

Kevin ‘Chief’ Zaruk & Simon Tikhman Launch The Core Records With UMG



Kevin ‘Chief’ Zaruk, Sir Lucian Grainge, Simon Tikhman. Photo: Chris Ashlee

Kevin “Chief” Zaruk and **Simon Tikhman**, the Co-Founders of management company The Core Entertainment (TCE), have partnered with Universal Music Group (UMG) to launch The Core Records. The new global label venture will sign and develop new artists, working with UMG’s global network of labels.

Tikhman and Zaruk founded TCE in partnership with Live Nation in 2019 as an independent entertainment collective with offices in Nashville and Los Angeles. TCE’s current roster includes chart-topping, genre-bending breakout star **Bailey Zimmerman**, Diamond-certified rock band **Nickelback**, country breakout star **Nate Smith**, hit producer **Austin Shawn**, pop band **Valley**, rising UMG Nashville artists **Dillion James** and **Josh Ross**, country newcomer **Rachel Wiggins** and emerging songwriter **Gavin Lucas**.

“We love building upon our entrepreneurial culture, and are so pleased to welcome Chief and Simon who have a reputation for identifying some of the industry’s most promising artists. We look forward to helping them grow their roster and drive global success for their artists,” shares **Sir Lucian Grainge**, Chairman and CEO, UMG.

Tikhman says, “Our goal has always been to support artists on a global scale by creating new creative and commercial paths. We’d like to thank Sir Lucian for believing in our vision and for his commitment to developing and supporting artists and entrepreneurs.”

Zaruk adds, “We’re excited for this next evolution in The Core and honored to work with Sir Lucian and the team at UMG to help us continue to guide artists to develop their careers and brands. We’ve had a great time building The Core over the past few years and are excited to create a home for new artists with the incredible resources and support from UMG.” **MR**

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Fred Rubenstein Joins Sony Music Nashville



Fred Rubenstein. Photo: Rebecca Lader

Sony Music Nashville has appointed **Fred Rubenstein** as Vice President, Digital Marketing, effective immediately.

Rubenstein will be responsible for overseeing the digital marketing team and leading the strategy, execution and implementation of innovative social media and digital marketing campaigns across the Sony Music Nashville roster. He will also focus on exploring new partner/platform opportunities that will enable digital discovery, enhance artists' brands and drive consumption.

Rubenstein will report to **Jennifer Way** (Senior Vice President, Marketing) and relocate to Nashville.

"I am very excited to join a team that is already pushing the boundaries for their artists in the digital space. The vision and outlook that Sony Music Nashville has for being at the forefront of this space is super exciting and I appreciate their trust in leading that. I look forward to continuing this mission by amplifying unique digital campaigns for and with, our artists," Rubenstein adds.

Rubenstein was most recently Senior Manager, Creator Acquisitions & Development for Amazon's live streaming service Twitch, where he managed deals and accounts with billion-dollar companies and on-boarded new talent from the music, gaming and sports spaces. Notable projects included WWE, **The Needle Drop** and **Mike Shinoda**. Prior to his role at Twitch, he was a member of digital marketing teams at Elektra Music Group and Roadrunner Records where he spearheaded digital campaigns for **Slipknot**, **Sturgill Simpson**, **Turnstile**, **Trivium** and more. **MR**

UTA Promotes Brandi Brammer To Sr. VP, Global Music Operations

UTA has elevated Nashville-based **Brandi Brammer** to Senior Vice President of Global Music Operations.

Rising from VP of People & Business Partnerships, Brammer will now lead the day-to-day operational work of UTA Music worldwide, spanning human resources, legal and business affairs, finance, facilities and technology initiatives, as the practice continues its expansion.

"I'm thrilled to take on this new leadership role during such a pivotal moment in the growth and evolution of UTA Music," says Brammer. "This is such an incredible opportunity to foster synergy across so many integral parts of UTA Music on a global scale with the most talented people in the business."

Brammer joined UTA in 2021 after serving at VP of Human Resources at WME and leading HR for its music division. Prior to that, she worked at CAA, helping triple the size of their Nashville office and eventually overseeing HR for the company's music and sports divisions across the Southeast. Earlier in her career, Brammer worked at the Academy of Country Music as Director of Events. **MR**



Brandi Brammer

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

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New On The Chart —Debuting This Week

song/artist/label—Chart Position

High Lonesome Stranger/CIMARRON 615/Blue Elan Records/KZZ

Music - 71

Drinkin' Problems/Dillon Carmichael/Riser House Records - 73

Ain't Buyin' It/XOLEX/XOLEX Music - 78

Honey!/Rayne Johnson/Mountain Road Records - 79

Greatest Spin Increase

song/artist/label—Spin Increase

Everything I Love/Morgan Wallen/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic - 294

Watermelon Moonshine/Lainey Wilson/Broken Bow Records - 115

But I Got A Beer In My Hand/Luke Bryan/Capitol Nashville - 87

Different 'Round Here/Riley Green (feat. Luke Combs)/BMLG - 86

Out Of That Truck/Carrie Underwood/Capitol Records - 82

Most Added

song/artist/label—No. of Adds

Everything I Love/Morgan Wallen/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic - 12

Out Of That Truck/Carrie Underwood/Capitol Records - 6

Wine Country/Hannah Ellis/Curb Records - 6

On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

song/artist/label—No. of Spins

June in July/Robby Johnson/Nashville Record Company - 114

Dance With You/Brett Young/BMLG Records - 113

Smoke On My Mind/Michael David/Michael David LLC - 110

The Dog Won't Hunt/Rusty Gear/Chickahominy Marsh Records - 107

Daddy's Home/Ben Calhoun/General Records - 99

NO. 1 SONG



Kane Brown's "Bury Me In Georgia" is at No. 1 on the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Radio Chart this week.

Brown co-wrote the anthemic hit with **Matt McGinn**, **Jordan Schmidt** and **Josh Hoge**. It appears on his third studio album, *Different Man*, which also contains hits "Like I Love Country Music," "One Mississippi" and "Thank God" with Katelyn Brown.

"Bury Me In Georgia" currently sits at No. 9 on the *Billboard* Country Airplay chart and No. 10 on the Mediabase chart.

Brown [recently headlined](#) Boston's Fenway Park, becoming the first Black artist to headline the historic ball park solo.



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
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 +/-
17	3	1	Bury Me In Georgia / Kane Brown / RCA Nashville	1680/55	3	41
13	1	2	Love You Anyway / Luke Combs / River House Artists/Columbia Nashville	1678/51	-7	-125
24	4	3	Drinkaby / Cole Swindell / Warner Music Nashville	1599/58	-2	-34
27	2	4	Memory Lane / Old Dominion / Arista Nashville	1553/44	-8	-141
10	6	5	Fast Car / Luke Combs / River House Artists/Columbia Nashville	1505/44	-5	-78
18	7	6	Standing Room Only / Tim McGraw / Big Machine Records	1478/59	-1	-15
25	10	7	Looking For You / Chris Young / RCA Nashville	1384/54	4	49
10	12	8	But I Got A Beer In My Hand / Luke Bryan / Capitol Nashville	1379/55	7	87
13	9	9	Religiously / Bailey Zimmerman / Elektra/Warner Music Nashville	1353/55	0	4
43	11	10	Can't Have Mine / Dylan Scott / Curb	1280/55	-3	-37
9	14	11	Watermelon Moonshine / Lainey Wilson / Broken Bow Records	1243/57	10	115
40	13	12	Girl In Mine / Parmalee / Stoney Creek Records	1196/46	0	4
20	15	13	Light On In The Kitchen / Ashley McBryde / Warner Music Nashville	1066/52	4	45
8	17	14	Try That In A Small Town / Jason Aldean / Broken Bow	1014/54	4	35
22	16	15	All I Need Is You / Chris Janson / BMLG/Harpeth 60 Records	997/49	1	12
29	18	16	If You Go Down (I'm Goin' Down Too) / Kelsea Ballerini / Black River Entertainment	966/50	4	41
27	19	17	Stars Like Confetti / Dustin Lynch / Broken Bow Records	890/47	7	56
15	22	18	Creek Will Rise / Conner Smith / Valory	850/51	9	69
13	21	19	Nobody's Nobody / Brothers Osborne / EMI	840/44	3	21
33	20	20	Heaven By Then / Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shelton feat. Vince Gill / Valory	815/41	-2	-16
3	38	21	Everything I Love / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	767/40	62	294
9	25	22	Different 'Round Here / Riley Green (feat. Luke Combs) / BMLG	765/46	13	86
28	23	23	Fearless / Jackson Dean / Big Machine	744/42	-1	-8
15	24	24	Fires Don't Start Themselves / Darius Rucker / Capitol	695/39	2	14
27	27	25	God Gave Me A Girl / Russell Dickerson / Triple Tigers Records	692/38	9	55
18	26	26	Buy A Bar / Tim Dugger / Curb Records	688/43	2	15
4	31	27	We Don't Fight Anymore / Carly Pearce feat. Chris Stapleton / Big Machine	616/45	13	69
6	28	28	See You Next Summer / Brian Kelley / Big Machine Records	604/39	-2	-14
11	30	29	Blacktop Don't / BoomTown Saints / 8 Track Entertainment	600/42	8	46
19	29	30	Save The Roses / Lee Brice / Curb	587/31	-3	-21
7	35	31	Out Of That Truck / Carrie Underwood / Capitol Records	580/37	16	82
8	34	32	Truck Bed / HARDY / Big Loud Records	568/32	9	45
6	37	33	On The Boat Again / Jake Owen / Big Loud Records	556/37	14	69
28	33	34	Jealous Of Myself / Tenille Arts / Dreamcatcher Artists	531/30	0	0
28	32	35	We Got History / Mitchell Tenpenny / Riser House Records	523/34	-4	-22
5	36	36	Glory Days / Gabby Barrett / Warner Music Nashville	518/38	5	25
15	40	37	Dents On A Chevy / Ty Herndon, Terri Clark / Pivotal Records	446/29	1	3
4	43	38	Something Real / Dierks Bentley / Capitol Nashville	403/27	11	41
9	42	39	Make You Mine / MaRynn Taylor / Black River Records	399/33	8	30



Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
6	45	40	World On Fire / Nate Smith / Sony Music Nashville	385/28	15	50
50	41	41	Something In The Orange / Zach Bryan / Belting Bronco/Warner Records	366/17	-14	-61
11	44	42	Blue Suede Boots / Coffey Anderson / Coffey Global LLC	355/26	1	2
13	46	43	State You Left Me In / Jake Worthington / Big Loud	328/23	1	4
4	49	44	Burn It Down / Parker McCollum / MCA Nashville	298/20	14	37
6	51	45	Should've Known Better / Erin Viancourt / Late August Records	280/26	10	25
10	50	46	Wings Of A White Dove / Flat River Band / Early Bird Records	265/19	2	4
20	55	47	Sunday Chapel / Dave Herrera / Brokerade, Inc	253/13	13	30
3	59	48	Wine Country / Hannah Ellis / Curb Records	252/23	42	75
6	54	49	My Favorite / Glen Templeton / Coastal Cowboy Entertainment	235/16	4	9
20	53	50	We Ride / Bryan Martin / Average Joes Entertainment	231/19	0	0
14	66	51	23 / Chayce Beckham / BMG	219/18	33	54
4	56	52	Save Me / Jelly Roll (with Lainey Wilson) / Stoney Creek	213/15	-2	-5
25	57	53	Marry That Girl / Easton Corbin / Stone Country Records	201/12	-7	-14
7	58	54	Seven Year Ache / Aaron Watson / BIG Label Records	200/16	-2	-4
14	65	55	Little Bit Of You / Brooke Moriber / Reviver Records	197/14	17	28
6	64	56	If I Was A Beer / Ken Domash / Thunder Mountain Records	191/16	13	22
8	63	57	Bad Day To Be A Cold Beer / Chase Rice / Dack Janiels/Broken Bow	189/13	9	15
4	70	58	Brokenhearted / Joe Nichols / Quartz Hill Records	185/12	20	31
7	68	59	Could Really Use a Friend / Rebecca Moreland / Kino Mas Entertainment	184/12	14	23
11	61	60	Trouble / Rachel Stacy / CDX Records	183/9	5	8
44	47	61	If He Wanted To He Would / Kylie Morgan / EMI Records Nashville	182/14	-34	-94
4	60	62	When The Rodeo Is Over (Where Does The Cowboy Go?) / Tanya Tucker / Fantasy/Concord	179/12	2	3
9	69	63	Rest In Peace / Taylor Austin Dye / LMG	168/12	8	13
2	67	64	I'm All In / Glen Shelton / Jordash	161/11	-2	-3
8	72	65	Why Didn't I Call You / Andrew Salgado / Synapse Publishing & Entertainment, LLC	158/12	8	12
6	73	66	Glass Half Empty / Chris Clark / Tribe 615	152/9	6	9
2	80	67	Take Me Out To The Bar / Grant Gilbert / River House Artists	147/10	20	24
3	71	68	Mind On You / George Birge / RECORDS	146/11	-4	-6
7	74	69	Wind Up / Josh Mirenda / Average Joes	145/13	1	2
3	76	70	Blaze A Trail / Ashley Barron / SSM Nashville	143/14	4	6
1	84	71	High Lonesome Stranger / CIMARRON 615 / Blue Elan Records/KZZ Music	142/7	26	29
9	62	72	If I Die Young Pt. 2 / Kimberly Perry / RECORDS Nashville/Columbia Records	141/11	-19	-34
1	87	73	Drinkin' Problems / Dillon Carmichael / Riser House Records	136/9	26	28
2	79	74	Used To Be Me / Joe Hermes / OTM Productions	136/14	11	13
19	39	75	The Longer I Live / Aaron Goodvin & Ryan Kinder / Reviver Records/Sakamoto Music/Warner Music Canada	134/10	-71	-333
4	85	76	Giving Up On That / Dalton Dover / Mercury Records	133/11	19	21
6	78	77	Live While You Got The Chance / Luke Kelly / General Records	129/8	1	1
1	83	78	Ain't Buyin' It / XOLEX / XOLEX Music	124/11	9	10
1	82	79	Honey! / Rayne Johnson / Mountain Road Records	123/11	5	6
2	81	80	Pair of Hearts / Ty Wilson / Red Dirt North	116/7	-3	-3

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Play It Again Entertainment Promotes Cade Price To GM



Play It Again Music Group's (PIA) label and management entity, Play It Again Entertainment (PIAE), has elevated longtime employee **Cade Price** to General Manager.

Price has been with the company for over five years and has been an integral part of building PIAE along with the company's Founder & CEO, hit songwriter **Dallas Davidson**.

In his elevated role, Price will oversee daily operations of Play It Again Entertainment and its roster of artists. Price also serves as manager for rising star **Dylan Marlowe**, [who signed with](#) Sony Music Nashville in conjunction with Play It Again Entertainment in January of this year. He will continue to report directly to Davidson.

"Cade Price thinks outside of the box. I love that about him. Just look at what he did with Dylan Marlowe. He took his talent and the music Dylan was making and made sure that millions of people got to hear it. I'm thrilled to have him running Play It Again Entertainment," says Davidson.

Price is a native of Boonville, Missouri and a graduate of Missouri State University. He started his career booking and promoting bands as well as developing independent acts right out of college before landing a job at BMI. He joined Play It Again in a utility role on the publishing side before transitioning to full-time artist development and A&R. Cade's previous roles at PIA include Marketing Manager and Director of Digital Marketing. **MR**

Tyler Halverson Signs With Concord Music Publishing



Pictured (L-R, back row): Brad Kennard (Concord), Matt Turner (Concord), Claire Buchanan (Concord), Jen Hubbard (Concord), Garrett Stephenson (Concord), Courtney Allen (Concord); (L-R, front row): Melissa Spillman (Concord), Tyler Halverson, Allen Mitchell (Erv Woolsey Company), Erv Woolsey (Erv Woolsey Company). Photo: Audrey Spillman

Tyler Halverson has signed a worldwide publishing agreement with Concord Music Publishing.

In early 2020, **Gary Stanton** of **Muscadine Bloodline** saw a clip of Halverson on Instagram and not long after, recorded a couple of songs with him. Throughout 2021, Halverson gained traction with indie releases such as "Beer Garden Baby," "Mac Miller" and 2022's "Your Bar Now (with **Kylie Frey**)," amassing tens of millions of streams across platforms. Halverson signed to Atlantic Records earlier this year, and his debut single, "Her," was released on May 5.

"I saw Tyler play a writer round at The Basement in 2021, and I was immediately hooked," says **Melissa Spillman**, VP A&R at Concord Music Publishing in Nashville. "Everything about him is original and authentic, and I am so proud to have him in the Concord family. His brand of Western Amerijuana music makes him immediately stand out from the pack. We are so lucky to get to work with such a humble and talented artist!"

"I'm so thankful and grateful to be a part of Concord, a team that supports my songwriting and artistry! I'm blessed to say I write songs for a living now," says Halverson. "Thank you, Melissa and Concord for believing!" **MR**

Jon Pardi Celebrates Chart-Toppers ‘Heartache Medication’ & ‘Last Night Lonely’



Pictured (L-R, back row): Studio Bank's Kari Barnhart, Creative Nation's Beth Laird, Captiol Records Nashville's Chris Schuler, UMG Nashville's Cindy Mabe, Red Light Management's Melanie Wetherbee, CTM's Thomas Deedler and BMI's Josh Tomlinson; (L-R, front row): Studio Bank's Ron Cox, Producer Bart Butler, BMI Songwriter Natalie Hemby, Jon Pardi, Producer Ryan Gore and Riser House' Jennifer Johnson. Photo: Steve Lowry for BMI



Pictured (L-R, back row): UMG Nashville's Cindy Mabe, BMI's Josh Tomlinson, Liz Rose Music's Scott Ponce, Play It Again Entertainment's Lauren Lieu, Liz Rose Music's Liz Rose, Capitol Record Nashville's Chris Schuler, Liz Rose Music's Dave Pacula, SESAC's Lydia Cahill, Red Light Management's Melanie Wetherbee and Warner Chappell Music's Benji Amaefule; (L-R, front row): BMI Songwriter Dylan Marlowe, Producer Bart Butler, SESAC Songwriter Joe Fox, Jon Pardi, BMI Songwriter Jimi Bell, Producer Ryan Gore and Studio Bank's Ron Cox. Photo: Steve Lowry for BMI

Members of the Nashville music industry gathered Tuesday (July 11) to celebrate **Jon Pardi's** most recent chart-toppers, "Heartache Medication" and "Last Night Lonely."

The double No. 1 party was hosted by BMI and SESAC and held at Winners Bar & Grill in midtown. Those in attendances toasted Pardi, his co-writers and his producers **Bart Butler** and **Ryan Gore**.

Pardi co-wrote "Heartache Medication" with **Natalie Hemby** and **Barry Dean**. The tune was the title track of Pardi's 2019 album, which debuted among the top albums on Billboard's Country Albums chart.

"Last Night Lonely" appears on Pardi's most recent hit album Mr. Saturday Night. It was written by **Dylan Marlowe**, **Jimi Bell** and **Joe Fox**, who all celebrated their first No. 1.

Those in attendance to support their songwriters and artists included UMG Nashville's **Cindy Mabe**, Play It Again Entertainment's **Lauren Lieu**, Liz Rose Music's **Liz Rose**, Capitol Record Nashville's **Chris Schuler**, Red Light Management's **Melanie Wetherbee**, Warner Chappell Music's **Benji Amaefule**, Creative Nation's **Beth Laird**, Riser House' **Jennifer Johnson** and more.

Studio Bank sponsored the celebration and made a donation on behalf of Pardi and the songwriters to the Flutie Foundation, which helps people and families affected by autism live life to the fullest.

Additionally, to commemorate their first No. 1 celebration, Taylor Guitars presented each BMI songwriter with their own custom-made guitar. **MR**

SMACKSongs & Worktape Music Partner To Sign McCoy Moore



Pictured (L-R): Carly Sater, Lee Krabel, McCoy Moore, Travis Gordon, Sam Sarno and Jeremy Groves

SMACKSongs and Worktape Music have partnered to sign **McCoy Moore** to a worldwide publishing deal.

The Lakeland, Florida native moved to Nashville after graduating from high school to pursue songwriting. Moore spent his first few years in town playing as many writers' rounds as possible, sharing original music and releasing songs independently as an artist. He has since has garnered cuts with artists such as **Shane Profitt** and **Bryce Mauldin**.

"McCoy is not only an incredible talent but a great person as well," says **Lee Krabel**, VP of Publishing at SMACK. "From our first meeting with McCoy and **Travis [Gordon]** we knew we had to figure out a way to all work together. We are excited to see what he can accomplish!"

"The SMACK team is a proven developer of talent and their enthusiasm for McCoy and his songs has been truly palpable," adds Worktape Music's Gordon. "I'm thrilled to partner with them to help make McCoy's dreams become reality."

"I'm super thankful for Lee and Travis, and my whole SMACKSongs/Worktape family," says Moore. "I couldn't be more excited to write songs and be surrounded by hardworking people every day in this next chapter of my career. Every time you walk into the office, you can tell everyone is happy to be there and I feel that same way. I'm grateful for good folks believing in what I bring to the table, and I'm excited to get to work!" **MR**

Old Dominion Scores A Record-Breaking No. 1 With Latest Hit 'Memory Lane'



Old Dominion has landed a record-breaking chart-topper with their latest single, "Memory Lane."

The track has achieved the most spins in a week by any duo or group, (breaking their own record on "No Such Thing As A Broken Heart"), and is the band's ninth No. 1 as well as the title track of their most recent EP.

"Somehow with that first line, when it happened in the writing session, all of us were immediately zapped into our little trip to that place," Old Dominion's **Matthew Ramsey** muses on news of the song topping the charts. "And that happens for everyone. When people hear it, they're transported to wherever it is for them. You can see it on their faces, and it's amazing watching that expression [of delight] light up an entire arena."

"I can't decide if it's happy or sad," admits Ramsey, who penned the song with **Jessie Jo Dillon** and bandmates **Brad Tursi** and **Trevor Rosen**. "The reality is I'm so glad to have that place to go to. It definitely has a bounce to it, so it feels good; but when you listen, it's a really deep nursery rhyme. If you're young, it's that hopeful space, but for an adult who's been through some stuff, it's a pretty great place to land."

Old Dominion is currently headlining their "[No Bad Vibes Tour](#)," and capped off Memory Lane's street week with two sold-out nights in front of 15,000 fans in Lake Tahoe. **MR**

Class Of 2023 Inducted Into The Country Radio Hall Of Fame



Pictured (L-R): “Dollar” Bill Lawson, Charlie Morgan, Pam Green, John Willyard, Trish Biondo and Wade Jessen’s nephew Meagher McConkie. Photo: Kayla Schoen

The Country Radio Broadcasters (CRB) inducted the Class of 2023 into the Country Radio Hall of Fame on Monday night (July 10) at a special dinner and awards ceremony at the Virgin Hotel in Nashville.

Four esteemed off-air radio broadcasters and two exceptional on-air radio personalities were honored during the event. The off-air honorees included **Pam Green**, **Charlie Morgan**, **Wade Jessen** (posthumously) and **John Willyard**. **Trish Biondo** and “Dollar” **Bill Lawson** were recognized for their remarkable on-air contributions.

Country Radio Hall of Fame member **Bill Cody** served as the evening’s master of ceremonies. As each honoree took the stage, they paid tribute to the mentors who have guided and inspired them on their respective journeys.

Additionally, **Scott** and **Julie De Vos** of De Lux Productions were honored with the prestigious 2023 CRB President’s Award. The couple has been a driving force behind the scenes at CRS for 26 years, spearheading and managing production across the multitude of live music events over the three days during the conference.

Barbara Mandrell received the esteemed 2023 CRB Artist Achievement Award, which is presented to an individual artist or act who has made a significant contribution to the development and promotion of country radio and country music through their leadership, engagement and creativity.

Trisha Yearwood, the previous year’s CRB Artist Achievement recipient, performed a special musical tribute to Mandrell with **Garth Brooks** surprising the audience and joining Yearwood on “I Was Country When Country Wasn’t Cool.” CMA CEO **Sarah Trahern** helped to honor Mandrell during the event.

Nominations for the 2024 Country Radio Hall of Fame [are being accepted](#) now. The Class of 2024 will be revealed at CRS 2024, which will be held Feb. 28 – March 1, 2024. **MR**

DISCLAIMER Single Reviews: Hannah Dasher Creates A 'Fabulous Sonic Slab'

Is it just me, or is there more new blood in country music than ever these days?

Vying for our attention this week are such up-and-comers as Ashley Cooke, Warren Zeiders, Nate Smith, War Hippies, Hannah Dasher, Dylan Marlowe and Elvie Shane. The Disc of the Day contenders are Cooke, Shane, Chase Rice, Lukas Nelson & Lainey Wilson, Sam Hunt and our winner, Hannah Dasher.

We have no actual newcomers today, but I would like to point out the presence of at least three previous DisCOVERY Award winners—Nate Smith, War Hippies and Hannah Dasher.

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Hannah Dasher. Photo: Jeremy Ryan

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TOP SONGWRITER CHART

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
1	1	Ashley Gorley	All I Need Is You Last Night You Proof Thinkin' Bout Me Cowgirls Truck Bed Everything I Love Girl In Mine God Gave Me A Girl World On Fire	Chris Janson Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Hardy Morgan Wallen Parmalee Russell Dickerson Nate Smith
2	2	Tracy Chapman	Fast Car	Luke Combs
3	3	Zachary Lane Bryan	Something In The Orange	Zach Bryan
4	5	Jordan Schmidt	Bury Me In Georgia Watermelon Moonshine Drinkaby We Got History	Kane Brown Lainey Wilson Cole Swindell Mitchell Tenpenny
5	7	Chase McGill	Creek Will Rise Next Thing You Know Ain't That Some But I Got A Beer In My Hand God Gave Me A Girl 5 Leaf Clover	Conner Smith Jordan Davis Morgan Wallen Luke Bryan Russell Dickerson Luke Combs
6	4	Ryan Vojtesak	Last Night You Proof Thinkin' Bout Me Cowgirls Everything I Love	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Morgan Wallen
7	6	John Byron	Last Night Thinkin' Bout Me Sunrise '98 Braves	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
8	9	Michael Hardy	Heaven By Then See You Next Summer Truck Bed I Wrote The Book Drinkaby	Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Brian Kelley Hardy Morgan Wallen Cole Swindell
9	8	Jason DeFord	Need A Favor Save Me	Jelly Roll Jelly Roll with Lainey Wilson
10	10	Jessi Alexander	Light On In The Kitchen You, Me, And Whiskey 5 Leaf Clover	Ashley McBryde Justin Moore & Priscilla Block Luke Combs
11	15	Julian Bunetta	Angels Don't Always Have Wings If You Go Down (I'm Going Down Too)	Thomas Rhett Kelsea Ballerini
12	13	Dan Isbell	Fires Don't Start Themselves Love You Anyway	Darius Rucker Luke Combs
13	12	Luke Combs	Love You Anyway Growin' Up and Gettin' Old 5 Leaf Clover	Luke Combs Luke Combs Luke Combs
14	26	Chayce Beckham	23	Chayce Beckham
15	22	Morgan Wallen	You Proof Everything I Love I Wrote The Book	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
16	16	Brock Berryhill	Heaven By Then You, Me, And Whiskey	Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Justin Moore & Priscilla Block
17	21	John Pierce	Giving Up On That Your Heart Or Mine	Dalton Dover Jon Pardi
18	17	Hunter Phelps	Heaven By Then Truck Bed Drinkaby	Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Hardy Cole Swindell

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19	18	Cole Taylor	You, Me, And Whiskey	Justin Moore & Priscilla Block
20	27	Ernest Keith Smith	You Proof Cowgirls Everything I Love	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Morgan Wallen
21	19	Ray Fulcher	Love You Anyway	Luke Combs
22	20	Josh Osborne	Next Thing You Know Outskirts	Jordan Davis Sam Hunt
23	23	Justin Ebach	Your Heart Or Mine	Jon Pardi
24	24	Bart Butler	Your Heart Or Mine	Jon Pardi
25	28	Josh Thompson	Angels Don't Always Have Wings Stars Like Confetti	Thomas Rhett Dustin Lynch
26	29	Thomas Rhett	Angels Don't Always Have Wings Stars Like Confetti	Thomas Rhett Dustin Lynch
27	25	Jacob Kasher	Last Night	Morgan Wallen
28	30	Jordan Davis	Next Thing You Know	Jordan Davis
29	31	Greylan James	Next Thing You Know	Jordan Davis
30	36	Rob Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
31	37	Joe Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
32	38	Austin Nivarel	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
33	46	Travis Wood	Drive You Out Of My Mind Girl In Mine '98 Braves	Kassi Ashton Parmalee Morgan Wallen
34	39	Jessie Jo Dillon	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
35	40	Brad Tursi	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
36	41	Trevor Rosen	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
37	42	Matthew Ramsey	Memory Lane	Old Dominion
38	55	Zach Crowell	Outskirts God Gave Me A Girl Stars Like Confetti	Sam Hunt Russell Dickerson Dustin Lynch
39	32	Ross Copperman	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
40	33	Jon Nite	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
41	34	Keith Urban	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
42	35	Tyler Hubbard	Dancin' In The Country	Tyler Hubbard
43	56	Lainey Wilson	Watermelon Moonshine	Lainey Wilson
44	57	Josh Kear	Watermelon Moonshine	Lainey Wilson
45	58	Patrick Murphy	Standing Room Only	Tim McGraw
46	59	Tommy Cecil	Standing Room Only	Tim McGraw
47	60	Craig Wiseman	Standing Room Only	Tim McGraw
48	47	Blake Pendergrass	On The Boat Again Ain't That Some Sunrise	Jake Owen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
49	51	Josh Hoge	Bury Me In Georgia	Kane Brown
50	52	Matt McGinn	Bury Me In Georgia	Kane Brown
51	53	Kane Brown	Bury Me In Georgia	Kane Brown
52	91	Geoff Warburton	Over For You But I Got A Beer In My Hand	Morgan Evans Luke Bryan
53	72	Taylor Phillips	Heaven By Then Thinkin' Bout Me World On Fire	Brantley Gilbert & Blake Shleton feat. Vince Gill Morgan Wallen Nate Smith
54	48	Bryan Simpson	Everything She Ain't	Hailey Whitters
55	49	Ryan Tyndell	Everything She Ain't	Hailey Whitters
56	50	Hailey Whitters	Everything She Ain't	Hailey Whitters
57	54	David Ray Stevens	Save Me	Jelly Roll with Lainey Wilson
58	63	James McNair	Looking For You Glory Days	Chris Young Gabby Barrett

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59	64	Emily Weisband	Looking For You Glory Days	Chris Young Gabby Barrett
60	101	Matt Dragstrem	But I Got A Beer In My Hand	Luke Bryan

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Single/Track Releases

July 14

Blanca/New Day (Wake Up Remix) [feat. Jekalyn Carr]/Curb Records

Josh Gallagher/Father to Father/Kobalt Music

Knox/Not The 1975/Atlantic Records

Beth Nielsen Chapman/Love

July 17

Kidd G/Daylight Savings/The Valory Music Co.

Various Artists/God Blessed Texas

Jet Jurgensmeyer/Falling Too/Simba Entertainment

Kaitlyn Kohler/You're Everywhere I Go/Kohler Music Group LLC

Album/EP Releases

July 14

Lukas Nelson + POTR/*Sticks and Stones*/6ACE Records/Thirty Tigers

Kristian Bush/*Drink Happy Thoughts*/Songs of the Architect

Tyler Farr/*Rednecks Like Me*/BBR Music Group/Night Train Records

Alana Springsteen/*Twenty Something: Figuring It Out*/Columbia Records NY/Sony Music Nashville

Colter Wall/*Little Songs*/La Honda Records/RCA Records

July 21

Lori McKenna/*1988*/CN Records/Thirty Tigers

Ashley Cooke/*Shot in the Dark*/Big Loud Records

Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway/*City of Gold*/Nonesuch Records

Industry Events

August 14

Music Row Ladies Golf Tournament

August 23

ACM Honors

August 29

20th Anniversary SOURCE Hall of Fame Awards