

Billy Strings, The War & Treaty Among Americana Honors & Awards Winners



Billy Strings speaks onstage for the 22nd Annual Americana Honors & Awards at Ryman Auditorium. Photo: Erika Goldring/Getty Images for Americana Music Association

Another Americana Honors & Awards ceremony is in the books, with **Tyler Childers** taking home the night's coveted Album Of The Year award for his project *Can I Take My Hounds to Heaven?* at this year's 22nd annual event.

During the awards, which took place last night (Sept. 20) at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, **Billy Strings** received the Artist Of The Year nod—celebrating back-to-back wins in the category—and **The War And Treaty** also notched their second trophy for Duo/Group of the Year, as well.

Bonnie Raitt's "Just Like That" took home Song of the Year honors during the ceremony, and **S.G. Goodman** was named Emerging Act of the Year. Instrumentalist of the Year went to **SistaStrings**, comprised of sisters **Chauntee** and **Monique Ross**.

Highlights from the evening included **Patty Griffin** accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award for Songwriting from presenter **Sarah Silverman**. **Allison Russell** was given the Spirit of Americana/Free Speech in Music Award from First Amendment Center's **John Seigenthaler** and local lawmakers **Gloria Johnson**, **Justin Jones** and **Justin Pearson**, putting her in the same company with Joan Baez, Jackson Browne, Johnny Cash and Mavis Staples, who have all formerly received the award.

The Avett Brothers and **Nickel Creek** were also honored with Trailblazer Awards during the evening by two-time Americana Music

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Association Artist of the Year **Brandi Carlile** and **Kacey Musgraves**, respectively. Soul singer-songwriter **Bettye Lavette** was also recognized for her 60-year body of work with the Legacy Award, presented by the National Museum of African-American Music during the special evening.

"I marvel at the talented musicians of our community who consistently surpass expectations and come together to highlight the importance of authenticity, friendship, and unity," said Executive Director of the Americana Music Association, **Jed Hilly**, of the evening. "It is a privilege for me to be a part of this exceptional evening where we celebrate the well-deserved accomplishments of this incredible genre."

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Bonnie Raitt performs at the 22nd Annual Americana Honors & Awards. Photo: Erika Goldring/Getty Images for Americana Music Association



Michael Trotter Jr. and Tanya Trotter of The War And Treaty backstage at the 22nd Annual Americana Honors & Awards. Photo: Terry Wyatt/Getty Images for Americana Music



SistaStrings' Chauntee Ross and Monique Ross pose with Billy Strings backstage at the 22nd Annual Americana Honors & Awards. Photo: Erika Goldring/Getty Images for Americana Music Association



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Maren Morris 'Freely Moving Forward' Beyond Country Music



Maren Morris. Photo: Morgan Foitle

Maren Morris is entering her next era of music in a new phase, “honoring where [she’s] been and what [she’s] achieved in country music, but also freely moving forward.”

The Grammy winner expressed her feelings about the next step of her journey with the release of a two-track EP, *The Bridge*. The project’s new tracks include “The Tree,” produced by **Greg Kurstin**, and “Get the Hell Out of Here,” produced by **Jack Antonoff** with Morris and **Jimmy Robbins**. Morris co-wrote both songs with Robbins and **Laura Veltz**.

The new music is released via Columbia Records out of New York, migrating Morris from Sony Music Nashville to the mainstream imprint.

About *The Bridge*, Morris shares, “These two songs are incredibly key to my next step because they express a very righteously angry and liberating phase of my life these last couple of years but also how my navigation is finally pointing towards the future, whatever that may be or sound like. Honoring where I’ve been and what I’ve achieved in country music, but also freely moving forward.”

“‘The Tree’ is about a toxic ‘family tree’ burning itself to the ground. Halfway through, I realize it’s burning itself down without any of my help. This song evokes the pain of exhausting all your love and time for this person or ‘entity’ but realizing it’s just a draining, transactional relationship that isn’t nourishing in any healthy way. By the end of the song, I give myself permission to face the sun, plant new seeds where it’s safer to grow and realize that sometimes there IS greener grass elsewhere.”

She adds, “‘Get the Hell Out of Here’ is the part two to the tree burning. Being quite literally burned out, this is a story of me feeling pulled in every direction, needing everyone else’s understanding and acceptance but my own and how self-destructive that ultimately became. I relinquish control of trying to change everyone’s mind or bad behavior and focus on my own power going forward. Doing the right thing can feel lonely at times, but there are more friends than foes, so I finally quit making myself one of them.”

Since impacting country music in 2016 with her debut single “My Church,” Morris has released three critically acclaimed albums, 2016’s *Hero*, 2019’s *Girl* and 2022’s *Humble Quest*.

In addition to a Grammy win and 17 nominations, Morris has won five ACM Awards, five CMA Awards and three Billboard Music Awards, with several additional wins and nominations. She’s broken streaming records and celebrated hits such as “80’s Mercedes,” “I Could Use a Love Song,” “Rich,” “Girl,” “The Bones,” “Circles Around This Town” and more, as well as her six-time Platinum collaboration with **Zedd**, “The Middle.”

Morris is about to wrap her arena tour with **The Chicks** in Canada, following a run of European dates and a sold-out headline show at London’s O2 Forum Kentish Town earlier this summer. **MR**

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

CHART ACTION

New On The Chart —Debuting This Week

song/artist/label—Chart Position

Back Then Right Now/Tyler Hubbard/EMI Nashville - 44
I Remember Everything/Zach Bryan feat. Kacey Musgraves/Warner Records - 55
New Money/Julianna Rankin/17th Avenue
Bad N' Boozy/Rob Fitzgerald/Riverbend Recordings - 76
Young Love & Saturday Nights/Chris Young/RCA - 77
Falling Too/Jet Jurgensmeyer/Simba Entertainment - 79
He Don't Mind/Waylon Hanel/Waylon Hanel Music - 80

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Save Me The Trouble/Dan + Shay/Warner Music Nashville - 164
Thinkin' Bout Me/Morgan Wallen/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic - 151

Most Added

song/artist/label—No. of Adds

Back Then Right Now/Tyler Hubbard/EMI Nashville - 17
Save Me/Jelly Roll (with Lainey Wilson)/Stoney Creek - 10
I Remember Everything/Zach Bryan feat. Kacey Musgraves/Warner Records - 9
The Painter/Cody Johnson/CoJo Music/Warner Music Nashville - 6

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song/artist/label—No. of Spins

Working On A Hangover/Cynthia Renee/SSM Nashville - 126
Sittin Here On This Dock/Jeff Michaels - 126
Good With Me/Walker Hayes/Monument Records/RCA Records - 124
Everywhere I Go/Kaitlyn Kohler/Kohler Music Group LLC - 124
Rough Around The Edges/Exile/Clearwater Records - 114

NO. 1 SONG



Morgan Wallen jumps from No. 4 to No. 1 on the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Radio Chart this week with "Everything I Love."

Wallen co-wrote the tune with **Ashley Gorley**, **Ernest Keith Smith** and **Ryan Vojtesak**, and it interpolates the **Allman Brothers Band's** "Midnight Rider," written by **Gregg Allman** and **Robert Kim Payne**. "Everything I Love" appears on Wallen's record breaking third studio album *One Thing At A Time*.

"Everything I Love" currently sits at No. 12 on the *Billboard* Country Airplay chart and No. 11 on the Mediabase chart.



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

MusicRow CountryBreakout Chart Reporting Stations

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

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
13	4	1	Everything I Love / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	1726/55	8	134
19	3	2	Watermelon Moonshine / Lainey Wilson / Broken Bow Records	1659/46	3	47
23	1	3	Religiously / Bailey Zimmerman / Elektra/Warner Music Nashville	1653/46	1	17
53	5	4	Can't Have Mine / Dylan Scott / Curb	1641/56	7	109
18	2	5	Try That In A Small Town / Jason Aldean / Broken Bow	1614/48	-1	-18
37	7	6	God Gave Me A Girl / Russell Dickerson / Triple Tigers Records	1484/48	10	129
37	10	7	Stars Like Confetti / Dustin Lynch / Broken Bow Records	1369/47	12	146
32	8	8	All I Need Is You / Chris Janson / BMLG/Harpeth 60 Records	1363/52	7	94
25	9	9	Creek Will Rise / Conner Smith / Valory	1342/58	7	93
10	13	10	Save Me The Trouble / Dan + Shay / Warner Music Nashville	1304/43	14	164
39	12	11	If You Go Down (I'm Goin' Down Too) / Kelsea Ballerini / Black River Entertainment	1210/59	5	61
50	11	12	Girl In Mine / Parmalee / Stoney Creek Records	1171/36	-2	-21
9	14	13	White Horse / Chris Stapleton / Mercury Nashville	1170/55	13	131
19	15	14	Different 'Round Here / Riley Green (feat. Luke Combs) / BMLG	1116/54	10	105
30	16	15	Light On In The Kitchen / Ashley McBryde / Warner Music Nashville	1045/48	4	43
5	18	16	Thinkin' Bout Me / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	1035/41	17	151
23	17	17	Nobody's Nobody / Brothers Osborne / EMI	1006/48	4	42
21	21	18	Blacktop Don't / BoomTown Saints / 8 Track Entertainment	867/46	5	39
14	19	19	We Don't Fight Anymore / Carly Pearce feat. Chris Stapleton / Big Machine	865/50	2	21
38	20	20	Fearless / Jackson Dean / Big Machine	864/45	4	34
6	23	21	The Painter / Cody Johnson / CoJo Music/Warner Music Nashville	861/50	15	114
16	22	22	World On Fire / Nate Smith / Sony Music Nashville	835/45	10	75
16	24	23	See You Next Summer / Brian Kelley / Big Machine Records	774/42	5	36
28	25	24	Buy A Bar / Tim Dugger / Curb Records	763/43	4	32
38	26	25	We Got History / Mitchell Tenpenny / Riser House Records	728/34	6	41
14	35	26	Save Me / Jelly Roll (with Lainey Wilson) / Stoney Creek	691/45	37	187
13	36	27	Mind On You / George Birge / RECORDS	684/34	38	187
13	30	28	Wine Country / Hannah Ellis / Curb Records	679/44	12	73
17	29	29	Out Of That Truck / Carrie Underwood / Capitol Records	655/36	7	40
15	27	30	Glory Days / Gabby Barrett / Warner Music Nashville	651/40	-4	-27
14	31	31	Burn It Down / Parker McCollum / MCA Nashville	643/42	10	60
18	28	32	Truck Bed / HARDY / Big Loud Records	625/38	1	5
24	34	33	23 / Chayce Beckham / BMG	619/35	12	65
14	33	34	Something Real / Dierks Bentley / Capitol Nashville	561/29	1	6
10	37	35	Pretty Little Poison / Warren Zeiders / Warner Records	558/36	16	76
5	39	36	Cab In A Solo / Scotty McCreery / Triple Tigers Records	511/37	16	72
19	41	37	Make You Mine / MaRynn Taylor / Black River Records	451/31	9	39
8	42	38	I'm Not Pretty / Megan Moroney / Arista Nashville/Columbia Records	443/28	11	45
25	38	39	Dents On A Chevy / Ty Herndon, Terri Clark / Pivotal Records	441/27	-6	-26

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Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
11	40	40	Drinkin' Problems / Dillon Carmichael / Riser House Records	396/25	-5	-19
20	44	41	Wings Of A White Dove / Flat River Band / Early Bird Records	359/19	8	26
5	45	42	Tucson Too Late / Jordan Davis / MCA Nashville	357/27	10	32
23	43	43	State You Left Me In / Jake Worthington / Big Loud	353/23	3	9
1	82	44	Back Then Right Now / Tyler Hubbard / EMI Nashville	336/27	127	199
14	47	45	Brokenhearted / Joe Nichols / Quartz Hill Records	320/16	5	16
14	49	46	When The Rodeo Is Over (Where Does The Cowboy Go?) / Tanya Tucker/ Fantasy/Concord	293/19	7	20
7	51	47	Country Dance / Aaron Goodvin / Warner Music Canada/Sakamoto Music	282/21	9	23
13	54	48	Blaze A Trail / Ashley Barron / SSM Nashville	263/19	10	23
10	50	49	Something's Gonna Kill Me / Corey Kent / RCA Nashville	259/15	-3	-8
5	58	50	Last Train To Nowhere / Ghost Hounds / Gibson Records	251/20	10	22
8	56	51	Outskirts / Sam Hunt / MCA Nashville	241/17	3	7
9	65	52	Loser / Mike Ryan / Rock & Soul	240/15	28	52
16	32	53	Should've Known Better / Erin Viancourt / Late August Records	238/19	-59	-342
8	57	54	Girl, I Know A Guy / Alex Miller / Billy Jam Records	229/19	0	-1
1	85	55	I Remember Everything / Zach Bryan feat. Kacey Musgraves / Warner Records	227/18	75	97
4	52	56	Rich Men North of Richmond / Oliver Anthony	224/12	-11	-29
6	62	57	Wait Til I'm Gone / Donice Morace / Bad Jeu Jeu Records/CDX Records	223/16	9	19
3	60	58	In Your Love / Tyler Childers / Hickman Holler Records/RCA Records	222/17	6	12
30	53	59	We Ride / Bryan Martin / Average Joes Entertainment	219/16	-10	-23
9	61	60	Let's Take A Ride / Six Gun Sally / Six Gun Sally Music	214/16	4	9
6	64	61	Hell of a Life / Kylie Frey / Deep Frey'd Music/EWC	205/15	7	13
11	77	62	High Lonesome Stranger / CIMARRON 615 / Blue Elan Records/KZZ Music	198/9	26	41
14	63	63	Somebody Else's Whiskey / Frank Ray / Stoney Creek Records	198/14	2	3
10	66	64	Daddy's Home / Ben Calhoun / General Records	196/15	7	13
3	67	65	Jesus and John Wayne / Alabama feat. The Oak Ridge Boys / Gaither Music Group	194/17	8	15
19	70	66	Rest In Peace / Taylor Austin Dye / LMG	187/11	10	17
1	89	67	New Money / Julianna Rankin / 17th Avenue	179/14	48	58
3	75	68	Always You / Trey Lewis / River House Artists	179/16	11	18
2	71	69	Find Me On A Beach / Marie Wise-Hawkins	175/9	4	7
18	59	70	Bad Day To Be A Cold Beer / Chase Rice / Dack Janiels/Broken Bow	174/13	-18	-39
3	74	71	Know That By Now / Randy Rogers Band / Tommy Jackson/Thirty Tigers	173/13	5	9
9	72	72	Dance With You / Brett Young / BMLG Records	173/13	4	7
7	73	73	Crooked Road / Mustangs Of The West / KZZ Music/Blue Élan Records	170/11	2	4
2	78	74	Hush Little Baby / Ashley Ryan / Spinville Entertainment	160/12	7	10
7	79	75	June in July / Robby Johnson / Nashville Record Company	157/10	7	10
1	81	76	Bad N' Boozy / Rob Fitzgerald / Riverbend Recordings	151/8	10	14
1	87	77	Young Love & Saturday Nights / Chris Young / RCA	145/9	19	23
2	80	78	Baby I Do / Hurricane Highway / Kick Ass Music	144/9	3	4
1	84	79	Falling Too / Jet Jurgensmeyer / Simba Entertainment	141/12	8	10
1	88	80	He Don't Mind / Waylon Hanel / Waylon Hanel Music	133/7	9	11

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Russell Dickerson Signs With Range Media Partners



Pictured (L-R): Matt Graham, Russell Dickerson, Shawn McSpadden, Jack Minihan

Russell Dickerson has signed with Range Media Partners' Music Division.

Since debuting in 2011, Dickerson's first four singles have reached No. 1 on *Billboard's* Country Airplay chart, with "Yours" and "Blue Tacoma" reaching triple and double-Platinum status, and "Love You Like I Used To" and "Every Little Thing" reaching Platinum. Dickerson's latest project, the summer-themed EP *Three Months Two Streets Down*, arrived in June and followed the late December release of the single "God Gave Me a Girl," another top 10 hit at country radio.

The news follows the recent announcement of Nashville-based executives **William Lowery** and **Shawn McSpadden** joining Range Media Partners. McSpadden has been charged with growing the division's already robust music division, talent roster and shared services department.

McSpadden shares, "I have watched Russell on the road over the years, and have always loved the spirit and energy that he brings to the stage. The first time we spoke, we had an immediate connection and both knew instantly that it was a match. We have hit the ground running with this dynamic partnership between Range and Russell — with a top 10 single and the 'Big Wheels & Back Roads' [headlining tour](#), we're just getting started!"

"Our connection and vision were aligned immediately," Dickerson says of the partnership. "They are game-changers, power players and forward thinkers. I couldn't be happier about building the future of my career alongside this incredible team." **MR**

Warner Music Nashville Signs Matt Schuster [Exclusive]



Pictured (L-R): Eric Parker; Kristen Williams; Matt Cottingham; Patrick Sabatini; Victoria Mason; Ben Kline; Matt Schuster; Shane Tarleton; Cris Lacy; Rohan Kohli; Tim Foisset. Photo: Alan Poizner

Warner Music Nashville has signed rising singer-songwriter **Matt Schuster** to its roster.

Having moved to Nashville in late 2022, the Charleston, Illinois native has garnered over 130 million global streams independently over the last two years. Four of his releases have landed in the Top 200 of Spotify's Country Global chart.

"Matt's unique sound instantly drew us to him," said **Ben Kline**, Warner Music Nashville Co-Chair & Co-President. "Add to that his skill as a songwriter and the fan reaction he invokes, and the result is a very special artist that we are excited to partner with."

"Matt's voice has a quality and a range that will stop anyone in their tracks," continued **Cris Lacy**, Warner Music Nashville Co-Chair & Co-President. "There's an instantaneous feeling that you're hearing something material in a way you've never heard it before."

In addition to his artistry, Schuster is already making his mark in the publishing world, locking in a cut on **Bailey Zimmerman's** *Religiously. The Album*. with "Chase Her."

As for his deal with WMN, Schuster says the label team made the perfect partner.

"They were obsessed with my music and how I make my music. I know with every artist, [Warner] is so intentional with them and respect how they work. It's a true partnership where I feel like my opinion is very valued," Schuster tells *MusicRow*. **MR**

Influence Media & Warner Chappell Partner With Jesse Frasure On New Deal [Exclusive]

Influence Media Partners and Warner Chappell Music Nashville have partnered with CMA Award-winning and Grammy-nominated songwriter, producer and DJ **Jesse Frasure**.

The companies are investing in Frasure's full publishing catalog, encompassing more than 160 songs, with chart-topping hits such as "Dirt on My Boots" by **Jon Pardi**, "One Mississippi" by **Kane Brown** and "What's Your Country Song" by **Thomas Rhett**, along with Frasure's future works.

The deal was led by Frasure's longtime collaborator, Warner Chappell Music Nashville President & CEO, **Ben Vaughn**, alongside Influence Media Founder & Co-Managing Partner, **Lylette Pizarro**.

"I've always been interested in surrounding myself with innovative thinkers in this business that have a fresh approach to the music industry. We knew from the moment we met Lylette, **Lynn [Hazan]**, **Rene [McLean]** and the Influence team that this would be a perfect fit," shares Frasure. "Finding partners that were not just interested in my catalog, but a continued creative relationship was huge for us. I believe Influence will be integral in championing songwriters like myself in and out of Nashville for years to come. I'm very grateful to Ben Vaughn and **Spencer Nohe** at Warner Chappell, **Derek Crownover**, **Stevie Frasure** and **Vanna Moua** for connecting the dots and making this partnership happen."

Vaughn shares, "Jesse is a mega-talent and trendsetter in the Nashville songwriting community, and we've been lucky to work alongside him for several years now. He's multi-talented as a writer, publisher and producer who's always ahead of the curve and looking for the next great musical moment. His undeniable talent and relentless work ethic have landed him some of the biggest collaborations in country music, and with the support of Influence Media and our entire Warner Chappell Music Nashville team, the best is yet to come."

Frasure, a multiple CMA Award and two-time BMI Songwriter of the Year winner, has written with and for artists such as **Kacey Musgraves**, **Faith Hill**, **Tim McGraw**, **Kelsea Ballerini** and more. Along with writing for Jay-Z's Roc Nation, Frasure has co-written 22 No. 1 songs and produced an additional eight No. 1 songs for artists across genres. He recently nabbed the Song of the Year trophy for **Cole Swindell**'s "She Had Me at Heads Carolina" at the 2023 ACM Awards.

Last week, Frasure released his latest album, [Return to Calm Springs](#), the sequel to his first debut instrumental EP *Calm Springs*, which he released under his artist name **Telemetry** in 2020. Frasure celebrated his album release and new partnership on Monday (Sept. 18) with a private listening event hosted by Influence Media, Warner Chappell Music and Rhythm House at Soho House Nashville.

In addition to the deal with Frasure, Influence Media has invested in several other country hitmakers, including Platinum-certified superstar **Blake Shelton**, ACM-winning singer-songwriter **Niccole Galyon**, Grammy-winner **Chris Tompkins** and more.

"Jesse Frasure is the ultimate multi-hyphenate—songwriter, producer, artist, DJ, tastemaker and influencer—truly a rare, gifted breed," says Pizarro. "His work is rooted in country but has a proven track record of reaching far wider audiences. We're proud to have the opportunity to partner with Jesse & Stevie, their wonderful team at Rhythm House, and Ben & his amazing team at Warner Chappell Nashville—not only to become a co-custodian of his catalog but to support him as he redefines the future." **MR**



Pictured (L-R): Stevie Frasure, Lylette Pizarro, Ben Vaughn, Jesse Frasure, Spencer Nohe, Lynn Hazan and Phil May attend Frasure's "Return to Calm Springs Listening Experience" in partnership with Rhythm House, Influence Media Partners and Warner Chappell at Soho House Nashville. Photo: Jason Kempin/Getty Images for Influence Media Partners

SESAC Honors Nashville Songwriters At Annual Music Awards



Pictured (L-R): Scott Jungmichel (SESAC), Lydia Schultz Cahill (SESAC), Jon Nite, Shannan Hatch (SESAC), Sam Kling (SESAC) attend the 2023 SESAC Los Angeles Music Awards. Photo: Rodin Eckenroth/Getty Images for SESAC

SESAC celebrated songwriters and music publishers behind the most-performed songs of 2022 across a variety of genres at The Highlight Room in Hollywood on Tuesday night (Sept. 19).

Top music industry executives, artists, songwriters and publishers attended the event.

"We are honored to celebrate our songwriters and publishers across multiple genres," shared **Sam Kling**, Chief Creative Officer, SESAC Performing Rights. "SESAC is proud of its affiliates who continue to write chart-topping hits and we enjoy every opportunity we get to celebrate their achievements."

Opening the show was Kling and SESAC President & COO, **Scott Jungmichel**, as well as VP of Creative Services **Mario Prins** and AVP of Creative Ops & Admin, **Diana Akin Scarfo**. Artist and SESAC songwriter **Tamara Jade**, from season 19 of The Voice, served as the MC for the evening.

Nashville songwriters were honored with several SESAC Performance Awards throughout the event. **Jon Nite** took home a medal for "Pick Me Up" (recorded by Gabby Barrett), **Matt McGinn** nabbed one for "Like I Love Country Music" (recorded by Kane Brown), **Josh Hoge** and **Christian Stalnecker** received honors for "Thank God" (recorded by Kane & Katelyn Brown), **Alysa Vanderheyem** was recognized for "Heartfirst" (recorded by Kelsea Ballerini) and **Megan Moroney** won a medal for "Tennessee Orange." Additionally, Prescription Songs' **Malibu Babie** was recognized for "Super Freaky Girl" (recorded by Nicki Minaj) and "Her" (recorded by Megan Thee Stallion).

McGinn, Nite and Stalnecker were in attendance to receive their awards, along with SESAC's Jungmichel, **Shannan Hatch** and **Lydia Schultz**.

Jack Harlow was this year's top honoree for the third consecutive year, taking home both Songwriter of the Year and Song of the Year with his smash hit "First Class." Sony Music Publishing was named Publisher of the Year for the second year in a row, taking home a total of twelve awards including "First Class," "We Go Up" recorded by Minaj and Fivio Foreign, "Count Me Out" recorded by Kendrick Lamar and "Mercury" recorded by Steve Lacy, among many others.

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Pictured(L-R): Juli Newton Griffith, SESAC's Shannan Hatch, Matt McGinn and Jon Nite. Photo: Charley Gallay/Getty Images for SESAC

BMI Honors Billy F Gibbons With 2023 Troubadour Award



Pictured (L-R): BMI's Mason Hunter, BMI's Clay Bradley, Troubadour Billy F Gibbons, BMI's Mike O' Neill and BMI's Mike Steinberg. Photo: Erika Goldring for BMI

As AmericanaFest week falls on Nashville, a throng of its community members gathered at BMI's office on Music Row on Monday night (Sept. 15) to celebrate **Billy F Gibbons**, a founding member of **ZZ Top**, who received the organization's Troubadour Award.

The prestigious accolade recognizes a songwriter who has made a profound impact on the creative community as their craft continues to set the pace for generations to follow. Last night, Gibbons joined an esteemed class of past Troubadour Award recipients including **John Hiatt**, **John Prine**, **Robert Earl Keen** and **Lucinda Williams**.

BMI's President and CEO **Mike O' Neill** alongside Nashville's VP of Creative **Clay Bradley** presented the award to Gibbons after a night of music and memories.

"BMI has been fortunate enough to have Billy as part of our family for decades and his contributions to ZZ Top's enduring success has solidified their status as rock legends," Bradley said. "His songwriting and artistic style transcends through many decades which was on full display last night."

BMI's lobby had been transformed to a warm, cozy reception hall for the occasion, complete with orange uplighting on the walls, fresh picked flowers on the tables and linens that looked like burlap. We feasted on an autumnal meal of baked chicken, mashed potatoes and carrots, with a yummy salad and delicious cookie butter shooter for dessert. The atmosphere was that of a celebratory homecoming for the Americana creatives and business folk, who went from table to table to mingle.

When it came to the music, Gibbons was treated to selections from a wide array of artists. **Chris Isaak** rocked out on "Sharped Dress Man," **Elle King** teased on "Gimme All Your Lovin'," **Kingfish** brought the house down with "Waitin' for the Bus" and **Keith Urban** touched hearts with "Rough Boy." Past Troubadour recipient **Robert Earl Keen** thrilled the crowd with an awesome rendition of "La Grange."



Pictured (L-R): Chris Isaak, Lucinda Williams, Billy F Gibbons, Robert Earl Keen and Elle King. Photo: Erika Goldring for BMI



Pictured (L-R): Keith Urban and Billy F Gibbons. Photo: Erika Goldring for BMI

The evening also included congratulatory videos from longtime friends and collaborators such as **Eric Clapton**, **Jimmie Vaughan** and **Van Wilks** along with **Bill Bentley**, **George Gruhn**, **Greg Voros** and **Tom Bukovac**, who spoke on Gibbons' distinct style. Renowned radio host **Eddie Trunk** gave a commemorative speech that highlighted the career behind ZZ Top's chief songwriter that spans more than 50 years.

When Gibbons accepted the honor, he spoke about Nashville embracing him. "I really feel like part of the community. I've been coming to Nashville for 45 years," he said. "Thank you so much!"

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DISClaimer Single Reviews: 'A Lot To Fall In Love With' This Americana Week



Tyler Childers, Allison Russell and The Shindellas

It's Americana Week here in Music City, so let's dive right in.

There's a lot to fall in love with in this stack of sounds. So much so that we have three Disc of the Day winners. The male winner is the exploding **Tyler Childers**. **Allison Russell** takes home the female award. The Group du jour is **The Shindellas**.

Our DISCOVERY Award goes to **Carter Faith**. Looking forward to more from her.

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The Oak Ridge Boys Announce Farewell Tour



Pictured (L-R): Richard Sterban, Duane Allen, William Lee Golden and Joe Bonsall. Photo: Brandon Wood / Indie Bling Studios

The Oak Ridge Boys are celebrating their 50th anniversary as a group this October. To commemorate the occasion, the Country Music Hall of Famers will hit the road on their “American Made: Farewell Tour!”

The tour will celebrate the momentous accomplishments of the Grammy-winning group’s **Duane Allen, Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden** and **Richard Sterban**.

“We are doing a farewell tour because we owe it to our fans to say goodbye,” shares Golden. “They have always been there for us through the good times and the bad. I will always be thankful to every person who came out to a show, bought a t-shirt, played our

music, and overall, loved us enough to spend their hard-earned money whenever they could. This tour is for you!”

The group originally formed as the Oak Ridge Quartet on the '40s, becoming popular in southern gospel during the '50s. They changed their name to The Oak Ridge Boys in the early '60s, with Golden joining in '65 and Allen in '66. They remained a gospel group until the mid-1970s, when they changed their image and concentrated on country music. Sterban joined the hit-making line-up in '72 and Bonsall in '73.

Throughout their career, The Oak Ridge Boys have sold over 41 million units worldwide. In addition to their awards and accolades in country music, the Oaks have garnered five Grammy Awards, nine GMA Dove Awards and two American Music Awards. In addition to the Country Music Hall of Fame, they are members of the Grand Ole Opry, the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame.

The Oaks have achieved 17 No. 1 hits, including “Leaving Louisiana In The Broad Daylight,” “Bobbie Sue,” “Trying To Love Two Women,” “(I’m Settin’) Fancy Free,” “American Made” and the unforgettable “Elvira.” **MR**

Bobby Bare To Receive Frances Williams Preston Mentor Award

Country Music Hall of Famer **Bobby Bare** will be honored with the Frances Williams Preston Mentor Award at the upcoming Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame (NaSHOF) Gala on Oct. 11.

During his 60-year career, Bare has recorded more than 300 songs – including 35 top 40 singles – written or co-written by 76 NaSHOF songwriters – roughly 30 percent of the Hall’s entire membership. He is a 2013 inductee into the Country Music Hall of Fame, and was a member of the Grand Ole Opry from 1970-1973 and has been again since 2018. He becomes the first recording artist to receive the award named for **Frances Williams Preston**, who influenced and nurtured the careers of thousands of songwriters, performers and publishers in all genres during her five-decade career at BMI.

Previous Frances Williams Preston Mentor Award recipients are music publisher **Bob Beckham** (2008), music publisher **Bill Hall** (2009), Preston (2010), music publisher **David Conrad** (2011), music publisher **Donna Hilley** (2012), Bluebird Café founder **Amy Kurland** (2013), music publisher **Pat Higdon** (2014), music publisher **Bill Lowery** (2016) and songwriter advocate **Ralph Murphy** (2019). **MR**



TOP SONGWRITER CHART

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
1	1	Zachary Lane Bryan	I Remember Everything Hey Driver Tourniquet Spotless East Side of Sorrow Fear And Friday's El Dorado Ticking Summertime's Close Overtime Smaller Acts Holy Roller Jake's Piano - Long Island Tradesman Oklahoman Son Fear And Friday's (Poem)	Zach Bryan ft. Kacey Musgraves Zach Bryan ft. The War And Treaty Zach Bryan Zach Bryan ft. The Lumineers Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan ft. Sierra Ferrell Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan
2	2	Ashley Gorley	All I Need Is You Save Me The Trouble Last Night Thinkin' Bout Me Truck Bed Everything I Love Cowgirls Girl In Mine World On Fire God Gave Me A Girl	Chris Janson Dan + Shay Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Hardy Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST) Parmalee Nate Smith Russell Dickerson
3	3	Tracy Chapman	Fast Car	Luke Combs
4	5	Jordan Schmidt	We Got History Watermelon Moonshine Bury Me In Georgia Drinkaby	Mitchell Tenpenny Lainey Wilson Kane Brown Cole Swindell
5	6	Ryan Vojtesak	Last Night Thinkin' Bout Me Everything I Love Cowgirls	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST)
6	4	Christopher Anthony Lunsford	Rich Men North Of Richmond	Oliver Anthony Music
7	7	John Byron	Last Night Thinkin' Bout Me	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
8	8	Jason DeFord	Save Me Need A Favor	Jelly Roll with Lainey Wilson Jelly Roll
9		Jimmy Buffett	Margaritaville	Jimmy Buffett
10	9	Chase McGill	Creek Will Rise But I Got A Beer In My Hand God Gave Me A Girl	Conner Smith Luke Bryan Russell Dickerson
11	11	Josh Thompson	Angels Don't Always Have Wings Stars Like Confetti	Thomas Rhett Dustin Lynch
12	12	Thomas Rhett	Angels Don't Always Have Wings Stars Like Confetti	Thomas Rhett Dustin Lynch
13	18	Zach Crowell	Outskirts Stars Like Confetti God Gave Me A Girl	Sam Hunt Dustin Lynch Russell Dickerson
14	15	Julian Bunetta	Angels Don't Always Have Wings If You Go Down (I'm Going Down Too)	Thomas Rhett Kelsea Ballerini
15	24	Dan Wilson	White Horse	Chris Stapleton
16	25	Chris Stapleton	White Horse	Chris Stapleton
17	22	Lainey Wilson	Watermelon Moonshine	Lainey Wilson
18	23	Josh Kear	Watermelon Moonshine	Lainey Wilson

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
19	19	Taylor Phillips	Love You Again Thinkin' Bout Me World On Fire	Chase Matthew Morgan Wallen Nate Smith
20	21	Chayce Beckham	23	Chayce Beckham
21	17	Kacey Musgraves	I Remember Everything	Zach Bryan ft. Kacey Musgraves
22	20	Jacob Kasher	Last Night	Morgan Wallen
23	26	Rob Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
24	27	Joe Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
25	28	Austin Nivarel	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
26	34	Josh Hoge	Bury Me In Georgia	Kane Brown
27	35	Matt McGinn	Bury Me In Georgia	Kane Brown
28	36	Kane Brown	Bury Me In Georgia	Kane Brown
29	30	Patrick Murphy	Standing Room Only	Tim McGraw
30	31	Tommy Cecil	Standing Room Only	Tim McGraw
31	32	Craig Wiseman	Standing Room Only	Tim McGraw
32	42	Kurt Allison	Try That In A Small Town	Jason Aldean
33	43	Tully Kennedy	Try That In A Small Town	Jason Aldean
34	44	Kelley Lovelace	Try That In A Small Town	Jason Aldean
35	45	Neil Thrasher	Try That In A Small Town	Jason Aldean
36	16	Michael Hardy	See You Next Summer Truck Bed Drinkaby	Brian Kelley Hardy Cole Swindell
37	57	David Ray Stevens	Save Me	Jelly Roll with Lainey Wilson
38	37	Bailey Zimmerman	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
39	38	Austin Shawn	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
40	39	Frank Romano	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
41	40	Marty James	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
42	41	Alex Palmer	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
43	33	Shane McAnally	We Don't Fight Anymore If You Go Down (I'm Going Down Too)	Carly Pearce feat. Chris Stapleton Kelsea Ballerini
44	13	Luke Combs	Love You Anyway Drinkin' Problems	Luke Combs Dillon Carmichael
45	14	Ray Fulcher	Love You Anyway Drinkin' Problems	Luke Combs Dillon Carmichael
46	48	Jaten Dimsdale	Angels Don't Always Have Wings	Thomas Rhett
47	10	Dan Isbell	Love You Anyway	Luke Combs
48	46	Geoff Warburton	But I Got A Beer In My Hand	Luke Bryan
49	47	Matt Dragstrem	But I Got A Beer In My Hand	Luke Bryan
50	55	Ernest Keith Smith	Everything I Love Cowgirls	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. ERNEST)
51		Jim "Moose" Brown	It's Five O'Clock Somewhere	Alan Jackson & Jimmy Buffett
52		Don Rollins	It's Five O'Clock Somewhere	Alan Jackson & Jimmy Buffett
53	56	Travis Wood	Drive You Out Of My Mind Girl In Mine	Kassi Ashton Parmalee
54	50	Jeremy Caleb Fraites	Spotless	Zach Bryan ft. The Lumineers
55	51	Wesley Schultz	Spotless	Zach Bryan ft. The Lumineers
56	61	Warren Zeiders	Pretty Little Poison	Warren Zeiders
57	62	Ryan Beaver	Pretty Little Poison	Warren Zeiders
58	63	Jared Keim	Pretty Little Poison	Warren Zeiders
59	29	Hunter Phelps	Truck Bed Drinkaby	Hardy Cole Swindell
60	52	Taylor Swift	I Can See You (Taylor's Version) (From the Vault) Enchanted (Taylor's Version)	Taylor Swift Taylor Swift

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Single/Track Releases

September 22

Rachel Lipsky/Black Magic/Riot South
Ashlie Amber/Money/Heart Songs Music Group
Blaine Holcomb/Boot Shoppin'
May Devun/All That I Want

September 25

Neon Union/This Side of the Dirt/Red Street Records
Luke Kelly/Front Porch Swing/General Records
Laura Bryna/Certified

Album/EP Releases

September 22

Carrie Underwood/*Denim & Rhinestones (Deluxe Edition)*/Capitol Records Nashville
Dustin Lynch/*Killed The Cowboy*/Broken Bow Records
Parmalee/*For You 2*/Stoney Creek Records
Colbie Caillat/*Along The Way*/Blue Jean Baby Records
Charles Wesley Godwin/*Family Ties*/Big Loud Records
Ben Goldsmith/*The World Between My Ears*/Sony Music Nashville
Brent Cobb/*Southern Star*/Ol' Buddy Records/Thirty Tigers
Riley Clemmons/*Church Pew*/Capitol Christian Music Group
Buddy & Julie Miller/*In The Throes*/New West Records
Emily Ann Roberts/*Can't Hide Country*
Whey Jennings/*Just Before The Dawn*/Dirt Rock Empire
The Dryes/*Raisin' Beers & Hallelujahs*

Industry Events

September 23 – 24

Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival

September 26

Nashville Songwriter Awards

September 26 – 30

IBMA World of Bluegrass