

Winners Announced For The 58th Academy Of Country Music Awards



The country music industry gathered in Texas for the 58th Academy of Country Music Awards Thursday night (May 11).

Chris Stapleton won the night's top honor, ACM Entertainer of the Year. It was his first time winning the coveted award and qualifies him for the ACM Triple Crown Award, celebrating artists who have won New Female/Male Artist of the Year, Female/Male Artist of the Year and Entertainer of the Year. His win tonight brings his total ACM Awards count to 15.

Lainey Wilson and **Hardy** tied for the most wins of the night, taking home four awards each. Wilson won Female Artist of the Year and Album of the Year, as well as Music Event and Visual Media of the Year for her collaboration with Hardy, "Wait In The Truck." In addition to his shared wins with Wilson, and his second trophy earned in the Music Event category as a producer of the song, Hardy took home Artist-Songwriter of the Year prior to the ACM Awards livestream.

Cole Swindell followed Wilson and Hardy with three wins for the night, taking home two Song of the Year trophies as the artist and songwriter of "She Had Me At Heads Carolina" and one trophy for Single of the Year for the same tune.

Morgan Wallen nabbed Male Artist of the Year. **Brothers Osborne** took home another trophy for Duo of the Year, and **Old Dominion** took the Group of the Year honor.

The full list of winners for the 58th annual ACM Awards is below:

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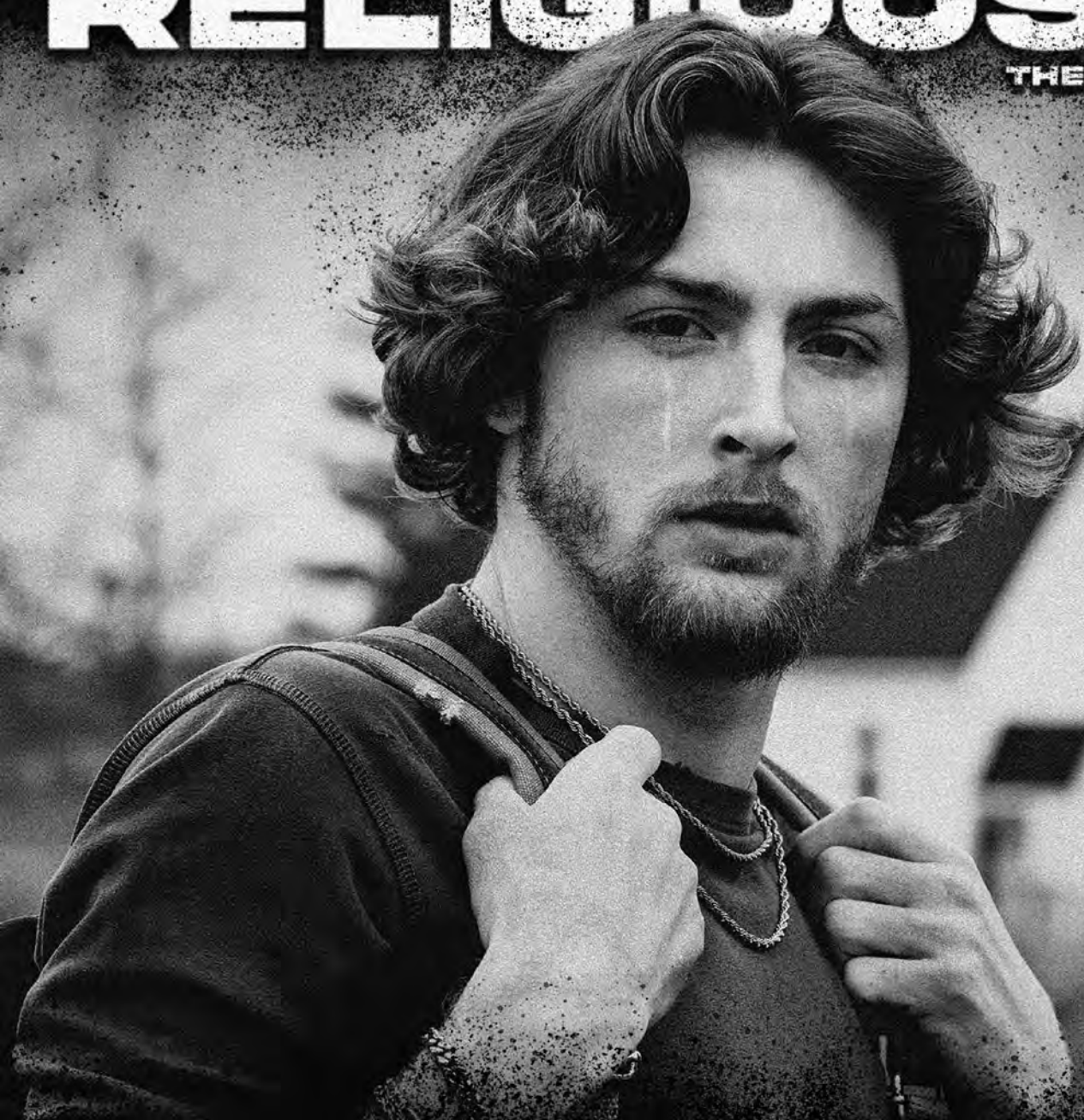
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Duo Of The Year
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Group Of The Year
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New Female Artist Of The Year
Hailey Whitters – WINNER

New Male Artist Of The Year
Zach Bryan – WINNER

**Album Of The Year [Awarded to Artist(s)/
 Producer(s)/Record Company–Label(s)]**
– Bell Bottom Country – Lainey Wilson – WINNER
Producer: Jay Joyce
Record Company-Label: Broken Bow Records

**Single Of The Year [Awarded to Artist(s)/
 Producer(s)/Record Company–Label(s)]**
– She Had Me At Heads Carolina – Cole Swindell –
WINNER
Producer: Zach Crowell

Song Of The Year [Awarded to Songwriter(s)/Publisher(s)/Artist(s)]
– She Had Me At Heads Carolina – Cole Swindell – WINNER
Songwriters: Ashley Gorley, Cole Swindell, Jesse Frasure, Mark D. Sanders, Thomas Rhett, Tim Nichols
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Visual Media Of The Year [Awarded to Producer(s)/Director(s)/Artist(s)]
– Wait In The Truck – Hardy feat. Lainey Wilson – WINNER
Producer: Inkwell Productions
Director: Justin Clough

Songwriter Of The Year
Ashley Gorley – WINNER

Artist-Songwriter Of The Year
Hardy – WINNER

Music Event Of The Year [Awarded to Artist(s)/Producer(s)/Record Company–Label(s)]
– Wait In The Truck – Hardy feat. Lainey Wilson – WINNER
Producers: Derek Wells, Hardy, Joey Moi, Jordan Schmidt
Record Company-Label: Big Loud Records



Lainey Wilson with her four ACM Awards. Photo: Courtesy of ACM

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COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

CHART ACTION

New On The Chart —Debuting This Week

song/artist/label—Chart Position

Fast Car/Luke Combs/River House Artists/Columbia Nashville - 49
But I Got A Beer In My Hand/Luke Bryan/Capitol Nashville - 55
Wings Of A White Dove/Flat River Band/Early Bird Records - 76
Without You/Thompson Square/Quartz Hill - 77
Cap Guns And Skinny Horses/The Hammond Brothers/Dynasty - 79

Greatest Spin Increase

song/artist/label—Spin Increase

Love You Anyway/Luke Combs/River House Artists/Columbia Nashville - 246
You, Me, & Whiskey/Justin Moore & Priscilla Block/Valory - 239
Fast Car/Luke Combs/River House Artists/Columbia Nashville - 238
But I Got A Beer In My Hand/Luke Bryan/Capitol Nashville - 234
Next Thing You Know/Jordan Davis/MCA Nashville - 153

Most Added

song/artist/label—No. of Adds

But I Got A Beer In My Hand/Luke Bryan/Capitol Nashville - 17
Fast Car/Luke Combs/River House Artists/Columbia Nashville - 10
Make You Mine/MaRynn Taylor/Black River Records - 9
If I Die Young Pt. 2/Kimberly Perry/RECORDS Nashville/Columbia Records - 9
Bury Me In Georgia/Kane Brown/RCA Nashville - 7

On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

song/artist/label—No. of Spins

Rest In Peace/Taylor Austin Dye/LMG - 108
That's Why/Troy Cartwright - 102
Make You Mine/MaRynn Taylor/Black River Records - 99
Tonight's On You/Nathan Merovich/Nathan Merovich - 95
Wind Up/Josh Mirenda/Average Joes - 92

NO. 1 SONG



Justin Moore and Priscilla Block make an impressive leap from No. 12 to No. 1 on the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Radio Chart this week with "You, Me, and Whiskey."

Written by **Jessi Alexander**, **Brock Berryhill** and **Cole Taylor**, the tune is featured on Moore's seventh studio album *Stray Dog*, and is currently climbing on other country radio charts.

"You, Me, and Whiskey" spawned Moore and Block to go out on the "You, Me And Whiskey Tour" earlier this year.



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

MusicRow CountryBreakout Chart Reporting Stations

WHMA Anniston, AL	KKMV Rupert, ID	WTCM Traverse City, MI	KWEY Weatherford, OK	KYKX Longview, TX
WXFL Florence, AL	WOOZ Cartersville, IL	KZPK St. Cloud, MN	WCJW Warsaw, NY	KLLL Lubbock, TX
KQUS Hot Springs, AR	WAAG Galesburg, IL	KFAV Warrenton, MO	KWOX Woodward, OK	KXOX Sweetwater, TX
KDXY Jonesboro, AR	WYOT Rochelle, IL	WBBN Laurel, MS	KRKT Albany, OR	WAKG Danville, VA
KBOD Mountain Home, AR	WRTB Rockford, IL	WFAY Fayetteville, NC	KRWQ Medford, OR	WAXX Altoona, WI
KWCK Searcy, AR	WIFE Connersville, IN	KZZY Devils Lake, ND	WVNW Lewistown, PA	WJVL Janesville, WI
KRAZ Santa Barbara, CA	KAIR Atchison, KS	KYCK Thompson, ND	WNBT Mansfield, PA	WGLR Platteville, WI
WCTY Norwich, CT	KQZQ Pratt, KS	KRVN Lexington, NE	WCFT Selinsgrove, PA	WQPC Prairie du Chien, WI
WUBB Savannah, GA	WKDZ Cadiz, KY	KFGE Lincoln, NE	KZZI Spearfish, SD	WCOW Sparta, WI
KXIA Marshalltown, IA	WDHR Pikeville, KY	KBRX O'Neill, NE	WUCZ Carthage, TN	WDGG Huntington, WV
KIAI Mason City, IA	KRRV Alexandria, LA	KQBA Santa Fe, NM	WDKN Dickson, TN	
KBOE Oskaloosa, IA	WKPE Hyannis, MA	WDNB Monticello, NY	WLLX Lawrenceburg, TN	
KTHK Idaho Falls, ID	KYSM Mankato, MN	KITX Hugo, OK	KFTX Corpus Christi, TX	

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
28	12	1	You, Me, & Whiskey / Justin Moore & Priscilla Block / Valory	1573/59	18	239
21	4	2	Dancin' In The Country / Tyler Hubbard / EMI Nashville	1565/45	4	65
30	8	3	Your Heart Or Mine / Jon Pardi / Capitol	1547/56	9	131
44	5	4	Everything She Ain't / Hailey Whitters / Pigasus/S&D/Big Loud	1532/59	2	30
13	11	5	Next Thing You Know / Jordan Davis / MCA Nashville	1486/54	11	153
10	10	6	Last Night / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	1482/48	10	129
16	6	7	Angels / Thomas Rhett / Valory	1471/61	1	20
18	9	8	Memory Lane / Old Dominion / Arista Nashville	1462/48	3	47
31	2	9	How It Oughta Be / Shane Profitt / BMLG	1460/53	-3	-48
36	7	10	Wild As Her / Corey Kent / Combustion Music/RCA Records	1454/42	1	17
39	13	11	You / Dan + Shay / Warner Music Nashville	1301/42	1	11
15	14	12	Drinkaby / Cole Swindell / Warner Music Nashville	1292/56	4	50
11	1	13	One Thing At A Time / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud Records	1244/46	-18	-273
16	16	14	Need A Favor / Jelly Roll / Stoney Creek Records	1049/50	6	61
31	17	15	Girl In Mine / Parmalee / Stoney Creek Records	1023/47	7	64
9	18	16	Standing Room Only / Tim McGraw / Big Machine Records	1014/55	8	78
26	15	17	Hate My Heart / Carrie Underwood / Capitol	1013/41	2	17
4	26	18	Love You Anyway / Luke Combs / River House Artists/Columbia Nashville	972/47	34	246
32	19	19	Up There Down Here / Jake Owen / Big Loud Records	926/45	-1	-5
16	21	20	Looking For You / Chris Young / RCA Nashville	915/50	5	45
34	20	21	Can't Have Mine / Dylan Scott / Curb	913/52	2	19
11	23	22	Light On In The Kitchen / Ashley McBryde / Warner Music Nashville	859/48	6	47
24	22	23	Heaven By Then / Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shelton feat. Vince Gill / Valory	854/45	4	33
8	28	24	Bury Me In Georgia / Kane Brown / RCA Nashville	840/49	18	126
20	25	25	If You Go Down (I'm Goin' Down Too) / Kelsea Ballerini / Black River Entertainment	751/40	1	7
19	27	26	Fearless / Jackson Dean / Big Machine	719/43	-1	-6
65	24	27	Good Day For Living / Joe Nichols / Quartz Hill Records	700/31	-10	-76
13	31	28	All I Need Is You / Chris Janson / BMLG/Harpeth 60 Records	654/38	9	54
6	32	29	Fires Don't Start Themselves / Darius Rucker / Capitol	603/39	2	10
12	29	30	Only Need One / Ned LeDoux / Powder River/Thirty Tigers	600/34	-4	-25
18	33	31	Stars Like Confetti / Dustin Lynch / Broken Bow Records	594/35	2	14
17	35	32	Going Going / Donice Morace / Bad Jeu Jeu Records/CDX Records	549/32	6	29
6	40	33	Creek Will Rise / Conner Smith / Valory	539/39	12	57
4	41	34	Nobody's Nobody / Brothers Osborne / EMI	533/35	12	59
17	36	35	Missin' You / Cam Allen / Goat Music Group	520/32	7	33
34	34	36	Country Can / Hannah Ellis / Curb	514/30	-2	-13
10	39	37	Save The Roses / Lee Brice / Curb	512/30	5	25
19	38	38	Jealous Of Myself / Tenille Arts / Dreamcatcher Artists	510/33	4	19
18	43	39	Marlboros & Avon / McBride & The Ride / TMC Records/InGrooves	453/29	1	3

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Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
41	42	40	Something In The Orange / Zach Bryan / Belting Bronco/Warner Records	444/26	-6	-30
9	44	41	Buy A Bar / Tim Dugger / Curb Records	443/34	1	3
14	45	42	Revival / Shenandoah / 8 Track Entertainment/Fame Records	437/31	0	2
4	51	43	Religiously / Bailey Zimmerman / Elektra/Warner Music Nashville	408/29	21	71
11	49	44	3 Tequila Floor / Josiah Siska / Black River	408/30	8	29
19	46	45	We Got History / Mitchell Tenpenny / Riser House Records	406/28	5	20
13	47	46	Honky Tonk Roll / Wade Bowen / Bowen Sounds	393/25	7	24
13	48	47	Why God Made Small Towns / Paige King Johnson / PCG Records	388/27	1	2
18	50	48	God Gave Me A Girl / Russell Dickerson / Triple Tigers Records	365/24	6	20
1	81	49	Fast Car / Luke Combs / River House Artists/Columbia Nashville	349/17	127	238
10	53	50	The Longer I Live / Aaron Goodvin & Ryan Kinder / Reviver Records/Sakamoto Music/Warner Music Canada	313/26	8	22
35	52	51	If He Wanted To He Would / Kylie Morgan / EMI Records Nashville	307/20	3	8
16	55	52	Marry That Girl / Easton Corbin / Stone Country Records	269/17	-5	-14
6	56	53	Dents On A Chevy / Ty Herndon, Terri Clark / Pivotal Records	260/22	7	17
11	58	54	Let's Take Tonight / Corey Layne / Corey Layne	235/16	6	13
1	0	55	But I Got A Beer In My Hand / Luke Bryan / Capitol Nashville	234/17	0	234
2	70	56	Blacktop Don't / BoomTown Saints / 8 Track Entertainment	205/18	41	60
11	59	57	A Special Place / Danielle Bradbery / Big Machine Records	203/14	-8	-18
4	62	58	State You Left Me In / Jake Worthington / Big Loud	194/14	5	10
11	63	59	Sunday Chapel / Dave Herrera / Brokerade, Inc	191/11	7	13
39	57	60	Worth A Shot / Elle King feat. Dierks Bentley / RCA Records/Columbia Nashville	188/13	-16	-35
15	68	61	Just Me / Gillian Smith / Gillian Smith Records	180/10	22	33
11	65	62	Not In This Heartbreak / Morgan White / NashTown Entertainment	179/11	7	11
14	64	63	I Miss America / Colton James / RedSunset Entertainment	170/12	1	1
19	60	64	Fast Car / Randy Rogers Band / Thirty Tigers	169/13	-18	-37
5	69	65	Shoot Tequila / Tigirlily Gold / Monument Records	165/13	20	28
3	71	66	Be Alright / Jimmie Allen / Stoney Creek Records	163/13	15	21
7	67	67	I Ain't Done Singin' Yet / Jon Brennan / CDX Records	159/10	7	10
2	78	68	Blue Suede Boots / Coffey Anderson / Coffey Global LLC	152/14	30	35
11	66	69	We Ride / Bryan Martin / Average Joes Entertainment	152/13	1	2
2	77	70	Heartache Waiting To Happen / Cutter Elliott / Cutter Elliott Music	147/9	24	28
5	72	71	Be The One / Josh Kinney / Birmingham Entertainment	141/11	1	2
5	76	72	Little Bit Of You / Brooke Moriber / Reviver Records	135/11	13	15
18	37	73	Beer Needs Drinkin' / Reed Foley / Studios Magnetic	132/9	-73	-348
5	75	74	Every Town's Got One / Ty Gregory	130/9	4	5
5	79	75	Young Again / Dylan Gerard / SSM Nashville	127/10	9	10
1	84	76	Wings Of A White Dove / Flat River Band / Early Bird Records	126/12	29	28
1	124	77	Without You / Thompson Square / Quartz Hill	120/9	127	81
2	80	78	Trouble / Rachel Stacy / CDX Records	120/7	3	4
1	85	79	Cap Guns And Skinny Horses / The Hammond Brothers / Dynasty	113/6	15	15
7	73	80	Your Hands / Katie Linendoll / Duncan Music Group	110/6	-13	-17

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Country Artist Jimmie Allen Sued For Sexual Assault By Former Manager



A lawsuit has been filed against **Jimmie Allen** for sexual assault by his former manager. Allen's alleged assaults on his former manager are detailed in her interview with [Variety](#). To protect her identity, she is referred to as "Jane Doe" throughout the *Variety* piece.

Among other claims, his former manager says Allen raped her and repeatedly sexually harassed and abused her.

In a statement to *Variety*, Allen denies the allegations but does acknowledge that the two had a sexual relationship.

The lawsuit also includes Allen's former management company, Wide Open Music, and its founder **Ash Bowers**, whom she says fired her when she complained.

According to the report, Bowers denies the allegations.

MusicRow has confirmed with BBR Music Group they they have suspended all activity with Allen effective immediately. **MR**

Morgan Wallen Suffering Vocal Fold Trauma, Rescheduling Six Weeks Of Shows



Morgan Wallen has re-injured his vocal cords following three shows this week and is now under mandatory vocal rest, which forced him to cancel the next six weeks of shows as well as his appearance at the ACM Awards on Thursday (May 11) and the ACM Lifting Lives fundraiser event (May 10).

Wallen shared the message with his fans via social media on Tuesday (May 9).

"I got some bad news from my doctors at the Vanderbilt Voice Center yesterday. After taking ten days of vocal rest, I performed three shows last weekend in Florida and by the third one I felt terrible. So I went in and got scoped yesterday, and they told me that I re-injured my vocal cords and that I have vocal fold trauma. Their advice is that I go on vocal rest for six weeks, so that's what I'm going to do," Wallen shared, adding that he also healing after tearing his LAT (latissimus dorsi) in Australia.

Tickets for Wallen's original dates will be honored for all rescheduled performances. A 30-day refund window will open at point of purchase when new dates are announced imminently.

His team is working to reschedule any missed festival appearances to 2024. In the meantime, **Kenny Chesney** has [stepped in](#) to headline Gulf Coast Jam and Carolina Country Music Fest for Wallen. **MR**

Peter Strickland Joins BMG/BBR Music Group As General Manager



BMG/BBR Music Group has hired **Peter Strickland** as its new General Manager, effective immediately.

Strickland, who has been working with BMG/BBR Music Group in a consultancy role for almost two years, brings with him decades worth of music industry experience and knowledge. As GM, he will oversee the financial and daily operations of BMG/BBR Music Group, streamline distribution channels and physical-product sales as well as spearhead the label's comedy initiatives. He reports to **Jon Loba**, President of BMG Nashville.

Strickland spent several years in upper management at Warner Music Nashville, including time as VP of Sales, VP of Sales & Marketing, SVP of Brand Management & Sales, Executive Vice President/General Manager and Chief Marketing Officer. Additionally, he created two successful comedy imprints and executive produced **Jimmy Fallon's**

2013 Grammy Award-winning comedy album, *Blow Your Pants Off*, before opening his management company, Marathon Talent, in 2018.

"Peter and I worked together early in our career, where I had the chance to see his creativity, passion and energy up close," says Loba. "Working with him again over the last year as a consultant, it is evident those same qualities burn hotter than ever. Beyond that, he is the consummate team player and was the obvious choice to step into the GM role upon **Rick Shedd's** retirement. We couldn't be more excited to officially bring him into the BMG family!"

"It's an honor to be asked to join this incredible team," says Strickland. "Jon Loba has built a great culture at BMG, and in reuniting with Jon, I look forward to contributing to the next chapter." **MR**

Freeman Wizer Named Senior Creative Director At Sheltered Music

Freeman Wizer has joined Sheltered Music Publishing as Senior Creative Director. The music publishing veteran of more than 20 years brings a significant background of experience and success to the company.

"Freeman is joining us with a wealth of proven leadership working with songwriters and artists, and his extensive knowledge of working with catalog is remarkable," shares **Darrell Franklin**, Senior Vice President of Sheltered Music Publishing. "He is passionate, driven and has the creative vision to help us support our growing roster of songwriters and artists."

Holding both a BBA and MBA from Belmont University, Wizer's experience includes 12 years at Universal Music Publishing, as well as high level creative roles at Sea Gayle, Spirit and Porchlight. Throughout his career in publishing, Wizer has worked closely with artists and songwriters such as **Luke Laird, Brandy Clark, Ingrid Andress, Nathan Chapman, Clint Daniels, Ryan Hurd, Radney Foster**, and many more.



"I'm honored to work with accomplished professionals Lance and Darrell," says Wizer. "Darrell's ability to recognize great music and passion for songs and songwriters is something I have always respected, while **Lance Freed** is widely regarded as one of the most respected music publishers. It's no surprise they have assembled incredible talent at Sheltered and I'm excited to contribute to its continued success." **MR**

Colby Acuff Inks With Sony Music Nashville



Colby Acuff has signed with Sony Music Nashville. Acuff will release his debut album *Western White Pines* June 9, and a first glimpse of the album, “Playing God Again,” is out now.

A fourth generation Idaho native with a rugged spirit, Acuff’s untamed pure brand of country stands apart in today’s format. From two-stepping honky tonk anthems with a frontier philosopher’s eye, to campfire confessions filled with road-weary wisdom, every track on Acuff’s first three independently released albums was written entirely solo. Working with producer/engineer Eddie Spear (Zach Bryan, Brandi Carlile, Cody Jinks) *Western White Pines* features another batch of gritty, solo-written songs, plus some first ever co-writes.

“When I started playing music, I never thought that I’d get a record deal. I’ve always had the mentality that we’d have to go out and do it all on our own. What I realize now is that there are some amazing people in the business who truly understand me,” says Acuff. “*Western White Pines* is a project full of some of my favorite songs. The record is unique in all aspects of the word. You will never hear the same song twice, but you will know that it’s a Colby Acuff record.”

Acuff has earned nearly 60 million on-demand streams on his three independent albums. He has toured with Lainey Wilson, 49 Winchester, Flatland Calvary and more, and is appearing on select Whiskey Jam Tailgate shows ahead of Luke Combs’ summer stadium dates.

He is represented by Make Wake Artists and WME.

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Runaway June Signs New Label, Management Deals



Country trio **Runaway June** has signed a record deal with Quartz Hill Records in addition to signing with Brown Sellers Brown Management for management representation.

“We cannot wait to start this new journey with Quartz Hill Records and the amazing team there,” shares Runaway June. “We couldn’t ask for more passionate, talented, hardworking, true believers fighting for us. **Benny Brown** signed this band from the beginning, and to be together again is a dream come true. We are counting down the days until we can share the new music we are creating together with the world!”

“It’s so great to be working with Runaway June again,” adds Brown, Managing Partner, Brown Sellers Brown Management. “They’re all so talented and I’ve always been a big believer in them and their music—I think this is some of the best music they’ve ever done and can’t wait for everyone to hear it.”

The group—made up of **Jennifer Wayne**, **Natalie Stovall** and **Stevie Woodward**—also announced their upcoming single “Make Me Wanna Smoke,” which is set for release on May 19, and exclusively debuted the track on the latest episode of The **Bobby Bones** Show.

“This is a totally different vibe than what we’ve done in the past and it’s really exciting, very edgy, more rock elements,” Runaway June told Bones of the song. “It has a really cool way of incorporating all of our styles into it. We’re really excited about it.” **MR**

Otto Price Joins WME As Christian Music Agent



WME has added **Otto Price** to their Christian Music Department in the Nashville office.

With almost three decades of experience, Price brings expertise and a strong network of relationships to the agency as he joins a team that represents many established Christian and Gospel artists. He comes to WME from Square One Creative Group, where he served as a producer, arranger, composer and musician for **Jimmie Allen**, **For King & Country**, **Kelly Clarkson** and more.

Price actively toured with the well-known Christian group **DC Talk**, playing bass with them for nine years before moving into an A&R position at Warner Music Nashville, where he worked with artists including **Amy Grant** and **Randy Travis**, among others.

"Otto brings a wealth of industry knowledge and experience to WME," shares WME Nashville Co-Heads **Becky Gardenhire**, **Joey Lee** and **Jay Williams** in a joint statement. "He has a deep understanding of the Christian market and will be influential in building upon the Christian Music team's success."

In his new role, Price will oversee the daily touring, television, literary and sponsorship opportunities as well as bookings in international territories for artists such as **Israel Houghton**, **Maverick City**, **Tasha Cobbs Leonard**, **Kierra Sheard-Kelly** and more.
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Jimmy Wheeler To Open Tennessee Entertainment Commission's New Music Office



Long-time music executive **Jimmy Wheeler** has been hired by the Tennessee Entertainment Commission as Director of Business Development for the state of Tennessee's new Music Office.

The office is opening as part of a new initiative to grow investment and job creation in the music sector. This will be a statewide effort focused on economic development, workforce/education, community resources and legislative initiatives that benefit the music industry directly.

Wheeler, a former Sony Music executive, will work closely with the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Governor's Office and the Department of Tourist Development to bolster the business of music throughout communities in Tennessee.

"We want music businesses and creators to think of Tennessee first when deciding on where they want to work," says Wheeler. "We have the resources and infrastructure throughout the state that make us an attractive landing spot." **MR**

DISCLAIMER Single Reviews: Chris Janson, Dolly & Slash Come Together For A 'Sensational Collaboration'



Sunday is Mother's Day, and country music has its soundtrack.

Dalton Dover, Ernest, Veronique Medrano, Rebecca Lynn Howard and Honey County are all releasing singles that relate to this holiday. For her Tex-Mex entry, Veronique Medrano wins the DisCOVERY Award. I don't understand Spanish, but she comes through loud and clear anyhow.

There are some pretty amazing performances in this week's column. Luke Combs and the Shy Carter/Caitlyn Smith duet are both essential listening experiences. So is the extraordinary "21 Forever" by Chris Janson, Dolly Parton and Slash. It wins the Disc of the Day.

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

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TOP SONGWRITER CHART

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
1	2	Ashley Gorley	All I Need Is You Cowgirls Everything I Love Girl In Mine God Gave Me A Girl Gold Last Night Me + All Your Reasons One Thing At A Time Thinkin' Bout Me Whiskey Friends You Proof	Chris Janson Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Morgan Wallen Parmalee Russell Dickerson Dierks Bentley Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
2	1	Morgan Wallen	Born With A Beer In My Hand Brown Eyes Baby Everything I Love I Wrote The Book Me + All Your Reasons Neon Star (Country Boy Lullaby) One Thing At A Time Thought You Should Know Whiskey Friends Wild As Her You Proof	Morgan Wallen Keith Urban Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Corey Kent Morgan Wallen
3	3	Ryan Vojtesak	Cowgirls Everything I Love Last Night Me + All Your Reasons Neon Star (Country Boy Lullaby) One Thing At A Time Thinkin' Bout Me Whiskey Friends You Proof	Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
4	4	Zachary Lane Bryan	Dawns Something In The Orange	Zach Bryan feat. Maggie Rogers Zach Bryan
5	5	John Byron	'98 Braves I Deserve A Drink Last Night Sunrise Thinkin' Bout Me	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
6	8	Tracy Chapman	Fast Car	Luke Combs
7	6	Ernest Keith Smith	Cowgirls Everything I Love Me + All Your Reasons Neon Star (Country Boy Lullaby) One Thing At A Time Whiskey Friends You Proof	Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
8	13	Ross Copperman	Dancin' In The Country Gold Worth A Shot	Tyler Hubbard Dierks Bentley Elle King feat. Dierks Bentley
9	9	Parker McCollum	Handle On You	Parker McCollum
10	10	Monty Criswell	Handle On You	Parker McCollum
11	11	Chase McGill	5 Leaf Clover Ain't That Some Creek Will Rise God Gave Me A Girl Next Thing You Know	Luke Combs Morgan Wallen Conner Smith Russell Dickerson Jordan Davis

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12	7	Michael Hardy	Born With A Beer In My Hand Drinkaby Hate My Heart Heaven By Then I Wrote The Book Wait In The Truck	Morgan Wallen Cole Swindell Carrie Underwood Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Morgan Wallen Hardy feat. Lainey Wilson
13	14	Josh Thompson	Angels Don't Always Have Wings Brown Eyes Baby Dying Man Neon Star (Country Boy Lullaby) Stars Like Confetti Whiskey Friends	Thomas Rhett Keith Urban Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Dustin Lynch Morgan Wallen
14	12	Brett Tyler	Excuses Man Made A Bar Wild As Her	Kolby Cooper Morgan Wallen (Feat. Eric Church) Corey Kent
15	16	Tony Lane	Human	Cody Johnson
16	17	Travis Meadows	Human	Cody Johnson
17	18	Luke Combs	5 Leaf Clover Growin' Up and Gettin' Old Love You Anyway	Luke Combs Luke Combs Luke Combs
18	19	Jet Harvey	Rock and A Hard Place	Bailey Zimmerman
19	20	Jacob Hackworth	Rock and A Hard Place	Bailey Zimmerman
20	21	Heath Warren	Rock and A Hard Place	Bailey Zimmerman
21	22	Jessi Alexander	5 Leaf Clover Light On In The Kitchen You, Me, & Whiskey	Luke Combs Ashley McBryde Justin Moore & Priscilla Block
22	15	Jordan Schmidt	Bury Me In Georgia Drinkaby Wait In The Truck We Got History	Kane Brown Cole Swindell Hardy feat. Lainey Wilson Mitchell Tenpenny
23	27	Kelly Archer	Wild As Her	Corey Kent
24	28	David Fanning	Girl In Mine Tennessee Orange	Parmalee Megan Moroney
25	29	Dan Isbell	Fires Don't Start Themselves Love You Anyway	Darius Rucker Luke Combs
26	26	Blake Pendergrass	Ain't That Some Dying Man Sunrise Tennessee Numbers	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
27	30	Jacob Kasher	Last Night	Morgan Wallen
28	45	Luke Dick	Fearless (The Echo) Gold	Jackson Dean Dierks Bentley
29	32	Jon Nite	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
30	33	Keith Urban	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
31	34	Tyler Hubbard	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
32	36	Rhett Akins	It Matters To Her	Scotty McCreery
33	37	Scotty McCreery	It Matters To Her	Scotty McCreery
34	38	Lee Thomas Miller	It Matters To Her	Scotty McCreery
35	49	Ray Fulcher	Love You Anyway	Luke Combs
36	35	Josh Osborne	Next Thing You Know Worth A Shot	Jordan Davis Elle King feat. Dierks Bentley
37	57	Dierks Bentley	Gold	Dierks Bentley
38	48	Brock Berryhill	Heaven By Then You, Me, & Whiskey	Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Justin Moore & Priscilla Block
39	42	Jordan Reynolds	You	Dan + Shay
40	43	Dave Barnes	You	Dan + Shay
41	44	Dan Smyers	You	Dan + Shay
42	39	Megan Moroney	Tennessee Orange	Megan Moroney
43	40	Ben Williams	Tennessee Orange	Megan Moroney

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44	41	Paul Jenkins	Tennessee Orange	Megan Moroney
45	23	Hunter Phelps	Drinkaby Heaven By Then Wait In The Truck	Cole Swindell Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Hardy feat. Lainey Wilson
46	46	Jordan Davis	Next Thing You Know	Jordan Davis
47	47	Greylan James	Next Thing You Know	Jordan Davis
48	53	Cole Taylor	You, Me, & Whiskey	Justin Moore & Priscilla Block
49	50	John Pierce	Your Heart Or Mine	Jon Pardi
50	51	Justin Ebach	Your Heart Or Mine	Jon Pardi
51	52	Bart Butler	Your Heart Or Mine	Jon Pardi
52	58	Jessie Jo Dillon	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
53	59	Brad Tursi	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
54	60	Trevor Rosen	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
55	61	Matthew Ramsey	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
56	55	Travis Wood	'98 Braves Girl In Mine Tennessee Numbers	Morgan Wallen Parmalee Morgan Wallen
57	54	Josh Miller	'98 Braves Ain't That Some	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
58	63	Rob Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
59	64	Joe Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
60	65	Austin Nivarel	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll

CALENDAR

Single/Track Releases

May 12

Mike Kuster/Frog Eye Mud Bog

Cody Hibbard/We Speak Country/Droptine Records

May 15

Hardy/Truck Bed/Big Loud Records

Luke Bryan/But I Got A Beer In My Hand/Capitol Records Nashville

Riley Green/Different 'Round Here (Ft. Luke Combs)/BMLG Records

Chase Matthew/Love You Again/Warner Music Nashville

Ken Domash/If I Was A Beer/Thunder Mountain Records

BoomTown Saints/Blacktop Don't/8 Track Entertainment

Album/EP Releases

May 12

Parker McCollum/*Never Enough*/MCA Nashville

Bailey Zimmerman/*Religiously. The Album.*/Warner Music Nashville/Elektra

Lauren Daigle/*Lauren Daigle*/Atlantic Records/Centricity Music

George Birge/*George Birge: Mind On You*/Records Nashville

Tracy Lawrence/*Live at Billy Bob's Texas*

Jeff Carson/*448*/Encore Music Group

May 19

Marty Stuart/*Altitude*/Snakefarm

Josh Turner/*Long Black Train Vinyl Release*/MCA Nashville

Brandy Clark/*Brandy Clark*/Warner Records

Jordyn Shellhart/*Primrose*/Warner Music Nashville

Ella Langley/*Excuse The Mess*/Columbia Records/Sony Music Nashville

Chapel Hart/*Glory Days*

Colt Ford/*Must Be The Country*/Average Joes Entertainment

The Milk Carton Kids/*I Only See The Moon*/Far Cry Records/Thirty Tigers

Adam Mac/*Disco Cowboy*

Johnny Dailey/*Love Every Minute*

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