

MusicRow Magazine Releases 2023 Artist Roster Issue



MusicRow Magazine, Nashville's leading music industry publication, has released its 2023 Artist Roster print issue, featuring ASCAP songwriter and MCA Nashville recording artist **Jordan Davis** on the cover.

Having solidified himself as one of the industry's top singer-songwriters, 2022/23 marked a breakthrough year for Davis. In February 2023, Davis released his second full-length album, *Bluebird Days*, which earned the Shreveport, Louisiana native rave reviews as well as a RIAA Gold-certification. The CMA and NSAI Award winner recently earned his first ACM Male Vocalist nomination (2023) and his hit single, "Next Thing You Know,"

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continues to climb the charts and resonate with fans. Produced by Paul DiGiovanni, *Bluebird Days* features 17 songs total, including his fifth career No. 1 hit, “What My World Spins Around” and his double-Platinum, multi-week No. 1 “Buy Dirt” (feat. Luke Bryan), which won numerous accolades including CMA and NSAI Song of the Year and earned ACM, AMA, *Billboard* and iHeart Music Award nominations.

Davis previously notched three consecutive No. 1 hits off of his Gold-certified album, *Home State*, including the double-Platinum certified “Singles You Up” as well as the Platinum-certified “Take It From Me” and “Slow Dance In A Parking Lot.” In 2019, Davis was awarded Best New Country Artist at the iHeartRadio Music Awards. He is a two-time nominee for ACM New Male Artist of the Year and was named *Billboard*’s Top New Country Artist of 2018. Davis has amassed more than four billion streams worldwide and appeared on *Ellen*, *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and more. He recently announced his “Damn Good Time Tour,” which will kick off late summer and includes a headlining show at Nashville’s Ascend Amphitheater as well as tour dates across the country.

Featured by *The Tennessean*, *American Songwriter*, *Billboard* and more, *Bluebird Days* debuted to early rave reviews, with *Billboard* noting, “Davis soars on *Bluebird Days*” and *Entertainment Focus* echoing, “Jordan Davis comes of age on new album *Bluebird Days* and shows the world the type of mature, meaningful and melodic songwriter he is.” *Bluebird Days* is a “rich, deep, meaningful album” (*Entertainment Focus*) that digs deep into Davis’ personal experiences and offers a wide range of emotions, meditations, and memories, matched by his signature sound blending traditional and contemporary genres and styles.

This year’s Artist Roster print edition features exclusive editorials including a celebration of **Kane Brown**’s elevation into a genre-leading artist, shared by members of Brown’s team **Martha Earls**, **Braeden Rountree**, **Dennis Reese** and **Alex Alvga**. Brown recently completed a monumental tour of the nation’s 29 NBA arenas, becoming the first country artist in history to do so and fulfilling a dream sparked in 2020. This season of career wins for Brown also includes his hit single “Thank God” released with his wife, **Katelyn**, and a television appearance on the drama *Fire Country*. Brown is continuing to climb to great heights.

Four of Nashville’s top managers—**Brad Belanger**, **Blythe Scokin**, **Mandelyn Monchick** and **Zach Sutton**—join together for a round-table about working in the fast-paced industry with its dynamic social media and technological climates.

Music Health Alliance’s Founder and CEO **Tatum Hauck Allsep** and CFO and Certified Senior Advisor **Shelia Shipley Biddy** celebrate a decade of healing the music. MHA has provided healthcare access through advocacy services since its launch in 2013.

MusicRow catches up with RECORDS Nashville for the Artist Roster issue, speaking with Executive Vice President **Joe Fisher**, Vice President of Promotion and Commercial Strategy **Josh Easler** and RECORDS Founder **Barry Weiss** about their collaborative work with a wide range of artists.

This issue also celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Country Music Association’s annual CMA Fest with a look back at some of the biggest moments in the history of the event.

Additionally, the Artist Roster contains a six-part company directory, complete with client rosters in the categories: Label, Management, Talent Agents, Publicity, Artist Services (Banking, Business Management/Financial/Insurance, Digital Music, Legal, Marketing, Radio Promotion and Media) and Organizations (Trade & Professional Development, Performing & Mechanical Rights and Unions).

This edition also offers a summarizing Artist Grid, which has become an indispensable tool connecting artists to their team members in Label, Management, Talent Agency and Publicity categories.

Single copies of *MusicRow*’s 2023 Artist Roster print issue are available for purchase at musicrow.com for \$45, and are included with yearly *MusicRow* [subscriptions](#). **MR**

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

CHART ACTION

New On The Chart —Debuting This Week

song/artist/label—Chart Position

Glory Days/Gabby Barrett/Warner Music Nashville - 68

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But I Got A Beer In My Hand/Luke Bryan/Capitol Nashville - 214

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Watermelon Moonshine/Lainey Wilson/Broken Bow Records - 206

Most Added

song/artist/label—No. of Adds

See You Next Summer/Brian Kelley/Big Machine Records - 12

Glory Days/Gabby Barrett/Warner Music Nashville - 12

On The Boat Again/Jake Owen/Big Loud Records - 10

Religiously/Bailey Zimmerman/Elektra/Warner Music Nashville - 9

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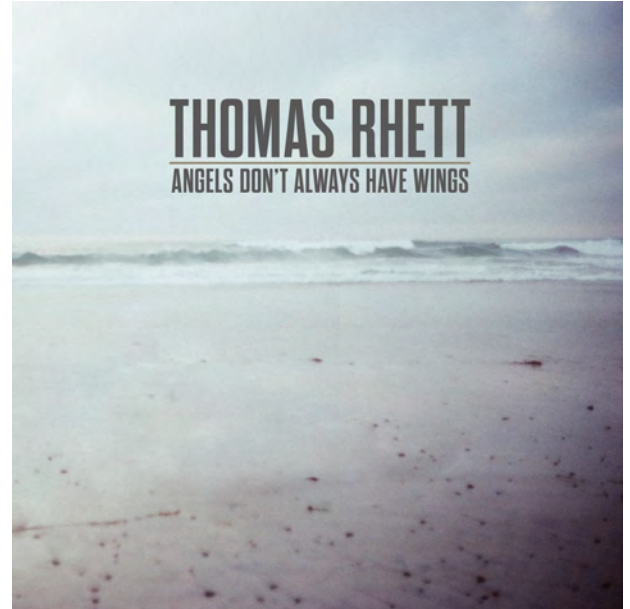
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NO. 1 SONG



Thomas Rhett tops the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Radio Chart this week with "Angels Don't Always Have Wings."

Previously titled "Angels," the track first appeared on Rhett's most recent album *Where We Started* and was written by Rhett, **Julian Bunetta**, **Jaten Dimsdale** and **Josh Thompson**.

Rhett [recently celebrated](#) his last seven No. 1 hits, adding to 20 throughout his career. To commemorate 20 No. 1 hits, Rhett is releasing a [retrospective vinyl collection](#) of the hit songs, which will release Sept. 29 via The Valory Music Co.



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
WXFL Florence, AL
KQUS Hot Springs, AR
KDXY Jonesboro, AR
KBOD Mountain Home, AR
KWCK Searcy, AR
KRAZ Santa Barbara, CA
WCTY Norwich, CT
WUBB Savannah, GA
KXIA Marshalltown, IA
KIAI Mason City, IA
KBOE Oskaloosa, IA
KTHK Idaho Falls, ID

KKMV Rupert, ID
WOOZ Cartersville, IL
WAAG Galesburg, IL
WYOT Rochelle, IL
WRTB Rockford, IL
WIFE Connersville, IN
KAIR Atchison, KS
KQZQ Pratt, KS
WKDZ Cadiz, KY
WDHR Pikeville, KY
KRRV Alexandria, LA
WKPE Hyannis, MA
KYSM Mankato, MN

WTCM Traverse City, MI
KZPK St. Cloud, MN
KFAV Warrenton, MO
WBBN Laurel, MS
WFAY Fayetteville, NC
KZZY Devils Lake, ND
KYCK Thompson, ND
KRVN Lexington, NE
KFGE Lincoln, NE
KBRX O'Neill, NE
KQBA Santa Fe, NM
WDNB Monticello, NY
KITX Hugo, OK

KWEY Weatherford, OK
WCJW Warsaw, NY
KWOX Woodward, OK
KRKT Albany, OR
KRWQ Medford, OR
WVNW Lewistown, PA
WNBT Mansfield, PA
WCFT Selinsgrove, PA
KZZI Spearfish, SD
WUCZ Carthage, TN
WCKN Dickson, TN
WLLX Lawrenceburg, TN
KFTX Corpus Christi, TX

KYKX Longview, TX
KLLL Lubbock, TX
KXOX Sweetwater, TX
WAKG Danville, VA
WAXX Altoona, WI
WJVL Janesville, WI
WGLR Platteville, WI
WQPC Prairie du Chien, WI
WCOW Sparta, WI
WDGG Huntington, WV

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
21	2	1	Angels / Thomas Rhett / Valory	1766/61	9	141
23	3	2	Memory Lane / Old Dominion / Arista Nashville	1637/48	6	96
6	9	3	Fast Car / Luke Combs / River House Artists/Columbia Nashville	1609/53	21	281
9	4	4	Love You Anyway / Luke Combs / River House Artists/Columbia Nashville	1591/55	4	56
18	5	5	Next Thing You Know / Jordan Davis / MCA Nashville	1587/44	5	80
20	6	6	Drinkaby / Cole Swindell / Warner Music Nashville	1557/58	7	99
21	8	7	Need A Favor / Jelly Roll / Stoney Creek Records	1519/50	11	148
13	12	8	Bury Me In Georgia / Kane Brown / RCA Nashville	1322/53	16	180
14	10	9	Standing Room Only / Tim McGraw / Big Machine Records	1319/59	5	63
21	13	10	Looking For You / Chris Young / RCA Nashville	1252/56	12	136
49	1	11	Everything She Ain't / Hailey Whitters / Pigasus/S&D/Big Loud	1206/46	-28	-465
36	11	12	Girl In Mine / Parmalee / Stoney Creek Records	1161/46	0	5
39	14	13	Can't Have Mine / Dylan Scott / Curb	1114/53	9	95
9	19	14	Religiously / Bailey Zimmerman / Elektra/Warner Music Nashville	1035/54	28	225
6	18	15	But I Got A Beer In My Hand / Luke Bryan / Capitol Nashville	1035/50	26	214
16	15	16	Light On In The Kitchen / Ashley McBryde / Warner Music Nashville	945/50	-1	-6
18	17	17	All I Need Is You / Chris Janson / BMLG/Harpeth 60 Records	910/45	5	43
29	16	18	Heaven By Then / Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shelton feat. Vince Gill / Valory	879/44	-2	-16
5	27	19	Watermelon Moonshine / Lainey Wilson / Broken Bow Records	842/50	32	206
25	20	20	If You Go Down (I'm Goin' Down Too) / Kelsea Ballerini / Black River Entertainment	830/42	5	36
17	21	21	Only Need One / Ned LeDoux / Powder River/Thirty Tigers	797/35	1	8
24	22	22	Fearless / Jackson Dean / Big Machine	752/43	-2	-19
9	23	23	Nobody's Nobody / Brothers Osborne / EMI	746/41	4	26
4	30	24	Try That In A Small Town / Jason Aldean / Broken Bow	742/45	28	162
23	26	25	Stars Like Confetti / Dustin Lynch / Broken Bow Records	725/42	12	79
11	25	26	Creek Will Rise / Conner Smith / Valory	704/43	3	23
11	24	27	Fires Don't Start Themselves / Darius Rucker / Capitol	697/38	-2	-13
14	28	28	Buy A Bar / Tim Dugger / Curb Records	647/41	4	22
15	31	29	Save The Roses / Lee Brice / Curb	577/31	3	16
5	35	30	Different 'Round Here / Riley Green (feat. Luke Combs) / BMLG	573/38	19	92
24	34	31	We Got History / Mitchell Tenpenny / Riser House Records	522/31	4	20
24	33	32	Jealous Of Myself / Tenille Arts / Dreamcatcher Artists	514/30	0	1
23	38	33	God Gave Me A Girl / Russell Dickerson / Triple Tigers Records	497/33	23	92
16	36	34	3 Tequila Floor / Josiah Siska / Black River	495/32	5	23
7	40	35	Blacktop Don't / BoomTown Saints / 8 Track Entertainment	463/35	20	77
2	50	36	See You Next Summer / Brian Kelley / Big Machine Records	431/30	93	208
46	37	37	Something In The Orange / Zach Bryan / Belting Bronco/Warner Records	431/20	2	10
11	41	38	Dents On A Chevy / Ty Herndon, Terri Clark / Pivotal Records	409/27	8	29
4	44	39	Truck Bed / HARDY / Big Loud Records	373/26	25	75



Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
15	42	40	The Longer I Live / Aaron Goodvin & Ryan Kinder / Reviver Records/Sakamoto Music/Warner Music Canada	361/27	0	-1
18	39	41	Honky Tonk Roll / Wade Bowen / Bowen Sounds	361/24	-7	-26
40	43	42	If He Wanted To He Would / Kylie Morgan / EMI Records Nashville	351/22	1	4
2	53	43	On The Boat Again / Jake Owen / Big Loud Records	344/28	68	139
3	49	44	Out Of That Truck / Carrie Underwood / Capitol Records	333/22	46	105
39	32	45	Country Can / Hannah Ellis / Curb	310/17	-40	-210
5	48	46	Make You Mine / MaRynn Taylor / Black River Records	280/24	15	37
9	47	47	State You Left Me In / Jake Worthington / Big Loud	279/20	15	36
7	46	48	Blue Suede Boots / Coffey Anderson / Coffey Global LLC	276/24	6	15
22	29	49	Missin' You / Cam Allen / Goat Music Group	254/17	-57	-341
2	67	50	World On Fire / Nate Smith / Sony Music Nashville	248/21	80	110
21	51	51	Marry That Girl / Easton Corbin / Stone Country Records	222/14	1	3
16	58	52	We Ride / Bryan Martin / Average Joes Entertainment	213/17	16	29
6	54	53	Wings Of A White Dove / Flat River Band / Early Bird Records	209/18	3	7
16	52	54	Sunday Chapel / Dave Herrera / Brokerade, Inc	209/12	1	2
10	56	55	Every Town's Got One / Ty Gregory	200/14	2	4
5	57	56	If I Die Young Pt. 2 / Kimberly Perry / RECORDS Nashville/Columbia Records	195/15	3	6
12	59	57	I Ain't Done Singin' Yet / Jon Brennan / CDX Records	191/12	11	19
7	55	58	Heartache Waiting To Happen / Cutter Elliott / Cutter Elliott Music	185/13	-8	-16
4	62	59	Bad Day To Be A Cold Beer / Chase Rice / Dack Janiels/Broken Bow	173/12	18	26
2	73	60	My Favorite / Glen Templeton / Coastal Cowboy Entertainment	162/12	35	42
5	69	61	Rest In Peace / Taylor Austin Dye / LMG	156/12	16	22
3	71	62	Seven Year Ache / Aaron Watson / BIG Label Records	155/13	27	33
2	77	63	Should've Known Better / Erin Viancourt / Late August Records	154/15	38	42
7	63	64	Trouble / Rachel Stacy / CDX Records	151/8	3	4
10	61	65	Little Bit Of You / Brooke Moriber / Reviver Records	148/13	-1	-1
10	60	66	Shoot Tequila / Tigirlily Gold / Monument Records	146/13	-9	-14
3	65	67	Wind Up / Josh Mirenda / Average Joes	145/13	4	6
1	0	68	Glory Days / Gabby Barrett / Warner Music Nashville	142/12	0	142
2	64	69	If I Was A Beer / Ken Domash / Thunder Mountain Records	141/14	-1	-1
6	66	70	Without You / Thompson Square / Quartz Hill	140/8	1	1
10	68	71	Young Again / Dylan Gerard / SSM Nashville	137/10	1	2
2	78	72	Glass Half Empty / Chris Clark / Tribe 615	130/8	17	19
1	87	73	Pair of Hearts / Ty Wilson / Red Dirt North	122/7	28	27
4	70	74	Why Didn't I Call You / Andrew Salgado / Synapse Publishing & Entertainment, LLC	122/10	-2	-3
3	72	75	Could Really Use a Friend / Rebecca Moreland / Kino Mas Entertainment	121/11	-1	-1
5	80	76	Tonight's On You / Nathan Merovich / Nathan Merovich	120/8	17	17
2	81	77	Live While You Got The Chance / Luke Kelly / General Records	117/7	15	15
3	75	78	Giving Up On That / Dalton Dover / Mercury Records	117/10	1	1
10	83	79	23 / Chayce Beckham / BMG	114/9	15	15
10	76	80	Be The One / Josh Kinney / Birmingham Entertainment	112/9	-2	-2

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Industry Celebrates Historic 50th Anniversary Of CMA Fest With Events Across Nashville

CMA Fest marked its 50th anniversary in Nashville this past weekend, wrapping on Sunday (June 11) after four straight fun-filled days. The milestone anniversary of the largest and longest-running country music festival in the world brought over 90,000 estimated attendees from all 50 states as well as a record-breaking 51 countries each day, a 12 percent increase from 2022.

Packed lineups of both established and rising acts hit the daytime stages, while Nissan Stadium—which alone saw a 10 percent increase in attendance—and Ascend Amphitheater featured performances by a variety of stars at night.

Parmalee, Lauren Alaina, Ingrid Andress, Priscilla Block, Tyler Braden, Breland, Jackson Dean, Travis Denning, Madeline Edwards, Morgan Evans, Corey Kent, Maddie & Tae and more took the Chevy Riverfront Stage. The Dr Pepper Amp Stage included **A Thousand Horses, Avery Anna, Rodney Atkins, Blanco Brown, Craig Campbell, Mackenzie Carpenter, Callista Clark**, among others.

Tyler Booth, Dillon Carmichael, Carter Faith, Ryan Griffin, Chapel Hart, Home Free, Kat & Alex, Tiera Kennedy, Brett Kissel, Jerrod Niemann and more serenaded crowds from the Chevy Vibes Stage at Walk of Fame Park, and the Maui Jim Reverb Stage at Bridgestone Plaza hosted the likes of **Justin Champagne, Ben Chapman, Kyle Clark, Abbey Cone, Taylor Edwards, Drew Green, Jonathan Hutcherson, Willie Jones, Bryan Martin, Chase McDaniel, Madeline Merlo** and more.

Throughout the four days, BMI (Broadcast Music, Inc.) and Ryman Auditorium gave 19 emerging artists the opportunity to showcase their talent during the Ryman and BMI Block Party. During the event, BMI's VP of Creative, Nashville **Clay Bradley** presented The **Dolly Parton** Songwriters Award to its first-ever recipient, **Macy Dot Neal**, in honor of the legendary artist.



Luke Combs and Vince Gill perform at Nissan Stadium on Thursday, June 8 during CMA Fest 2023 in downtown Nashville.



Reba McEntire performs onstage at Spotify House during CMA Fest 2023.
Photo: Rick Kern/Getty Images for Spotify

Fans also headed to Skydeck on Broadway for UMG Nashville's inaugural Music Is Universal event as well as Spotify House at Ole Red and Fan Fair X in Music City Center, which hosted daily performances on the Spotlight Stage from nearly 50 artists to full audiences. **Chapel Hart, Blanco Brown, Adam Doleac, Tiera Kennedy, Kimberly Perry, Mason Ramsey, Randy Travis, Sam Williams, Bailey Zimmerman** and many others participated in anticipated meet-and-greets with excited fans.

On Friday (June 9), Wilson and Tractor Supply co-hosted Lainey Wilson's Bell Bottom Barn Dance presented by Tractor Supply for her fan club at downtown Nashville's Bell Tower, and **Carrie**

Underwood launched her exclusive year-round SiriusXM channel *Carrie's Country* in person from SiriusXM's Music Row Happy Hour at the Margaritaville Cafe.

On Night One, Nissan Stadium hosted **King Calaway, Jo Dee Messina, Jordan Davis, Luke Combs, Carly Pearce, Dan + Shay** and special guests on the main stage as well as **RVSHVD** and **Ashley Cooke** on the platform stage. Night Two featured **Tanya Tucker, Lainey Wilson, Cody Johnson, Miranda Lambert, Jelly Roll, Keith Urban** and **Hardy** along with more surprise guests in addition to **Hailey Whitters** and **Dalton Dover** on the platform stage. Johnson surprised special guest **Reba McEntire** with a Gold plaque for their hit duet "Dear Rodeo" backstage before his set.

Ascend Amphitheater returned for a fifth year with a packed crowd on Friday night. The party started with headliner **The Cadillac Three** bringing the energy alongside **Little Big Town**. Additional acts included **Boy Named Banjo, Randy Rogers Band, Elvie Shane** and **Tenille Townes**.

Tracy Lawrence, Little Big Town, Old Dominion, Jon Pardi and **Eric Church** took Nissan's big stage and **Ian Munsick** and **Alana Springsteen** took the platform stage during Night Three.

On Sunday, The Black Excellence Brunch was held at the National Museum of African American Music (NMAAM) and featured notable Black artists and industry leaders while honoring BMI Executive Director, Creative, **Shannon Sanders**. After the cancellation of the afternoon shows due to bad weather, Nissan's Final Night housed thousands of fans as **Josh Turner, Ashley McBryde, Dierks Bentley, Tim McGraw** and **Luke Bryan** sang on the main stage and **Megan Moroney** and **Nate Smith** served as platform stage performers. Bryan also closed out the final day of CMA Fest with his Nut House at Luke's 32 Bridge to celebrate 15 years of the fan club.

Ticket proceeds directly benefit music education initiatives across the country through the CMA Foundation. This year, CMA will donate \$2.5 million to the CMA Foundation. Additionally, the three-hour primetime concert special CMA Fest was filmed during this year's festival and will air July 19 on ABC. **MR**



Alabama performs at Nissan Stadium on Sunday, June 11 during CMA Fest 2023 in downtown Nashville.



Old Dominion performs at Nissan Stadium on Saturday, June 10 during CMA Fest 2023 in downtown Nashville.



Elle King and Tanya Tucker perform with Lainey Wilson at Nissan Stadium on Friday, June 9 during CMA Fest 2023 in downtown Nashville.

Garth Brooks Launches New Global Station, The BIG 615, On TuneIn



Garth Brooks is launching a new country station, The BIG 615, exclusively on TuneIn's SEVENS Radio Network. Fans around the world can stream The BIG 615 for free on TuneIn today.

The BIG 615 offers listeners an authentic take on country music and provides songs from the biggest artists today. Radio host Storme Warren will be the official voice of The BIG 615 and plans to partner with Brooks to drive content. Warren will be joined by guest hosts on occasion, including Brooks and other industry stars.

"I believe that country music listeners want to hear the latest from George Strait followed by the latest from Luke Combs. The latest from Ashley McBryde followed by the latest from The Chicks," says Brooks. "The BIG 615 station is purely for the love of country music. We lean a bit more traditional at The BIG 615. We are proud of how the station sounds and want the entire world to hear what we think is the greatest format of all...country music."

"Garth Brooks has an amazing vision for radio," says Rich Stern, CEO of TuneIn. "At TuneIn, we are honored to work with an artist like Garth to build his vision and create an unduplicable experience for our listeners. We are even more excited to bring The BIG 615 to our global community of listeners, providing them with a one-of-a-kind destination to immerse themselves in the world of country music."

SEVENS Radio is set to launch multiple stations dedicated to country music and more on TuneIn this year, all curated and conceived by Brooks and the SEVENS Radio Network. **MR**

Chris Lane Signs With Red Street Records



Multi-Platinum country artist Chris Lane has signed a new record deal with Jay DeMarcus' Red Street Records, in partnership with Lane's new endeavor, Voyager Records.

Lane celebrated his new record deal at CMA Fest over the weekend. The team at Red Street Records and Lane's representatives at Red Light Management took over SiriusXM The Highway's Music Row Happy House at Margaritaville to share the news.

Lane brings 1.7 billion on-demand streams, three career No. 1 hits, three Platinum and two multi-Platinum singles to Red Street Records. He has been nominated for iHeart Radio Music Awards, Radio Disney Music Awards and ACM Awards, and has made major television appearances on shows such as The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, The Bachelor, Seth Meyers, Conan, Today Show and more.

"I was looking for the right partner for my new music and venture Voyager Records and found it in Red Street Records," Lane says. "Not only is Red Street an artist-driven label that supports my vision for music but Jay DeMarcus has been and continues to be a great friend. I have been spending the time needed to write and record new music and can't wait to share what I have been working on real soon." **MR**

Luke Combs' 'Beautiful Crazy' Earns Diamond Status

Luke Combs' titanic hit "Beautiful Crazy" is officially Diamond-certified by the RIAA, meaning it has sold 10 million copies. The tune is only the sixth country song in RIAA history to achieve the feat.

Combs co-wrote "Beautiful Crazy" with **Rob Williford** and **Wyatt Durette** as a bonus track to his 2017 debut album *This One's for You*. Combs and Williford joined the Sony Music Nashville team to celebrate its Diamond certification at Comb's CMA Fest Bootleggers Fan Club Party.

Combs performed "Beautiful Crazy" as part of his set at Nissan Stadium during Thursday night (June 8) of CMA Fest. **MR**



Pictured (L-R): Caryl Atwood (SVP, Commercial Partnerships, SMN), Ken Robold (EVP & COO, SMN), Luke Combs, Steve Hodges (EVP, Promotion & Artist Development, SMN), Rob Williford, Taylor Lindsey (SVP, A&R, SMN), Randy Goodman (Chairman & CEO, SMN) & Liz Cost, (VP, Marketing, SMN). Photo: David Bergman

Naomi Cooke Johnson Signs Solo Deal With BMG/BBR Music Group



Naomi Cooke Johnson, former lead vocalist of **Runaway June**, has signed with BMG/BBR Music Group. The upbeat "Girls of Summer" is the first taste of new music from Cooke Johnson as a solo artist, and is set for release June 23.

Raised in rural Virginia, Cooke Johnson was given her first guitar at age seven. By 15, she was helping support her family by waiting tables in a Florida restaurant until the seas of Alaska came calling, and she took a job as a deckhand on a salmon fishing boat.

She later moved to Nashville and began playing late night gigs at the legendary Tootsie's Orchid Lounge as a staff musician. Leaning on influences like **Bonnie Raitt** and **Shania Twain**, Cooke Johnson began crafting songs about her life's struggles and determination to

overcome them. During her time as part of Runaway June, she helped craft many of the group's hits, including the Gold-certified top 5 hit "Buy My Own Drinks."

"Naomi's evolution as an artist inspired us to write this next chapter together. Her spirited approach to songwriting, unbridled creativity and dogged persistence of her singular vision offers something unique to the world of music," says BMG/BBR Music Group GM **Peter Strickland**.

"I could not be more excited to be back with BMG/BBR Music Group," says Cooke Johnson. "The teams in Nashville and around the world are unparalleled. They have fully embraced my vision, identity and the music I am creating...this time as Naomi Cooke Johnson." **MR**

NMPA Honors Ashley Gorley & Brandi Carlile, Announces Twitter Lawsuit

The National Music Publishers' Association (NMPA) hosted its annual meeting at the Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall on Wednesday (June 14).

The event honored Brandi Carlile with the 2023 NMPA Songwriter Icon award. Ten-time Grammy nominee Brandi Clark performed "You and Me On The Rock" in a surprise tribute to Carlile, who recently produced her critically acclaimed album, and Grammy nominated singer-songwriter Allison Russell performed Carlile's hit "This Time Tomorrow."

Carlile, a nine-time Grammy winner, performed "The Mother" and shared some words about songwriting.

"Every once in a while I'll know that its time for me to end my constant struggle with internal feelings of aloneness, and I write songs again," she said. "It's not really a song for me until I've shared it. I write a song and then I'm that girl that's going to call you immediately on the phone and sing it to you... I get so much songwriting inspiration from the uniqueness of other writers who write in community."

Ashley Gorley was also honored by the NMPA, receiving the Non-Performing Songwriter Icon award. Gorley has celebrated a whopping 67 No. 1 hits, is the NSAI Songwriter of the Decade and recently took home the ACM's Songwriter of the Year award.

Luke Bryan honored Gorley with a performance of "What Makes You Country" and "Play it Again."

When accepting, Gorley said "I want to say thank you to all the artists throughout the years like Luke who've trusted me along the way and my songs, and my instincts, or whatever it is that caused them to put their trust in me and let me be a part of the stories they were telling, that's really special."

Additionally, RIAA Chairman & CEO Mitch Glazier was awarded the NMPA Industry Legacy Award and Senator Dick Durbin was given the NMPA President's Award.

During the event's State of the Industry address, NMPA EVP & General Counsel Danielle Aguirre unveiled a new lawsuit against Twitter for alleged infringement of publishers' songs on its platform and failure to license. The complaint seeks over \$250 million in damages for hundreds of thousands of noticed infringements of approximately 1,700 works.

The event also unveiled new analysis including the size of the U.S. publishing industry. NMPA President & CEO David Israelite announced that the 2022 total revenue came to \$5,605,824,140—a 19.25 percent increase over 2021.

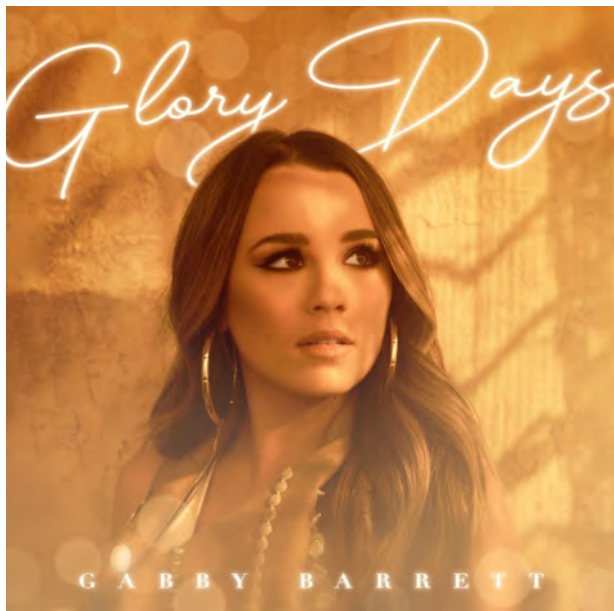
The meeting also included a surprise tribute to acclaimed songwriter Liz Rose, who yesterday exited the NMPA Board after fulfilling her four-year term. The tribute was performed by Nashville singer-songwriter Alana Springsteen. Israelite announced that four-time Grammy nominee and CMA, ACM and BMI Song of the Year winner Laura Veltz had been elected to her seat for the next term.

Legendary manager and tech entrepreneur Guy Oseary was also featured in a keynote conversation discussing the implications of AI on the music industry. **MR**



Pictured (L-R): NMPA President & CEO David Israelite, Ashley Gorley, Luke Bryan

DISClaimer Single Reviews: Gabby Barrett Has 'Only Just Begun' Making Hits



Rockers and ballads share equal space in this edition of DISClaimer.

In the former category is Gabby Barrett, who earns a Disc of the Day with her toe tapper. But not without strong competition from Dierks Bentley and Brandy Clark.

In the ballad column, you'll find our DISCcovery Award winner, Ben Goldsmith. He's joined by strong slow-song mavens Rebecca Lynn Howard and The War and Treaty. Play 'em all.

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Industry Has Twice The Fun At Tyler Hubbard's Double No. 1 Party

Industry members rallied to celebrate **Tyler Hubbard's** first two No. 1 songs as a solo artist, "5 Foot 9" and "Dancin' In The Country." Hubbard co-wrote the former with **Jaren Johnston** and **Chase McGill**, and the latter with **Keith Urban**, **Jon Nite** and **Ross Copperman**. **Jordan Schmidt** produced both tracks.

Hosted by BMI, ASCAP and SESAC, the celebration was held at Yee-Haw Brewing Co. There supporting their artists and writers included Sony Music Publishing's **Rusty Gaston**, UMPG's **Troy Tomlinson**, Jonas Group Publishing's **Leslie DiPiero**, UMG Nashville head **Cindy Mabe**, ASCAP's **Mike Sistad**, SESAC's **Shannan Hatch** and more. BMI's **MaryAnn Keen** presided.

Sponsors for the celebration were First Horizon and Studio Bank. Studio Bank made a special donation to the non-profit For Others on behalf of Hubbard and the songwriters. A donation presentation was also made by Tomlinson from Universal Music Publishing Group on behalf of Hubbard and the songwriters to MusiCares.

The RIAA Platinum-certified "5 Foot 9" released on May 20, 2022 was Hubbard's debut solo single and his 20th career No. 1. Its rise to the top marks the first male country artist formerly in a country duo to hit No. 1 as a solo act. "5 Foot 9" is one of 18 songs from his self-titled album, which was released January 27, 2023.

At the celebration, Hubbard thanked the team of songwriters and creatives who helped create the tune. "I feel like I have a really strong foundation with a great team now. I feel more supported than ever so it enables me to be a better artist, better songwriter, take more risks and trust the people around me, which is amazing," Hubbard shared.

The songwriters celebrated this win by chasing another one. Hubbard shared, "Honestly, we got back together and said 'that was fun let's do it again,' We've probably written five songs together since then. That's what we love doing together and that's how we celebrated."

"Dancin' In The Country" marked Hubbard's second No. 1—a year to date after his first single. The track now has over 192 million global streams. It was Hubbard and Urban's first collaboration. Their goal was to create something fun and upbeat heading into the summer months.

With each success, Hubbard shares the celebrations with his family and team.

He shared, "I love being a songwriter. As I started this journey as a solo artist, I was surrounded by people who showed up for me. These writers were put into my life, and my new label and team showed up for me. I felt supported, loved and empowered and I felt creativity overtake me. I wanted to write songs that represent who I am—I felt doors were opening as other doors were closing and I want to thank everyone here today for being those people that were put into my life.

"I'm quickly reminded that my name might be the one on the charts, but this is what it is all about—this whole crew who's right here—everybody puts in the work and the sacrifice. This is bigger than a No. 1—thank you for allowing me to have an individual voice. Thank you for believing in me and the possibility to do something that's not commonly done and thank you for inspiring me. I'm more inspired than ever and you all have given me a new energy that I haven't had in years. and it's a culmination of all the blessings in my life." **MR**



Pictured (L-R, back row): Jimmy Rector (EMI), Mike Harris (UMGN), Jackie Jones (RIAA), Cindy Mabe, (UMGN), Chelsea Blythe (UMGN), Lori Christian (UMGN); (L-R, front row): Jon Nite (SESAC), Ross Copperman (BMI), Tyler Hubbard (BMI), Keith Urban (BMI), Jordan Schmidt (ASCAP). Photo: Steve Lowry

2023 Nashville Songwriter Awards To Honor Bobby Braddock, David Israelite & Tim McGraw



Bobby Braddock, David Israelite, and Tim McGraw

The Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI) will hold its 6th annual Nashville Songwriter Awards at the Ryman Auditorium on Sept. 26.

The evening, presented by City National Bank, will celebrate the '10 Songs I Wish I'd Written' awards, NSAI's Song, Songwriter, and Songwriter-Artist of the Year. The Nashville Songwriter Awards will also honor **Bobby Braddock, David Israelite** and **Tim McGraw**.

NSAI's highest honor—the Kris Kristofferson Lifetime Achievement Award—will be presented to Bobby Braddock. The

legendary songwriter and producer has impacted music with works such as "He Stopped Loving Her Today" (George Jones), "I Wanna Talk About Me" (Toby Keith) and "Time Marches On" (Tracy Lawrence).

"Bobby Braddock is one of the greatest songwriters in any genre, in any era," says **Bart Herbison**, NSAI Executive Director. "His legacy of iconic hit songs over many decades speaks for itself. We are honored to bestow him the Kris Kristofferson Lifetime Achievement Award."

The NSAI Advocacy Award will be given to the much-deserving David Israelite, President & CEO of the National Music Publishers' Association.

Herbison shares, "David Israelite is the architect of the Music Modernization Act and was the quarterback of recent Copyright Royalty Board (CRB) proceedings that will bring billions of dollars in new streaming revenue to songwriters over the next five years. Couple that with a myriad of other accomplishments including getting digital media platforms from Twitch to Peloton to compensate songwriters, we are proud to present him with the NSAI Advocacy Award."

Tim McGraw will receive the President's Keystone Award. Personally selected by NSAI's Board President, Steve Bogard, this award will honor his significant contributions to the industry for the betterment of all songwriters.

"Tim McGraw has been recording great songs by Nashville Songwriters for over three decades," says Bogard. "On hit after hit, whether rocker or ballad, his artistry and moving performances bring our stories to life and take Nashville's music across genres and platforms around the world."

Information regarding tickets and scheduled performers will be announced at a later date. **MR**

TOP SONGWRITER CHART

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
1	1	Ashley Gorley	God Gave Me A Girl All I Need Is You Last Night You Proof Thinkin' Bout Me One Thing At A Time Cowgirls Everything I Love Truck Bed Girl In Mine Whiskey Friends	Russell Dickerson Chris Janson Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Morgan Wallen Hardy Parmalee Morgan Wallen
2	3	Tracy Chapman	Fast Car	Luke Combs
3	2	Zachary Lane Bryan	Sun To Me Something In The Orange Dawns	Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan feat. Maggie Rogers
4	4	Ryan Vojtesak	Neon Star (Country Boy Lullaby) Last Night You Proof Thinkin' Bout Me One Thing At A Time Cowgirls Everything I Love Whiskey Friends	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
5	7	Chase McGill	God Gave Me A Girl Creek Will Rise Next Thing You Know Ain't That Some 5 Leaf Clover But I Got A Beer In My Hand	Russell Dickerson Conner Smith Jordan Davis Morgan Wallen Luke Combs Luke Bryan
6	6	John Byron	I Deserve A Drink Last Night Thinkin' Bout Me Sunrise '98 Braves	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
7	5	Morgan Wallen	Wild As Her Brown Eyes Baby Neon Star (Country Boy Lullaby) You Proof One Thing At A Time I Wrote The Book Everything I Love Whiskey Friends	Corey Kent Keith Urban Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
8	8	Ernest Keith Smith	Neon Star (Country Boy Lullaby) You Proof One Thing At A Time Cowgirls Everything I Love Whiskey Friends	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
9	9	Tony Lane	Human	Cody Johnson
10	10	Travis Meadows	Human	Cody Johnson
11	19	Jordan Schmidt	Bury Me In Georgia Drinkaby Watermelon Moonshine We Got History	Kane Brown Cole Swindell Lainey Wilson Mitchell Tenpenny
12	20	Michael Hardy	Heaven By Then See You Next Summer I Wrote The Book Truck Bed Drinkaby	Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Brian Kelley Morgan Wallen Hardy Cole Swindell

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
13	11	Jessi Alexander	Light On In The Kitchen You, Me, And Whiskey 5 Leaf Clover	Ashley McBryde Justin Moore & Priscilla Block Luke Combs
14	17	David Fanning	Tennessee Orange Girl In Mine	Megan Moroney Parmalee
15	14	Jet Harvey	Rock and A Hard Place	Bailey Zimmerman
16	15	Jacob Hackworth	Rock and A Hard Place	Bailey Zimmerman
17	16	Heath Warren	Rock and A Hard Place	Bailey Zimmerman
18	12	Luke Combs	Love You Anyway 5 Leaf Clover Growin' Up and Gettin' Old	Luke Combs Luke Combs Luke Combs
19	18	Dan Isbell	Fires Don't Start Themselves Love You Anyway	Darius Rucker Luke Combs
20	21	Rhett Akins	It Matters To Her	Scotty McCreery
21	22	Scotty McCreery	It Matters To Her	Scotty McCreery
22	23	Lee Thomas Miller	It Matters To Her	Scotty McCreery
23	27	Brock Berryhill	Heaven By Then You, Me, And Whiskey	Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Justin Moore & Priscilla Block
24	28	Jacob Kasher	Last Night	Morgan Wallen
25	29	Ray Fulcher	Love You Anyway	Luke Combs
26	53	Jason DeFord	Need A Favor Save Me	Jelly Roll Jelly Roll with Lainey Wilson
27	30	Blake Pendergrass	On The Boat Again Ain't That Some Sunrise Dying Man	Jake Owen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
28	35	Cole Taylor	You, Me, And Whiskey	Justin Moore & Priscilla Block
29	36	John Pierce	Giving Up On That Your Heart Or Mine	Dalton Dover Jon Pardi
30	37	Josh Hoge	Thank God Bury Me In Georgia	Kane Brown with Katelyn Brown Kane Brown
31	31	Ross Copperman	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
32	32	Jon Nite	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
33	33	Keith Urban	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
34	34	Tyler Hubbard	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
35	24	Jordan Reynolds	You	Dan + Shay
36	25	Dave Barnes	You	Dan + Shay
37	26	Dan Smyers	You	Dan + Shay
38	38	Justin Ebach	Your Heart Or Mine	Jon Pardi
39	39	Bart Butler	Your Heart Or Mine	Jon Pardi
40	42	Josh Osborne	Outskirts Next Thing You Know	Sam Hunt Jordan Davis
41	43	Jordan Davis	Next Thing You Know	Jordan Davis
42	44	Greylan James	Next Thing You Know	Jordan Davis
43	54	Julian Bunetta	Angels Don't Always Have Wings If You Go Down (I'm Going Down Too)	Thomas Rhett Kelsea Ballerini
44	13	Josh Thompson	Brown Eyes Baby Neon Star (Country Boy Lullaby) Stars Like Confetti Angels Don't Always Have Wings Dying Man Whiskey Friends	Keith Urban Morgan Wallen Dustin Lynch Thomas Rhett Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
45	40	Megan Moroney	I'm Not Pretty Tennessee Orange	Megan Moroney Megan Moroney
46	41	Ben Williams	I'm Not Pretty Tennessee Orange	Megan Moroney Megan Moroney
47	45	Paul Jenkins	Tennessee Orange	Megan Moroney

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
48	50	Rob Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
49	51	Joe Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
50	52	Austin Nivarel	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
51	56	Hunter Phelps	Heaven By Then Truck Bed Drinkaby	Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Hardy Cole Swindell
52	46	Jessie Jo Dillon	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
53	47	Brad Tursi	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
54	48	Trevor Rosen	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
55	49	Matthew Ramsey	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
56	57	Thomas Rhett	Stars Like Confetti Angels Don't Always Have Wings	Dustin Lynch Thomas Rhett
57	55	Travis Wood	Drive You Out Of My Mind Girl In Mine '98 Braves	Kassi Ashton Parmalee Morgan Wallen
58	58	Bryan Simpson	Everything She Ain't	Hailey Whitters
59	59	Ryan Tyndell	Everything She Ain't	Hailey Whitters
60	60	Hailey Whitters	Everything She Ain't	Hailey Whitters

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Single/Track Releases

June 16

O.N.E The Duo/*Til You Called My Name*/Visionary Media Group

June 19

Rob Fitzgerald/*Bad N' Boozy*/Riverbend Recordings

Joe Nichols/*Brokenhearted (Single Version)*/Quartz Hill Records

June 20

Carly Pearce/*We Don't Fight Anymore (feat. Chris Stapleton)*/Big Machine Records

Hannah Ellis/*Wine Country*/Curb Records

Album/EP Releases

June 16

Willie Jones/*Something To Dance To*/Sony Music Nashville/The Penthouse

Chris Janson/*The Outlaw Side of Me*/BMLG Records

Roman Alexander/*Downtime*

June 23

Jake Owen/*Loose Cannon*/Big Loud Records

Old Dominion/*Memory Lane*/Columbia Nashville

Michael Ray/*Dive Bars & Broken Hearts*/Warner Music Nashville

Tigirlily Gold/*Blonde*/Monument Records

Dan Tyminski/*God Fearing Heathen*/8 Track Entertainment

Various Artists/*Growin' Up Country Vol. 1*/Platoon

Brooke Moriber/*Brooke Moriber*/Reviver Records

Industry Events

June 20

BMI Christian Awards