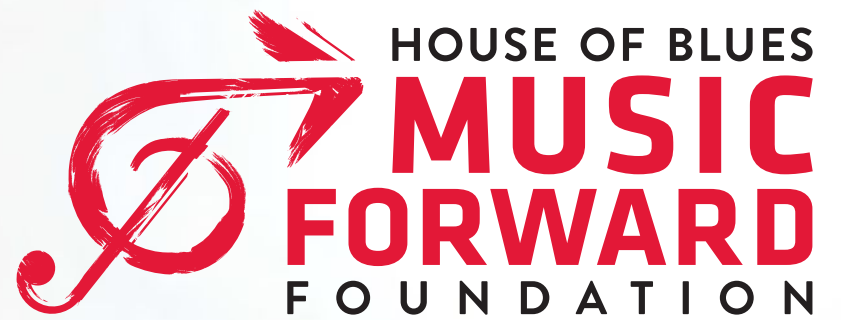
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This Week	Last Week	Title, Artist, Label & No.	Weeks on Chart
1	2	I GOT YOU (I Feel Good) James Brown, King 6015 (Lois-Try Me, BMI)	4
2	5	I HEAR A SYMPHONY Supremes, Motown 1083 (Jobete, BMI)	5
3	1	AIN'T THAT PECULIAR Marvin Gaye, Tamla 54122 (Jobete, BMI)	9
4	4	A LOVER'S CONCERTO Toys, DynoVoice 209 (Saturday, BMI)	7
5	3	RESCUE ME Fontella Bass, Checker 1120 (Chevis, BMI)	11

Brown (right) taught *Tonight Show* host Johnny Carson how to dance in 1967.

# COOL DATA

REWINDING THE CHARTS

## 51 Years Ago 'I FEEL GOOD' DID REAL GOOD ON THE CHARTS

The Godfather of Soul  
James Brown scored his biggest Hot 100 hit in 1965

"WHENEVER I SEE A FROZEN POND, I take myself to 1967, when us kids did the James Brown 'I Feel Good' dance on any patch of ice," Public Enemy's Chuck D told *Billboard* after learning of the Godfather of Soul's 2006 death. He was referring to Brown's classic, "I Got You (I Feel Good)," his third No. 1 on the Top Selling Rhythm & Blues Singles chart (forerunner of Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs) dated Dec. 4, 1965.

Two weeks later, the song rose to No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100, becoming Brown's highest-peaking of seven top 10s on the chart.

Born in 1933 and raised in Augusta, Ga., the "Hardest Working Man in Show Business," as he was also called, dominated pop and R&B with a greasy mix of soul and funk, while his signature rapid-fire dance steps, splits and spins inspired Michael Jackson and Prince.

From 1959 to 1974, Brown topped the R&B singles chart 17 times and, at his performing peak, toured 335 nights a year. But by the late '70s, disco's polished beats had eclipsed his gritty sound and disputes with the IRS had eroded his business empire. In the late '80s, he served 15 months in prison after being convicted of assaulting a police officer and other charges, and through the early 2000s was arrested repeatedly for domestic violence.

Brown still managed a final run of hits and honors, beginning with 1986's "Living in America" from *Rocky IV*, his final Hot 100 top 10 (which reached No. 4) and first since 1968. He was among the first artists inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986, received a Grammy Award for lifetime achievement in 1992 and claimed Kennedy Center honors in 2002. He performed until his death from congestive heart failure on Christmas Day in 2006 and is survived by his fourth wife, Tomi Rae Hynie, and nine children. —TREVOR ANDERSON

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