

MusicRow Magazine Releases 2023 Publisher Print Issue



MusicRow Magazine has released its 2023 Publisher Issue print edition. This highly-anticipated annual resource includes the 2023 Publisher Directory, listing Nashville's top publishing companies as well as organizations available for songwriters.

"The annual Publisher Issue, curated by *MusicRow*, accentuates the publishers and lyricists who form the bedrock of our industry. It unfolds a comprehensive Publisher Directory, profiles spotlighted songwriters, and features exclusive articles written by our stellar *MusicRow* team," shares **Sherod Robertson**, Owner/Publisher of *MusicRow* Magazine.

In addition to the valuable directory, the 2023 Publisher Issue brings back the State of the Union roundtable, including UMPG Vice President of A&R, **Missy Roberts**; Warner Chappell Vice President of A&R, **BJ Hill**; Sony Music Publishing Vice President of Creative A&R, **Kenley Flynn**; Curb I Word Entertainment Vice President of Country Publishing & Creative, **Colt Murski** and 50 Egg Music Co-Owner/President, **Tali Canterbury**.

These top executives discuss the implications of AI on publishing, catalog sales, TikTok, outside songs and more.

When asked about AI, Murski, shared, "It's a whole new frontier. I feel like I'm just sitting back watching the destruction coming, but it could be a tool. I remember when Napster happened, everybody was afraid of it and they were trying to shut it down. There's a little bit of that vibe going on,

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but eventually we had to learn to embrace it. It's better to just start learning how to embrace it and get on the forefront of the legalities and the creativity of how we're going to handle it moving forward."

In a section titled "Doin' Deals With Derek," Loeb & Loeb Partner and Co-Manager of the Nashville office, **Derek C. Crownover**, talks to *MusicRow* about trending music industry deals and offers some advice.

"We've got some artist deals that are changing people's lives right now," he said. Creating generational wealth and creating wealth that's going to stay in Nashville. That's what I'm excited about."

Elsewhere, Concord Music Publishing Senior Vice President of A&R, **Brad Kennard**, speaks about the company's resurgence in Nashville. Over the last few years, Kennard has worked to grow the Music City roster and staff, resulting in industry-leading deals and successes.

"We're not looking for redundancy, we're not looking to just get everything for sale, it's really intentional," Kennard shared about building his roster. "Every time an opportunity comes up, we ask ourselves: 'Are we passionate? Does this person bring something unique to the table? Can we make a deal that makes sense for both parties?'"

Additionally, Anthem Music Publishing's **Gilles Godard** spoke to *MusicRow* about his journey from a staff writer at the company to his promotion to President of the Nashville office last summer. He spoke about his approach to publishing and Anthem's creative mindset.

Godard shared, "I think the secret to success is nurturing your writers and helping them write up and sign their way to the correct collaborations. Sometimes it's not by putting them in a room with a No. 1 writer. Sometimes it's putting them in the room with the writers at their level, which is the next wave of hits."

In the annual Writers' Notes section of the 2023 Publisher Issue, *MusicRow* interviewed Warner Chappell/Home Team Music Publishing's **Parker Welling**, Sony Music Publishing's **Madeline Edwards**, Big Machine Music's **Matt Dragstrem**, Liz Rose Music/Warner Chappell's **Cameron Bedell**, UMPG/Back Blocks Music's **Lily Rose** and newly-inducted Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame member **Rafe Van Hoy**. Each songwriter spoke about their success stories and personal hit-making approaches.

Also included in the 2023 Publisher Issue is a My Music Row Story feature on ASCAP's AVP of Strategic Services, Nashville Membership **Kele Currier**, a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the AFM & SAG-AFTRA Fund, a look at *MusicRow's* weekly Top Songwriter Chart and more.

COJO Music / Warner Music Nashville artist **Cody Johnson** graces the cover of the 2023 Publisher Issue. Known for his explosive live shows and electrifying stage presence, Johnson has established a following of passionately loyal fans who regularly attend his sold-out shows across the country.

MusicRow predicted early on that Johnson "just might be the future of real country music" as his career has now skyrocketed with three celebrated albums, *Human: The Double Album*, *A Cody Johnson Christmas* and *Cody Johnson & The Rockin' CJB Live*, as well as an award-winning feature-length documentary *Dear Rodeo: The Cody Johnson Story*. He has 17 career RIAA certifications, a Pandora Billionaire Award and nearly five billion global streams after increasing his streams in both 2021 and 2022 by one million each year.

Johnson recently released "The Painter," the first single from his third studio album, *Leather*, due out Nov. 3. The single launched with the biggest radio add date of his career with 73 stations jumping to put the song on air.

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Stephanie Alderman Named Partner At Farris, Self & Moore



Business manager **Stephanie Alderman** has been promoted to Partner at Farris, Self & Moore (FSM). The firm will continue with its current name, but will now include Alderman in all leadership decisions and high-level initiatives, effective immediately.

Hailing from Lansing, Michigan, Alderman kicked off her career by gaining a wide range of experience spanning artist management, publicity and tour production. She found her stride in business management, and now has helmed finances for established recording artists, major touring acts and up-and-coming songwriters for over 15 years.

“Stephanie Alderman is undeniably one of the best business managers in our business,” share Founding Partners **Kella Farris, Stephanie Self** and **Catherine Moore** in a joint statement. “Her ability to relate and listen to her clients, create a financial strategy, and then execute it effortlessly is truly exceptional. Her all-in approach, innovation, and authenticity make her the perfect fit for our leadership team.”

“I’m thrilled to become a partner at FSM and work alongside Kella, Stephanie, and Catherine in growing this exceptional firm,” says Alderman. “We share the same values and vision, and FSM has shown day-in and day-out to be a unique player in the industry — one that offers all-in, exceptional service to clients throughout their lifetime, empowers and invests in employees’ growth, and continually gives back to the entire music industry ecosystem. I’m proud to collaborate with this incredible team and delighted by the opportunity to help scale our impact in the years ahead.” **MR**

BMG Forms Alliance With UMG



Pictured (L-R): BMG CEO Thomas Coesfeld and Sir Lucian Grainge, Chairman and CEO Universal Music Group

BMG has formed an alliance with Universal Music Group (UMG), under which the companies will explore a range of collaborative initiatives.

The first project the two entities have come together on is moving the distribution of physical formats of BMG’s music—including vinyl and CDs—to UMG’s Commercial Services division, which has operations in 60 countries covering more than 200 markets. The transition of physical products to UMG is expected to commence the second quarter 2024 and will be fully transitioned by the end of 2024.

Of the news, BMG CEO **Thomas Coesfeld** shares, “Our alliance with UMG is a significant step to further enhance our service to BMG-signed artists. We are delighted to partner with UMG, the world leader in music-based entertainment on our thriving physical recorded music business. Their scale, technology and commitment promises to further expand opportunities for BMG-signed artists around the world.”

Chairman and CEO of UMG **Sir Lucian Grainge**, says, “BMG has brought a fresh vision to the music business, and we look forward to partnering with BMG on a variety of initiatives to provide greater opportunities to artists and our respective companies.” **MR**

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

CHART ACTION

New On The Chart —Debuting This Week

song/artist/label—Chart Position

Where The Wild Things Are/Luke Combs/River House Artists/Columbia Nashville - 44

Under this Ole Hat/Sawyer Brown/Curb Records - 53

Cowboys and Plowboys/Jon Pardi and Luke Bryan/Capitol Nashville - 76

Chipping Mill/Turnpike Troubadours/Bossier City Records - 77

Spirits and Demons/Michael Ray ft. Meghan Patrick/Warner Music Nashville - 79

Greatest Spin Increase

song/artist/label—Spin Increase

Where The Wild Things Are/Luke Combs/River House Artists/Columbia Nashville - 200

Save Me/Jelly Roll (with Lainey Wilson)/Stoney Creek - 194

Cowboys and Plowboys/Jon Pardi and Luke Bryan/Capitol Nashville - 163

Most Added

song/artist/label—No. of Adds

Cowboys and Plowboys/Jon Pardi and Luke Bryan/Capitol Nashville - 15

Under this Ole Hat/Sawyer Brown/Curb Records - 13

Where The Wild Things Are/Luke Combs/River House Artists/Columbia Nashville - 10

Two Dozen Roses/Shenandoah & Luke Combs/8 Track Entertainment/ADA - 9

On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

song/artist/label—No. of Spins

Sittin Here On This Dock/Jeff Michaels - 136

Get Me Now/Matt VanFossen - 133

Extra/Katie Linendoll - 124

Lovin' Not Leavin'/Wade Bowen/Bowen Sounds - 123

Tractors And Trucks/Dave Wilbert/Wilbilly Records - 121

NO. 1 SONG



In just nine weeks, **Morgan Wallen's** "Thinkin' Bout Me" tops the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Radio Chart this week. The chart-topper follows Wallen's "Everything I Love" reaching No. 1 on the *MusicRow* chart one month ago.

Written by **John Byron, Ashley Gorley, Taylor Phillips** and **Ryan Vojtesak**, the hip-hop infused country hit appears on Wallen's blockbuster third studio album *One Thing At A Time*. The project arrived in March as the No. 1 album on the all-genre *Billboard* 200 chart, where it remained for 12 consecutive weeks; the most at the top for a country album in over 30 years.

"Thinkin' Bout Me" currently sits at No. 2 on both the *Billboard* Country Airplay chart and 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

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
WPPL Blue Ridge, GA
WUBB Savannah, GA
KXIA Marshalltown, IA
KIAI Mason City, IA
KTHK Idaho Falls, ID

KKMV Rupert, ID
WOOZ Cartersville, IL
WALS Peru, IL
WAAG Galesburg, IL
WYOT Rochelle, IL
WRTB Rockford, IL
WFMB Springfield, IL
WIFE Connorsville, 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
KPNC Ponca City, 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
WJMQ Shawano, 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 +/-
9	3	1	Thinkin' Bout Me / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	1720/50	5	81
41	2	2	Stars Like Confetti / Dustin Lynch / Broken Bow Records	1688/49	1	16
14	4	3	Save Me The Trouble / Dan + Shay / Warner Music Nashville	1659/57	4	69
13	8	4	White Horse / Chris Stapleton / Mercury Nashville	1589/59	3	51
36	6	5	All I Need Is You / Chris Janson / BMLG/Harpeth 60 Records	1587/54	2	25
22	1	6	Try That In A Small Town / Jason Aldean / Broken Bow	1529/45	-9	-149
23	9	7	Different 'Round Here / Riley Green (feat. Luke Combs) / BMLG	1495/58	1	14
17	5	8	Everything I Love / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	1456/45	-8	-129
29	11	9	Creek Will Rise / Conner Smith / Valory	1437/60	1	12
18	13	10	Save Me / Jelly Roll (with Lainey Wilson) / Stoney Creek	1411/56	16	194
43	12	11	If You Go Down (I'm Goin' Down Too) / Kelsea Ballerini / Black River Entertainment	1237/48	-6	-84
10	15	12	The Painter / Cody Johnson / CoJo Music/Warner Music Nashville	1188/58	9	98
20	14	13	World On Fire / Nate Smith / Sony Music Nashville	1137/51	4	41
34	16	14	Light On In The Kitchen / Ashley McBryde / Warner Music Nashville	1102/47	3	32
25	19	15	Blacktop Don't / BoomTown Saints / 8 Track Entertainment	1025/49	6	58
17	18	16	Mind On You / George Birge / RECORDS	1018/44	2	21
27	17	17	Nobody's Nobody / Brothers Osborne / EMI	995/45	-1	-15
28	21	18	23 / Chayce Beckham / BMG	960/48	7	64
42	20	19	Fearless / Jackson Dean / Big Machine	930/47	0	3
20	22	20	See You Next Summer / Brian Kelley / Big Machine Records	890/46	-1	-5
42	24	21	We Got History / Mitchell Tenpenny / Riser House Records	881/39	8	67
18	25	22	Burn It Down / Parker McCollum / MCA Nashville	873/48	9	73
9	26	23	Cab In A Solo / Scotty McCreery / Triple Tigers Records	857/48	8	63
18	23	24	We Don't Fight Anymore / Carly Pearce feat. Chris Stapleton / Big Machine	854/48	2	19
17	27	25	Wine Country / Hannah Ellis / Curb Records	797/48	3	23
5	29	26	Back Then Right Now / Tyler Hubbard / EMI Nashville	792/48	8	56
14	28	27	Pretty Little Poison / Warren Zeiders / Warner Records	769/46	1	10
4	34	28	I Can Feel It / Kane Brown / Zone 4/RCA Nashville	755/45	20	128
22	31	29	Truck Bed / HARDY / Big Loud Records	736/43	2	14
32	30	30	Buy A Bar / Tim Dugger / Curb Records	725/39	-1	-10
19	32	31	Glory Days / Gabby Barrett / Warner Music Nashville	661/41	-2	-15
12	35	32	I'm Not Pretty / Megan Moroney / Arista Nashville/Columbia Records	625/40	5	31
21	33	33	Out Of That Truck / Carrie Underwood / Capitol Records	612/34	-5	-30
5	36	34	I Remember Everything / Zach Bryan feat. Kacey Musgraves / Warner Records	584/37	3	15
9	38	35	Tucson Too Late / Jordan Davis / MCA Nashville	514/37	8	38
18	37	36	Something Real / Dierks Bentley / Capitol Nashville	509/29	-5	-26
15	39	37	Drinkin' Problems / Dillon Carmichael / Riser House Records	451/29	2	8
2	47	38	Mamaw's House / Thomas Rhett feat. Morgan Wallen / Valory	442/33	47	141
11	40	39	Country Dance / Aaron Goodvin / Warner Music Canada/Sakamoto Music	433/27	10	39



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5	41	40	Young Love & Saturday Nights / Chris Young / RCA	403/26	13	46
10	42	41	Wait Til I'm Gone / Donice Morace / Bad Jeu Jeu Records/CDX Records	384/25	10	34
9	44	42	Last Train To Nowhere / Ghost Hounds / Gibson Records	347/27	4	13
18	43	43	Brokenhearted / Joe Nichols / Quartz Hill Records	328/16	-3	-9
1	90	44	Where The Wild Things Are / Luke Combs / River House Artists/Columbia Nashville	315/20	127	200
14	46	45	Something's Gonna Kill Me / Corey Kent / RCA Nashville	308/19	0	0
5	48	46	New Money / Julianna Rankin / 17th Avenue	293/24	4	10
3	50	47	Can't Break Up Now / Old Dominion / Columbia Nashville	291/24	11	29
14	52	48	Daddy's Home / Ben Calhoun / General Records	278/15	18	42
12	49	49	Outskirts / Sam Hunt / MCA Nashville	276/18	-2	-5
13	45	50	Loser / Mike Ryan / Rock & Soul	267/16	-16	-51
11	55	51	Crooked Road / Mustangs Of The West / KZZ Music/Blue Élan Records	264/16	17	39
7	54	52	Jesus and John Wayne / Alabama feat. The Oak Ridge Boys / Gaither Music Group	256/20	13	29
1	91	53	Under this Ole Hat / Sawyer Brown / Curb Records	255/26	127	147
7	51	54	In Your Love / Tyler Childers / Hickman Holler Records/RCA Records	255/20	2	5
15	58	55	High Lonesome Stranger / CIMARRON 615 / Blue Elan Records/KZZ Music	248/10	14	31
7	56	56	Always You / Trey Lewis / River House Artists	246/22	10	23
7	57	57	Know That By Now / Randy Rogers Band / Tommy Jackson/Thirty Tigers	232/14	5	10
2	79	58	Two Dozen Roses / Shenandoah & Luke Combs / 8 Track Entertainment/ADA	231/21	63	89
6	59	59	Baby I Do / Hurricane Highway / Kick Ass Music	228/17	7	15
3	53	60	Thicc As Thieves / Lauren Alaina / Big Loud Records	225/17	-3	-8
6	62	61	Hush Little Baby / Ashley Ryan / Spinville Entertainment	215/18	11	21
4	64	62	Rough Around The Edges / Exile / Clearwater Records	206/13	7	13
3	61	63	Vertigo / Morgan Myles / KZZ Music/Blue Élan Records	205/18	5	10
34	60	64	We Ride / Bryan Martin / Average Joes Entertainment	199/15	1	2
15	66	65	Giving Up On That / Dalton Dover / Mercury Records	195/13	7	13
2	69	66	I'm In Love / Hailey Whitters / Pigasus/Big Loud Records/S&D	192/18	9	16
13	63	67	Dance With You / Brett Young / BMLG Records	189/14	-3	-5
10	65	68	Hell of a Life / Kylie Frey / Deep Frey'd Music/EWC	186/14	1	1
11	70	69	June in July / Robby Johnson / Nashville Record Company	185/10	5	9
2	72	70	Where It Ends / Bailey Zimmerman / Warner Music Nashville	178/17	9	15
2	80	71	A Man Like You / American Blonde / American Blonde Music	173/13	23	32
5	73	72	Falling Too / Jet Jurgensmeyer / Simba Entertainment	172/15	6	9
3	75	73	You Or The Whiskey / Sydney Hansen / Sydney Hansen Music	168/13	7	11
2	74	74	I Stand For You / Andy Ross / Buck Shot Records	165/7	3	5
4	77	75	He Don't Mind / Waylon Hanel / Waylon Hanel Music	164/11	5	8
1	0	76	Cowboys and Plowboys / Jon Pardi and Luke Bryan / Capitol Nashville	163/15	0	163
1	81	77	Chipping Mill / Turnpike Troubadours / Bossier City Records	160/15	18	24
3	76	78	Everywhere I Go / Kaitlyn Kohler / Kohler Music Group LLC	159/9	1	2
1	84	79	Spirits and Demons / Michael Ray ft. Meghan Patrick / Warner Music Nashville	142/8	15	18
18	71	80	Somebody Else's Whiskey / Frank Ray / Stoney Creek Records	137/10	-17	-29

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Dolly Parton To Perform Halftime Show At Cowboys Thanksgiving Day Game



Dolly Parton will perform in Texas at AT&T Stadium on Thanksgiving Day for The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Kickoff Halftime Show, during the matchup between the Dallas Cowboys and the Washington Commanders.

The Dallas Thanksgiving Day game, airing on CBS, has become the most-watched regular season game of the year, drawing 42 million viewers last year.

Parton will perform her biggest hits as well as songs from her new *Rockstar* album, out Nov. 17. The Thanksgiving Day game marks the official start of one of the longest-running annual fundraisers of its kind that has been a Cowboys tradition for 27 years. The halftime show puts a national spotlight on the need of millions during the holiday season, rallying for donations to The Salvation Army's iconic Red Kettle Campaign, which began in 1891.

"Wow! What an honor to get to kick off The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign with the halftime show during the Dallas Cowboys game this Thanksgiving," Parton shares. "Those Red Kettles have long been a symbol of hope for our friends and neighbors who are facing hard times. My goal is to encourage everyone who can to donate and support their neighbors in need. Every small act of generosity helps, and together, we can all love our neighbors this holiday season and beyond."

"Dolly's contagious energy and positive spirit are just what we need to support The Salvation Army's enormous effort to make this holiday bright for millions of individuals and families in need," adds **Charlotte Jones**, Executive Vice President and Chief Brand Officer for the Dallas Cowboys and former National Advisory Board Chairperson for The Salvation Army. "Dolly's music has a way of inspiring hope, and we're thrilled to have her on our national stage to spotlight the campaign this year."

The Red Kettle Campaign is especially needed now to meet the increasing needs of millions of families living in the U.S. As the nation's largest private provider of social services, The Salvation Army works to provide Christmas gifts, food, shelter and rent and utility assistance to millions of people struggling this holiday season and beyond. Funds raised in 2022 supported services for nearly 24 million people living in America. **MR**

Warner Chappell Music Signs Jenee Fleenor



Pictured (L-R): Russ Farrar (Attorney), Ben Vaughn (WCM), Jenee Fleenor and Spencer Nohe (WCM). Photo: Gina Di Maio

Warner Chappell Music has signed a global publishing deal with record-breaking multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter **Jenee Fleenor**.

As the first-ever woman to be nominated and win Musician of the Year at the 2019 CMA Awards, Fleenor currently reigns as the category's four-time consecutive winner and nabbed her fifth nomination this year. As an in-demand fiddler who has played on countless country hits, she has been honored with two ACM Specialty Instruments Player of the Year awards (2020 and 2023), three MusicRow Top 10 Album All-Star Musician Awards (2019, 2022 and 2023) and the CMA Touring Musician of the Year (2015).

"I am so excited to partner with Warner Chappell! Most people have probably only known me as a session fiddle player and don't realize that I've been a songwriter for a long time as well," shares Fleenor. "It feels so great to have such an amazing team of people supporting my songs, and I can't wait to see what the future holds. Big thanks to **Ben Vaughn** and **Spencer Nohe!**" **MR**

Jonas Entertainment Group Launches Red Van Records, Signs Levi Hummon



Jonas Group Entertainment (JGE) and founder **Kevin Jonas Sr.** have launched Red Van Records. Under the leadership of JGE CEO, **Phil Guerini**, the label will operate out of the JGE offices on Music Row.

The namesake for the label came from the red van that the Jonas family originally toured the country in.

"I can't begin to guess how many hours and miles we logged driving the guys around the country in that van, but it represents the commitment you make to be in the music industry," says Jonas Sr. "We were always building and in motion and that's the philosophy of Red Van Records."

Singer-songwriter and Nashville native **Levi Hummon** is Red Van Records' flagship signing. His debut release for the label, "Paying For It" with **Walker Hayes**, will come out Oct. 27.

"With the values and ideals that are the foundation of Red Van Records, Levi is the perfect artist to launch our label," shares Guerini. "He is so well respected in the music community as a complete artist, and he has been tireless in his pursuit of music and taking it to the fans on the road. It's the unrelenting pace and 'firsts' of the early days that may seem small at the time, but like the red van, they are the start of something truly special."

Label services for Red Van Records will be provided by **Dan Pearson's** Lakeside Entertainment Group. **MR**

DISClaimer Single Reviews: Chris Stapleton's New 'Stately Ballad Is Exquisite'



DISClaimer slows things down today as the country stars concentrate on ballads.

Most of them are romances, paced by Disc of the Day winner **Chris Stapleton**'s heart-warming "It Takes a Woman." In addition, lend your ears to the highly listenable offerings by **Tanner Adell** and **Colbie Caillat**.

Also checking in with a ballad is our DIScovery Award winner, **Roman Alexander**.

This turned out to be a day for comebacks as **Lisa Brokop**, **Shenandoah** and **Carolyn Dawn Johnson** all return to the scene.

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Toby Keith & BMLG Records Team Up For 'Don't Let The Old Man In' Radio Release

Toby Keith and BMLG Records are partnering to release his latest single "Don't Let The Old Man In," which will impact country radio on Oct. 30.

Keith performed the touching ballad last month on the People's Choice Country Awards while being honored with the Country Icon award. The song has jumped to No. 1 on *Billboard's* Country Digital Song Sales chart, landed among the top three on the all-genre chart this week, claimed the top spot on the iTunes Country Songs and Videos charts and was top three in the all-genre charts the week prior.

"Don't Let The Old Man In" was penned in 2018 by Keith following a conversation with **Clint Eastwood** about father time's relentless quest to catch up to us all, and appeared in Eastwood's film *The Mule*. The song has taken on a deeper meaning since Keith has battled cancer,

with Keith telling NBC's *Backstage Live* that he chose that specific song to perform "because I've been going through my cancer fight for the last couple of years and it's really inspiring for a lot of people. And coming back on TV for the first time and performing live in front of a live audience, I thought it was fitting."

"**Scott Borchetta**, **Allison Jones**, **George Briner** and I all had the honor of working with Toby at DreamWorks Records," shares **Jimmy Harnen**, President/CEO, BMLG Records. "After seeing Toby's incredible performance of 'Don't Let The Old Man In' on the **People's Choice Country Awards**, we were so moved, we wanted to be a part of this song in any way possible—we're looking forward to taking it to country radio, DSPs and beyond."

"We are honored to, again, represent Toby Keith and this amazing song and moment. Jimmy, George and I worked 12 of his No.1 hits," says Borchetta, Chairman/CEO, Big Machine Label Group. **MR**



Music Health Alliance Offering Free Open Enrollment Assistance

Music Health Alliance (MHA) is offering free appointments for individuals, groups and seniors across the country to ensure they get the healthcare coverage they need during this year's open enrollment window.

This service is available to any person who has worked in the music industry for three years or more. Spouses, legal domestic partners and dependent family members may also qualify. The Marketplace enrollment period starts Nov. 1 and ends on Jan. 15, and the Medicare enrollment period takes place now until Dec. 7.

During open enrollment, MHA healthcare advocates will meet by phone or Zoom with clients, advising and enrolling members of the music industry and their families in the best healthcare and/or Medicare plans that meet their needs and budget.

Appointments fill up quickly, so clients should book their appointments as soon as possible. In order to have 2024 coverage beginning Jan. 1, the enrollment process must be completed no later than Dec. 15.

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TOP SONGWRITER CHART

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
1	1	Zachary Lane Bryan	Boys Of Faith Deep Satin East Side of Sorrow El Dorado Fear And Friday's Hey Driver Holy Roller I Remember Everything Nine Ball Sarah's Place Smaller Acts Spotless Ticking Tourniquet	Zach Bryan feat. Bon Iver Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan ft. The War And Treaty Zach Bryan ft. Sierra Ferrell Zach Bryan ft. Kacey Musgraves Zach Bryan Zach Bryan feat. Noah Kahan Zach Bryan Zach Bryan ft. The Lumineers Zach Bryan Zach Bryan
2	2	Ashley Gorley	All I Need Is You Everything I Love Girl In Mine God Gave Me A Girl Last Night Save Me The Trouble Thinkin' Bout Me Truck Bed World On Fire Young Love & Saturday Nights	Chris Janson Morgan Wallen Parmalee Russell Dickerson Morgan Wallen Dan + Shay Morgan Wallen Hardy Nate Smith Chris Young
3	3	Tracy Chapman	Fast Car	Luke Combs
4	4	Jason DeFord	Need A Favor Save Me	Jelly Roll Jelly Roll with Lainey Wilson
5	7	Chase McGill	But I Got A Beer In My Hand Creek Will Rise God Gave Me A Girl Mamaw's House	Luke Bryan Conner Smith Russell Dickerson Thomas Rhett feat. Morgan Wallen
6	6	Ryan Vojtesak	Everything I Love Last Night Thinkin' Bout Me	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
7	8	Chayce Beckham	23	Chayce Beckham
8	5	Christopher Anthony Lunsford	Rich Men North Of Richmond	Oliver Anthony Music
9	9	Zach Crowell	God Gave Me A Girl Outskirts Stars Like Confetti	Russell Dickerson Sam Hunt Dustin Lynch
10	10	Jordan Schmidt	Watermelon Moonshine We Got History	Lainey Wilson Mitchell Tenpenny
11	11	Taylor Phillips	Love You Again Thinkin' Bout Me World On Fire	Chase Matthew Morgan Wallen Nate Smith
12	12	David Ray Stevens	Save Me	Jelly Roll with Lainey Wilson
13	14	Chris Stapleton	White Horse	Chris Stapleton
14	15	Dan Wilson	White Horse	Chris Stapleton
15	13	John Byron	Last Night Thinkin' Bout Me	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
16	31	Thomas Rhett	Mamaw's House Stars Like Confetti	Thomas Rhett feat. Morgan Wallen Dustin Lynch
17	16	Kacey Musgraves	I Remember Everything	Zach Bryan ft. Kacey Musgraves
18	33	Matt Dragstrem	But I Got A Beer In My Hand Mamaw's House	Luke Bryan Thomas Rhett feat. Morgan Wallen
19	17	Lainey Wilson	Watermelon Moonshine	Lainey Wilson
20	18	Josh Kear	Watermelon Moonshine	Lainey Wilson

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21	27	Patrick Murphy	Standing Room Only	Tim McGraw
22	28	Tommy Cecil	Standing Room Only	Tim McGraw
23	29	Craig Wiseman	Standing Room Only	Tim McGraw
24	30	Josh Thompson	Stars Like Confetti Young Love & Saturday Nights	Dustin Lynch Chris Young
25	68	Morgan Wallen	Everything I Love Mamaw's House	Morgan Wallen Thomas Rhett feat. Morgan Wallen
26	26	Geoff Warburton	Back Then Right Now But I Got A Beer In My Hand	Tyler Hubbard Luke Bryan
27	22	Kurt Allison	Try That In A Small Town	Jason Aldean
28	23	Tully Kennedy	Try That In A Small Town	Jason Aldean
29	24	Kelley Lovelace	Try That In A Small Town	Jason Aldean
30	25	Neil Thrasher	Try That In A Small Town	Jason Aldean
31	19	Rob Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
32	20	Joe Ragosta	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
33	21	Austin Nivarel	Need A Favor	Jelly Roll
34	32	Michael Hardy	See You Next Summer Truck Bed	Brian Kelley Hardy
35	41	Shane McAnally	If You Go Down (I'm Going Down Too) We Don't Fight Anymore	Kelsea Ballerini Carly Pearce feat. Chris Stapleton
36	42	Warren Zeiders	Pretty Little Poison	Warren Zeiders
37	43	Ryan Beaver	Pretty Little Poison	Warren Zeiders
38	44	Jared Keim	Pretty Little Poison	Warren Zeiders
39	49	Russell Dickerson	God Gave Me A Girl	Russell Dickerson
40	45	Dallas Wilson	Can't Have Mine	Dylan Scott
41	46	Josh Melton	Can't Have Mine	Dylan Scott
42	47	Dylan Scott	Can't Have Mine	Dylan Scott
43	48	Matt Alderman	Can't Have Mine	Dylan Scott
44	54	Taylor Swift	Enchanted (Taylor's Version) I Can See You (Taylor's Version) (From the Vault)	Taylor Swift Taylor Swift
45	34	Bailey Zimmerman	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
46	35	Austin Shawn	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
47	36	Frank Romano	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
48	37	Marty James	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
49	38	Alex Palmer	Religiously	Bailey Zimmerman
50	55	Hillary Lindsey	Burn It Down See You Next Summer	Parker McCollum Brian Kelley
51	56	Ryan Larkins	The Painter	Cody Johnson
52	57	Kat Higgins	The Painter	Cody Johnson
53	58	Benjy Davis	The Painter	Cody Johnson
54	62	Randy Montana	Different 'Round Here	Riley Green ft. Luke Combs
55	63	Riley Green	Different 'Round Here	Riley Green ft. Luke Combs
56	64	Jonathan Singleton	Different 'Round Here	Riley Green ft. Luke Combs
57	65	Julian Bunetta	If You Go Down (I'm Going Down Too)	Kelsea Ballerini
58	66	Kelsea Ballerini	If You Go Down (I'm Going Down Too)	Kelsea Ballerini
59	52	Geno Seale	In Your Love	Tyler Childers
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Single/Track Releases

October 20

Lillian Hepler/Call Me Yours/The Hard Working Record Company

Matt Jordan/Don't Mean/ONErpm

Adam Warner/First Face/ONErpm

October 23

Ian Munsick/Long Live Cowgirls/Warner Music Nashville

HunterGirl/Ain't About You/Wheelhouse Records

Ken Domash/Drink About That/Thunder Mountain Records

Lewis Brice/Product Of

Savannah Dexter & Brabo Gator/Sinner Like Me

Jennifer Mlott/You're My Everything/MC1 Nashville

Album/EP Releases

October 20

Craig Morgan/*Enlisted*/Broken Bow Records

Restless Road/*Last Rodeo*/Sony Music Nashville

Luke Grimes/*Pain Pills Or Pews*/Mercury Nashville/Range Music

Sophia Scott/*Barstool Confessions*/Empire Nashville

Mason Ramsey/*Falls Into Place*/Atlantic Records

James Barker Band/*Ahead Of Our Time*/Records Nashville

Blessing Offor/*Like A Child*/Capitol Christian Music Group

Liddy Clark/*Made Me (Unplugged)*/Crimson Rose Records

Colin Stough/*Promiseland*/19 Recordings/BBR Music Group

Twinnie/*Blue Hour (After Dark)*/IKAW Records

Stephanie Urbina Jones & The Honky Tonk Mariachi/*Manuel's Destiny*/2023 Global Eyes Entertainment, LP/
CasaDel Rio Records

Industry Events

November 7

71st Annual BMI Country Awards

November 8

57th Annual CMA Awards