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Winners Announced For 37th Annual Industry-Voted *MusicRow* Awards



MusicRow Magazine revealed the winners of the 37th annual *MusicRow* Awards on Sept. 3 on its online platforms, including Facebook, Instagram and X.

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The *MusicRow* Awards are Nashville's longest-running music industry trade publication honors and celebrates the achievements of songwriters, artists, producers and more. Winners are voted on by *MusicRow*'s subscribers.

Country superstar **Morgan Wallen** scored big at the 2025 *MusicRow* Awards, claiming both Male Artist of the Year and Entertainer of the Year for a second time.

Industry stalwart **Lainey Wilson** won the trophy for Female Artist of the Year at the 2025 *MusicRow* Awards, her third consecutive win in the category. **Old Dominion** took home the Group/Duo Artist of the Year award for the third year in a row.

All the *MusicRow* Award nominees are profiled in the recently-released *MusicRow* Awards print issue.

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Big Machine Label Group Expands International Team



Pictured (L-R): Flo Myerscough-Harris, Roxanne Gwillam-Kelly, Alex Hannaby, Cary Dal-Lago and Iren Coutiel. Photo: Carsten Windhorst

Big Machine Label Group has elevated four of its staff members in its international division, alongside the addition of one to the team. The all-female team will continue to helm the label's international efforts across key markets, including the UK, Australia and more.

Alex Hannaby has been elevated to VP, International Marketing & Operations, in addition to her role as Head of UK. During her time with the label, Hannaby has played a key role in growing BMLG's international expansion, especially in the UK. She also created and launched the first official country music radio chart in the UK.

Newly appointed Senior International Digital & Commercial Manager **Iren Coutiel** joined the label in 2017 as an intern. In her new role, she will oversee content strategy, influencer marketing, advertising, D2C initiatives and DSPs across all international markets.

Roxanne Gwillam-Kelly has been promoted to International Marketing & Promotions Manager. Over the past four years, she has driven innovative campaigns across the globe. In her new role, she will lead projects in the UK and other countries globally.

Flo Myerscough-Harris has been upped to International Marketing & Promotions Manager. She first joined BMLG in 2021, where she has been overseeing projects in the UK. Her new role will now include more international territories.

BMLG has hired **Cary Dal-Lago** as International Label Intern. **MR**

Anne Rohosy Elevated To Chief Commercial Officer At Gibson



Anne Rohosy. Photo: Courtesy of Gibson

Anne Rohosy has been appointed Chief Commercial Officer of leading global instrument brand Gibson, Inc.

Rohosy has been a key member of Gibson's leadership team since 2021, serving as Chief Human Resources and Impact Officer, as well as Managing Director of the Gibson Amplifiers business. During this time, Rohosy has led organizational transformation, championed culture and people strategy, and guided the revitalization of Gibson's iconic Amplifier division.

In this expanded role as CCO, Rohosy will lead Gibson's global commercial strategy, overseeing wholesale, direct-to-consumer, and retail channels as the company accelerates its growth and brand presence worldwide.

Rohosy has over 30 years of leadership experience across top-tier global brands including Levi Strauss & Co. and Nike to the company, as well as proven expertise in brand building, P&L management, sales and marketing operations, and organizational transformation. She has held President and Executive Vice President roles overseeing multi-billion-dollar businesses, led global market expansions, and driven strategic growth across the Americas and Europe. *MR*



COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

CHART ACTION

New On The Chart—Debuting This Week

song/artist/label-Chart Position

Wish You Wouldn't Go/Ken Domash/Thunder Mountain Records - 74
Drink With You/Brett Young/Nashville Harbor Records &
Entertainment - 79

Good Things/Jason Matthews/Valhalla Music Group - 80

Greatest Spin Increase

song/artist/label-Spin Increase

Back In The Saddle/Luke Combs/Sony Music Nashville - 273
Don't Mind If I Do/Riley Green feat. Ella Langley/Nashville Harbor
Records - 231

6 Months Later/Megan Moroney/Columbia Nashville - 108
All My Exes/Lauren Alaina feat. Chase Matthew/Big Loud Records - 97
Stay Country or Die Tryin'/Blake Shelton/Wheelhouse Records - 94

Most Added

song/artist/label-No. of Adds

Wish You Wouldn't Go/Ken Domash/Thunder Mountain Records - 5 The Dirt/Jenna Paulette/Leo33 - 5

Heaven Passing Through/Turnpike Troubadours/Bossier City/Thirty Tigers - 4

Drink With You/Brett Young/Nashville Harbor Records - 3

We Can Always Move On/Cole Swindell/Warner Music - 3

All My Exes/Lauren Alaina feat. Chase Matthew/Big Loud Records - 3

Don't Mind If I Do/Riley Green feat. Ella Langley/Nashville Harbor

I Don't Know How To Say Goodbye/Dwight Yoakam feat. Post Malone/Via Records - 3

Golden Child/Meghan Patrick/Riser House - 3

Hate How You Look/Josh Ross/Core Entertainment - 3

On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

song/artist/label-No. of Spins

Blue Jean Crazy/Laura Bryna/LTD Entertainment - 140
True Colors/Dugger Band/Dugger Band Music - 128

You Ain't Gotta Be Dead (To Be Dead To Me)/Kaitlin Butts - 127

Coulda Been Love/Braden Hull/Melody Place - 126

Heaven Passing Through/Turnpike Troubadours/Bossier City/Thirty Tigers - 122

NO. 1 SONG



Morgan Wallen tops the the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Radio Chart this week with his track, "I Got Better."

The song comes off of Wallen's recent, fourth studio album *I'm The Problem*, and was written by Wallen, **Michael Hardy, Chase McGill, Blake Pendergrass, Ernest Smith, Charlie Handsome** and **Joe Reeves.**

"I Got Better" currently sits at No. 9 on the *Billboard* Country Airplay chart and No. 8 on the Mediabase chart.



Each songwriter and artist earning No. 1 credit on the *MusicRow* Chart receives a *MusicRow* Challenge Coin. Click <u>here</u> to view a full list of recipients.

MusicRow CountryBreakout Chart Reporting Stations

WHMA Anniston, AL WXFL Florence, AL KDXY Jonesboro, AR KWCK Searcy, AR KRAZ Solvang, CA WCTY Norwich, CT WPPL Blue Ridge, GA WUBB Savannah, GA KXIA Marshalltown, IA KTHK Idaho Falls, ID WOOZ Carterville, IL WALS Peru, IL WAAG Galesburg, IL WYOT Rochelle, IL WRTB Rockford, IL

WFMB Springfield, IL
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WYGB Franklin, IN
KAIR Atchison, KS
WKDZ Cadiz, KY
WULF Elizabethtown, KY
WSIP Paintsville, KY
KRRV Alexandria, LA
KQKI Morgan City, LA
KJLO Monroe, LA
WKPE Hyannis, MA
WTCM Traverse City, MI
KZPK St. Cloud, MN
KFAV Warrenton, MO
WBBN Laurel, MS

WFAY Fayetteville, NC
WKVS Lenoir, NC
KZZY Devils Lake, ND
KYCK Thompson, ND
KRVN Lexington, NE
KFGE Lincoln, NE
WMLL Manchester, NH
KQBA Santa Fe, NM
WDNB Monticello, NY
WPIG Olean, NY
WCJW Warsaw, NY
KITX Hugo, OK
KPNC Ponca City, OK
KWEY Weatherford, OK
KWOX Woodward, OK

KRKT Albany, OR
KRWQ Medford, OR
WNWN Battle Creek, MI
WVNW Lewistown, PA
WCFT Selinsgrove, PA
WVPO Stroudsburg, 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 +/-
11	2	1	I Got Better / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	2264/67	4	81
16	1	2	Bottle Rockets / Scotty McCreery feat. Hootie & the Blowfish / Triple Tigers Records	2242/57	2	42
23	3	3	Heart of Stone / Jelly Roll / BBR Music Group	2043/59	1	19
25	5	4	Happen To Me / Russell Dickerson / Triple Tigers	1960/51	1	18
15	6	5	Somewhere Over Laredo / Lainey Wilson / Broken Bow Records	1918/63	1	11
6	11	6	Back in the Saddle / Luke Combs / Sony Music Nashville	1834/60	17	273
13	7	7	Good Times & Tan Lines / Zach Top / Leo33	1829/68	4	62
24	8	8	Hands Of Time / Eric Church / EMI Music Nashville	1668/57	-1	-22
51	9	9	Heavens To Betsy / Jackson Dean / Big Machine	1651/57	1	18
32	10	10	Good News / Shaboozey / American Dogwood/EMPIRE	1624/44	0	-7
21	12	11	Favorite Country Song / HARDY / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	1537/63	1	14
25	13	12	3,2,1 / Tucker Wetmore / UMG Nashville/Back Blocks Music	1495/59	0	3
23	14	13	House Again / Hudson Westbrook / River House Artists	1451/56	1	11
48	15	14	Friday Night Heartbreaker / Jon Pardi / Capitol Nashville	1442/45	1	15
17	17	15	Stay Country or Die Tryin' / Blake Shelton / Wheelhouse Records	1346/60	8	94
47	16	16	What Kinda Man / Parker McCollum / MCA Nashville	1331/49	2	20
8	19	17	A Song To Sing / Miranda Lambert & Chris Stapleton / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	1272/63	6	71
22	18	18	What He'll Never Have / Dylan Scott / Curb	1247/60	1	16
8	24	19	Don't Mind If I Do / Riley Green feat. Ella Langley / Nashville Harbor Records	1217/55	23	231
32	20	20	Darlin' / Chase Matthew / Warner Music Nashville	1209/46	3	39
41	21	21	Time's Ticking / Justin Moore / Valory	1096/56	4	44
30	22	22	It Won't Be Long / George Birge / RECORDS Nashville	1059/51	4	39
22	23	23	This Side Of The Dirt / Boomtown Saints / 8 Track Entertainment	1022/47	4	35
19	25	24	It Ain't The Whiskey / Jake Worthington / Big Loud Texas/Big Loud	987/52	2	19
31	26	25	I Dare You / Rascal Flatts feat. Jonas Brothers / Big Machine Records	939/42	0	-3
33	27	26	Cowgirl / Parmalee / Stoney Creek Records	858/37	3	28
28	29	27	Wildflowers In Whiskey Bottles / Tyson Leamon / Marshals of The Revolution	857/37	4	35
22	28	28	Til The Last One Dies / Chris Young / Black River Entertainment	856/46	3	27
7	31	29	6 Months Later / Megan Moroney / Columbia Nashville/Columbia Records	832/43	15	108
17	30	30	You Had To Be There / Megan Moroney feat. Kenny Chesney / Sony Music Nashville/Columbia Records	819/43	13	91
18	33	31	Baggage / Kelsea Ballerini / Black River Entertainment	750/44	7	47
19	36	32	The Fall / Cody Johnson / CoJo Music/Warner Music Nashville	717/44	6	42
23	32	33	Paper Umbrellas / Tim McGraw feat. Parker McCollum / Big Machine Records	712/42	1	4
20	35	34	My Crazy / Ashley Ryan / Spinville Entertainment	704/39	4	28
10	38	35	Weak / Preston Cooper / The Valory Music Co.	607/40	9	52
7	39	36	Fireworks / Kelsey Hart / Curb Records	577/40	11	57
4	42	37	All My Exes / Lauren Alaina feat. Chase Matthew / Big Loud Records	551/37	21	97
22	37	38	I Wish You Would / Mackenzie Carpenter feat. Midland / The Valory Music Co.	547/31	-2	-12







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Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
17	40	39	Hide and Go Cheat / Eric Lee Beddingfield / Marshals Of The Revolution	534/31	6	31
16	44	40	The Dirt / Jenna Paulette / Leo33	525/37	17	77
9	41	41	Freedom / Harper Grace & Kelsey Hart / Curb Records	514/36	9	44
21	43	42	Lie A Little / Ashland Craft / Leo33	474/30	6	26
9	45	43	Turn the Night On / Chris Kizzia / CAL Records	448/29	4	16
18	48	44	Me & A Beer / Chris Janson / Harpeth 60 Records	427/27	16	58
8	46	45	The Others / Cody Jinks / Late August Records	426/36	7	28
14	49	46	I Got Mexico / Soul Circus Cowboys feat. Eddy Raven / Kismet Nashville	406/23	10	37
10	47	47	Wrong Hearts / LOCASH / Galaxy Label Group	394/25	6	24
19	51	48	Underneath That Old Cowboy Hat / Herrick / CDX Records	376/19	6	20
27	53	49	Better Me For You (Brown Eyes) / Max McNown / Fugitive Recordings	371/23	9	30
14	50	50	Easy To Love / Dustin Lynch / Broken Bow Records	361/24	-1	-4
14	54	51	Kiss An Angel Good Mornin' / Danielia Cotton / CDX Records	351/18	3	10
25	59	52	Golden Child / Meghan Patrick / Riser House	340/22	19	55
9	55	53	Red / Jet Jurgensmeyer / Simba Entertainment	331/24	-1	-3
10	58	54	Ends of the Earth / Ty Myers / RECORDS Nashville	327/21	11	32
7	61	55	Country See Country Do / Paige King Johnson / Tanglewood Records	315/14	12	33
5	64	56	Making Good Time / Old Dominion / Three Up Three Down, LLC/Columbia Nashville	296/19	13	34
7	57	57	When She Kissed Me / Casey Donahew / Almost Country Records	293/23	-4	-12
9	60	58	Baptized In It / The Haygoods / Legend and Legacy Records	276/18	-2	-7
12	62	59	Country Boy / Randy Cobb / South Sixty Five Entertainment Group	275/21	-1	-3
10	63	60	Slow Go The Days / Tim & The Glory Boys / Sony Music Canada	273/20	3	8
14	56	61	The Byrd / Alex Miller feat. Tracy Byrd / Billy Jam Records	249/18	-22	-72
11	65	62	2 Pair / Kane Brown / RCA Nashville	248/18	-1	-3
19	66	63	I Ain't Coming Back / Morgan Wallen feat. Post Malone / Big Loud/Mercury/Republic	245/10	1	2
6	67	64	You've Seen Heaven / Karly C / Quirky Cowgirl Records	223/18	6	13
4	70	65	Single Of The Year / Maddye Trew / TLG/Virgin/Trew Blue Music	214/19	7	14
2	77	66	Miss You More / Hunter Clark / Frontier Events	212/15	23	39
6	71	67	Tow Truck Driver / Waylon Hanel / Waylon Hanel Music/CDX Records	208/16	6	12
4	74	68	I Don't Know How To Say Goodbye / Dwight Yoakam feat. Post Malone / Via Records	207/15	14	26
3	72	69	Said No Redneck Ever / Aaron Goodvin / New Motor Records/Warner Music Canada	207/15	7	14
4	69	70	Don't Let The Gray Hair Fool Ya / Due West / Unwound Records	206/16	0	-1
3	73	71	Long Live Country / Shane Profitt / Triple Tigers	197/15	5	10
4	68	72	Hard Fought Hallelujah / Brandon Lake feat. Jelly Roll / Lyric Ridge Records/Essential Records	196/12	-5	-11
25	34	73	Boys Growing Up / Ned LeDoux / Powder River Records/30 Tigers	196/14	-72	-494
1	82	74	Wish You Wouldn't Go / Ken Domash / Thunder Mountain Records	194/19	33	48
3	75	75	Trouble I Chase / Kaitlyn Croker / Independent	185/13	3	6
3	76	76	She Gone / Dillon Carmichael / Riser House Records	182/12	3	6
7	78	77	She Loves My Country / Lewis Brice / Pump House Records	175/14	2	3
20	79	78	Not At This Party / Dasha / Warner Records	168/13	6	10
1	88	79	Drink With You / Brett Young / Nashville Harbor Records & Entertainment	151/12	27	32
1	83	80	Good Things / Jason Matthews / Valhalla Music Group	151/12	3	5

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Kacey Musgraves Renews Global Publishing Deal With Warner Chappell Music



Kacey Musgraves

Kacey Musgraves has renewed her publishing deal with Warner Chappell Music.

Musgraves first joined Warner Chappell Music as a staff writer when she was 21. A Golden, Texas native, she began songwriting at eight years old and shortly after learned how to play the mandolin and guitar. She released three self-produced albums in the early 2000s and released her first major-label debut studio album, Same Trailer Different Park in 2013, earning the singer-songwriter her first Best Country Album at the Grammy Awards. Musgraves followed that success and released Pageant Material (2015) and A Very Kacey Christmas (2016) before releasing her groundbreaking album Golden Hour (2018). The album featured the Grammy-winning singles "Space Cowboy" (Best Country Song) and "Butterflies" (Best Country Solo Performance), and made her the third artist to ever win the coveted Album of the Year award at the Grammys, CMAs, and ACM awards.

In 2021, she released *star-crossed*, followed by the 2023 duet with Zach Bryan on the global sensation "I Remember Everything," which debuted atop the *Billboard* Hot 100, marking her first No. 1 on the chart. In 2024, Musgraves won Best Country Duo/Group Performance for the song, earning her the distinction of being the only artist in Grammy history to win in every country category. Her newest album, *Deeper Well* (2024), also became her fifth consecutive No. 1 on the *Billboard* Country Albums chart and features the hit single "The Architect," which won Best Country Song at the 2025 Grammy Awards. *MR*

Peytan Porter Inks With Jody Williams Songs & Sony Music Publishing Nashville

Peytan Porter has inked a global publishing agreement with Jody Williams Songs and Sony Music Publishing Nashville.

"Partnering with Synnovea on this next chapter in Peytan's career was such an obvious choice," shares **Nina Jenkins Fisher**, JWS Vice President/General Manager. "She has an incredible ear and is laser focused. Alongside Rusty, she hypes up her roster like no one else. They see the vision for this next season with Peytan, and we couldn't be more excited."

A genre-blending artist, Porter combines her Appalachian country roots with her passion for songwriting. The Georgia native's breakout *In My Head* has amassed over 10 million streams, and her recently released EP *Grown* featured fan favorites such as "God's Hotel," "Speaking of Georgia" and "Lemonade." She has opened for Tim McGraw and has shared the stage with Willie Nelson, Ian Munsick, Hailey Whitters, Brett Eldredge and Jon Pardi. Across her social media platforms, Porter has grown her platforms with 330k followers across various channels and has 50 million TikTok views. *MR*



Pictured (L-R, back row): Rusty Gaston (CEO, Sony Music Publishing Nashville), Jody Williams (Founder Jody Williams Songs), Tom Luteran (VP, Creative, SMP Nashville), Cam Caldwell (SVP, Business Affairs, SMP Nashville), Taylor Ratkovich (A&R Creative Coordinator, SMP Nashville) and Chelsea Kent (Marketing and Studio Director, SMP Nashville). (L-R, front row): Tenasie Courtright (Creative Director, Jody Williams Songs), Nina Jenkins Fisher (VP/GM, Jody Williams Songs), Peytan Porter and Synnovea Halsel (Manager of Creative A&R, SMP Nashville). Photo: Savannah Spencer

Chandler Walters Signs With The Neal Agency



Pictured (L-R): Ryan Beuschel (GM, The Neal Agency), Haley Teske (Agent, The Neal Agency), Chandler Walters, Adi Sharma (Co-Head, The Neal Agency) and Kiley Donohoe (CEO / Manager, Greenhouse Management). Photo: Devin Flanagan

Chandler Walters has signed with The Neal Agency for booking representation. He will join Josh Ross on his "Later Tonight Tour" at the top of next year, announced today.

"Chandler is an amazingly talented artist with a truly authentic sound, and we couldn't be more thrilled to welcome him to the Neal family," shares The Neal Agency Co-Head **Adi Sharma**.

A Grammy-nominated multi-instrumental singer-songwriter, Walters has had a whirlwind two years. He signed his publishing deal in 2024 with ERN's Cadillac Music, which led to a Grammy, CMA and ACM nomination for his co-write on Post Malone's five-times Platinum, all-genre No. 1 single "I Had Some Help (feat. Morgan Wallen)." He spent the spring and summer on Post Malone's "The BIG ASS Stadium Tour" as an opener, member of Post's band playing pedal steel and host of official after parties dubbed "Walters Western Road Show" in select cities.

Earlier this year, Walters made his artist debut on *Cadillac Sessions* where he released originals "Worth The Trouble" and "Whatever Happened To Us" alongside a cover of Vince Gill's "One More Last Chance." He's working on more new music now. *MR*

Avery Roberson Inks With Sea Gayle Music



Pictured: (L-R, front row): J.D. Groover (Sea Gayle Music) Avery Roberson (Sea Gayle Music) and Chris DuBois (Sea Gayle Music.). (L-R, middle row): Row 2: Brandon Gregg (Sea Gayle Music) Emily Craig (Sea Gayle Music) and Kim Wiggins (Sea Gayle Music). (L-R, back row): LJ Stoll (Big Machine) Davis Forney (Sea Gayle Music) and Carly Strickland (Big Machine)

Avery Roberson has signed a global publishing deal with Sea Gayle Music.

Hailing from Rutherfordton, North Carolina, Roberson blends traditional country storytelling with today's energy. Roberson first gained traction competing on *The Voice*. He also earned a cut on Bailey Zimmerman's *Religiously*.

"From the first time I hung out and heard Avery, I knew there was something special in his voice and writing. He's authentic, hardworking, and driven- all things that make great artists last. He respects tradition while bringing his own fresh perspective. We are so thrilled to be on this journey with him" says **J.D. Groover**, Sr. Creative Director at Sea Gayle Music.

"Some of my favorite songs ever have been written by so many of the writers here at Sea Gayle," adds Roberson. "To now be apart of the family and writing with these guys, it is a full circle moment for me. I couldn't be more grateful for the belief they've shown in me, and I'm ready to get to work and write songs that matter." *MR*

Paul Sizelove On Balancing Legacy & Innovation At Sun Label Group [Interview]



Paul Sizelove

Gaither Music Group has been a cornerstone of gospel and inspirational music for decades. Founded by **Bill** and **Gloria Gaither**—who together wrote more than 700 songs and were named ASCAP Songwriters of the Century—the company became known for its Homecoming series and the Gaither Vocal Band. Its catalog spans hundreds of video and audio projects, with collaborations ranging from gospel pioneers to country mainstays, and its concerts and television specials have reached audiences around the world. The Gaither Vocal Band alone has earned multiple Grammy Awards and Dove Awards and was inducted into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 2014.

Paul Sizelove's first steps onto the Gaither Music campus came with humble beginnings. As a teenager, he mowed lawns. Later, he packed boxes in the warehouse, shipping CDs and DVDs as the Homecoming series took off. "I joke there hasn't been a job in our company that I haven't done," Sizelove tells *MusicRow*.

More than three decades later, Sizelove is president of Sun Label Group, overseeing an umbrella of heritage labels including Sun Records, Gaither Music, Green Hill, Rural Rhythm and Emerald Wave. His rise reflects his philosophy of leadership: gratitude, teamwork and a long view of growth.

That emphasis on culture is essential when managing labels with more than 160 combined years of history. Each catalog, whether the gospel roots of Gaither or the rock 'n' roll foundation of Sun, carries its own identity. "At the end of the day, the common theme is that these are legacy labels," Sizelove says. "They're classic catalogs."

Founded in 1952 by **Sam Phillips**, Sun Records launched the careers of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and others who defined rock 'n' roll. After relocating to Nashville in 1969, the label continued with artists like Jeannie C. Riley, The Dixie Cups and Linda Martell. By the time Sizelove's team acquired it, Sun was largely a licensing house. He pushed to make it "an album-facing label" again.

Central to Sizelove's approach is building community around each label and its artists. "We build communities with [each label]," he explains. "We have followers of Sun Records, Gaither Records, Green Hill, Rural Rhythm, that want to hear the music—both the catalog and the new releases from each one. It's a backwards, non-traditional way of moving music now." This philosophy extends across YouTube, television and live events, creating spaces where both legacy artists and new performers can reach audiences they might not otherwise encounter. It's a model that emphasizes shared experience and long-term engagement rather than chasing fleeting chart success.

That philosophy shows up in recent projects. Sun Label Group was "honored to produce" **Jimmy Buffett**'s final project, and **The SteelDrivers** recently signed with Sun Records. The group initially recorded a Christian project with Gaither Records, then returned to their roots in bluegrass and Americana with a project released on Sun. These releases, alongside catalog and contemporary projects, exemplify Sizelove's strategy of honoring legacy while expanding artist reach and audience engagement.

Instead of chasing Top 40 radio or formula-driven formats, Sizelove extends this community-driven ideology into every aspect of the labels, including media presence. Gaither's YouTube channel, for instance, functions more like an inspirational variety show than a single-artist page, featuring performances from Bill Gaither alongside names like Reba McEntire, Alan Jackson, The Isaacs and more. "We put out almost a new piece of content every day," Sizelove says. "It's continual content, and people keep coming back because of the variety."

That same philosophy drives Sizelove's television partnerships with networks like PBS, TBN and others, where Gaither specials and concert productions introduce artists to millions of households.



Paul Sizelove, President of Sun Label Group, speaks at launch party in 2024. Photo: Donny Evans

For Sizelove, who grew up living with the company culture he now aims to build, the lessons came early. He credits a formative experience with his first boss, who thanked him every day after work. "I've never forgotten that," Sizelove recalls. That appreciation is something he passes along to the members of his own teams now.

He also points to mentors who invested in him along the way. "I am here today because people have invested in me," he says. "I've been fortunate that people in this town like **Steve Moore**, **Bill Carter** and **Barry Jennings**, have taken me under their wing when they didn't have to. I'm a product of good mentoring."

For Sizelove, growth isn't just about numbers. It's about building a culture where legacy and innovation coexist, and where gratitude still matters. "I've seen the company when it was amazing and when it struggled," he says. "Growth isn't easy, but we all just have to make sure we are going in the same direction." **MR**



DISClaimer Single Reviews: Two Duets Share Disc Of The Day



We're all over the musical map today in DISClaimer.

For your listening pleasure we have jazzy cabaret with Lisa Stewart, bluegrass message music via The Grascals/Dolly Parton collaboration, country rock from Karley Scott Collins, a folkie outing from the late John Prine, Latin romance with a Carin León & Kacey Musgraves duet, Jake Worthington's hardcore honky-tonk and whatever-he-is Americana legend Todd Snider.

The Disc of the Day is a tie between two duets—

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Kane Brown Celebrates No. 1 'Backseat Driver' On BMI Rooftop

NSAI Elevates Three, Adds Two Team Members

Robby Johnson Inks With Symphonic, Drops New Single 'You Pick The Flowers'

Ryman Auditorium's Free Sidewalk Sessions Series Returns Sept. 8

SESAC Announces Date For 2025 Nashville Music Awards

<u>Thelma & James' Debut Project 'Starting Over' To Drop Sept. 19</u>

Weekly Register: BigXThaPlug Joins Top 5

<u>Willie Nelson Tips His Hat To Haggard On 'Workin' Man:</u> <u>Willie Sings Merle'</u>



TOP SONGWRITER CHART

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
1	1	Ryan Vojtesak	Don't We Eyes Are Closed Hell At Night Holy Water I Ain't Comin' Back I Got Better I'm The Problem Just In Case Kiss Her In Front Of You Miami Superman TN What I Want	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen BigXthaPlug (feat. Ella Langley) Marshmello & Jelly Roll Morgan Wallen (feat. Post Malone) Morgan Wallen
2	3	Morgan Wallen	Don't We Eyes Are Closed I Ain't Comin' Back I Got Better I'm The Problem Just In Case Miami Superman TN What I Want	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. Post Malone) Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
3	2	Blake Pendergrass	20 Cigarettes Brunette Don't We Eyes Are Closed Heart Of Stone I Got Better Just In Case Miami Superman	Morgan Wallen Tucker Wetmore Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Jelly Roll Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
4	4	Chase McGill	20 Cigarettes Brunette Happen To Me I Got Better It Won't Be Long Miami Straight Line TN	Morgan Wallen Tucker Wetmore Russell Dickerson Morgan Wallen George Birge Morgan Wallen Keith Urban Morgan Wallen
5	5	John Byron	After All The Bars Are Closed Don't We Eyes Are Closed Just In Case Kiss Her In Front Of You Superman TN What I Want	Thomas Rhett Morgan Wallen
6	6	Ernest Keith Smith	I Ain't Comin' Back I Got Better I'm The Problem Just In Case Miami	Morgan Wallen (feat. Post Malone) Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
7	7	Neil Medley	Country Song Came On House Again	Luke Bryan Hudson Westbrook
8	8	Dan Alley	Country Song Came On House Again	Luke Bryan Hudson Westbrook
9	9	Jacob Kasher	After All The Bars Are Closed Just In Case What I Want	Thomas Rhett Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. Tate McRae

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10	11	Ben Johnson	All The Way Bar None Not At This Party	BigXthaPlug (feat. Bailey Zimmerman) Jordan Davis Dasha
11	10	Josh Miller	20 Cigarettes 3,2,1 Brunette Friday Night Heartbreaker	Morgan Wallen Tucker Wetmore Tucker Wetmore Jon Pardi
12	12	Tucker Beathard	Backup Plan Need To	Bailey Zimmerman (feat. Luke Combs) Gavin Adcock
13	14	Michael Hardy	Favorite Country Song I Ain't Comin' Back I Got Better Miami	Hardy Morgan Wallen (feat. Post Malone) Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen
14	17	Jason DeFord	Amen Hard Fought Hallelujah Heart Of Stone Holy Water	Shaboozey & Jelly Roll Brandon Lake & Jelly Roll Jelly Roll Marshmello & Jelly Roll
15	15	Jonathan Sherwood	Backup Plan	Bailey Zimmerman (feat. Luke Combs)
16	16	Jimi Bell	Backup Plan	Bailey Zimmerman (feat. Luke Combs)
17	13	Chris LaCorte	20 Cigarettes Brunette Happen To Me	Morgan Wallen Tucker Wetmore Russell Dickerson
18	18	Jessie Jo Dillon	Baggage Friday Night Heartbreaker Happen To Me	Kelsea Ballerini Jon Pardi Russell Dickerson
19	22	Riley Green	Don't Mind If I Do	Riley Green (feat. Ella Langley)
20	27	Hunter Phelps	Bar None	Jordan Davis
21	28	Lydia Vaughan	Bar None	Jordan Davis
22	20	Scooter Carusoe	Hands Of Time	Eric Church
23	21	Eric Church	Hands Of Time	Eric Church
24	23	Dan Isbell	Back In The Saddle	Luke Combs
25	24	Luke Combs	Back In The Saddle	Luke Combs
26	25	Jonathan Singleton	Back In The Saddle	Luke Combs
27	26	Ryan Beaver	Country Song Came On	Luke Bryan
28	30	Hudson Westbrook	House Again	Hudson Westbrook
29	36	Tyler Childers	Bitin' List	Tyler Childers
30	31	Joe Reeves	I Got Better What I Want	Morgan Wallen Morgan Wallen (feat. Tate McRae)
31	35	Jaxson Free	2 Pair After All The Bars Are Closed Kiss Her In Front Of You	Kane Brown Thomas Rhett Morgan Wallen
32	37	Megan Moroney	6 Months Later You Had To Be There	Megan Moroney Megan Moroney (feat. Kenny Chesney)
33	38	Ben Williams	6 Months Later You Had To Be There	Megan Moroney Megan Moroney (feat. Kenny Chesney)
34	43	Jeremy Spillman	What Kinda Man	Parker McCollum
35	44	Parker McCollum	What Kinda Man	Parker McCollum
36	45	Natalie Hemby	What Kinda Man	Parker McCollum
37	32	Collins Obinna Chibueze	Amen Good News	Shaboozey & Jelly Roll Shaboozey
38	33	Sean Cook	Amen Good News	Shaboozey & Jelly Roll Shaboozey
39	34	Nevin Sastry	Amen Good News	Shaboozey & Jelly Roll Shaboozey
40	39	Julian Bunetta	After All The Bars Are Closed	Thomas Rhett
41	40	Thomas Rhett	After All The Bars Are Closed	Thomas Rhett
42	49	Trannie Anderson	It Won't Be Long Somewhere Over Laredo	George Birge Lainey Wilson



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43	46	Russell Dickerson	Happen To Me	Russell Dickerson
44	47	Robert Hazard	Happen To Me	Russell Dickerson
45	19	Ashley Gorley	Don't We Favorite Country Song Kiss Her In Front Of You Me & A Beer Not At This Party Park TN	Morgan Wallen Hardy Morgan Wallen Chris Janson Dasha Tyler Hubbard Morgan Wallen
46	50	Zach Crowell	Heart Of Stone	Jelly Roll
47	51	Shy Carter	Heart Of Stone	Jelly Roll
48	80	Ty Myers	Ends Of The Earth	Ty Myers
49	41	Carson Chamberlain	Good Times & Tan Lines	Zach Top
50	42	Zach Top	Good Times & Tan Lines	Zach Top
51	56	Wyatt McCubbin	Good Times & Tan Lines	Zach Top
52	55	Chris Tompkins	Dark Til Daylight Friday Night Heartbreaker	Morgan Wallen Jon Pardi
53	52	Michael Pollack	Good News	Shaboozey
54	53	Jake Torrey	Good News	Shaboozey
55	54	Sam Romans	Good News	Shaboozey
56	57	Jeremy Stover	The Fall Time's Ticking	Cody Johnson Justin Moore & Dierks Bentley
57	59	David Mescon	6 Months Later	Megan Moroney
58	60	Rob Hatch	6 Months Later	Megan Moroney
59	29	Zachary Lane Bryan	Bowery Madeline	Zach Bryan (feat. Kings of Leon) Zach Bryan (feat. Gabriella Rose)
60	74	Dallas Wilson	Same Moon Somewhere Over Laredo	Mitchell Tenpenny Lainey Wilson

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Single/Track Releases And Radio Add Dates

September 5

Waylon Wyatt/Wishbone/Music Soup/Darkroom Records

NEEDTOBREATHE (feat. The Red Clay Strays)/Momma Loves Me/MCA

Emily Ann Roberts/Jack & Jill Daniels/RECORDS/Sony Music Nashville

Elijah Scott/Somethin' Bout You/Alamo Records/Santa Anna

Annie Bosko/Honky Tonk Heartbeat/QHMG/Stone Country Records

Ashley Ryan/Fire in the Sky

Runaway June/Real Good Night/QHMG/Quartz Hill Records

Jake & Shelby/Fragile/EMPIRE

Kenny Sharp/Amy

Aaron McBee/Numb

Jacquie Roar/Other Side

John Kailian/It Won't Be Long/Alamo Records/Santa Anna

Chris Andreucci/Break Down

Jaxson Free/Get Go/Goat Island

Lakelin Lemmings/Parking Lot/QHMG/Stone Country Records

Jenny Tolman/Maybe Next Month

Waylon Hanel/Red Bricks

Cole Terry/Virginia/Alamo Records/Santa Anna

September 8

Josh Ross/Hate How You Look/Mercury Nashville/Universal Music Canada

Eden Delia/Dreamcatcher/James Lugo Music/Eden Delia Records

Album/EP Releases

September 5

Jonah Kagen/Sunflowers and Leather/Arista Records

The 502s/Easy Street/Big Loud Records

Graham Barham/WHISKEY RAIN/Sony Music Nashville

Jonas Conner/Chattanooga Tapes

Belles/Belles/East Music Row Records

Grant-Lee Phillips/In The Hour Of Dust/Yep Roc Records

Daniel Jeffers/Not Yet The E.P.

Robbie Fulks/Now Then/Compass Records

TracieLynn/Doing Fine

Mike Reid & Joe Henry/Life & Time/Work Song/Thirty Tigers

Hannah Delynn/Trust Fall

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Industry Events

September 8

Nominees Announced for the 59th Annual CMA Awards

September 9-13

Americanafest

September 10

Americana Honors & Awards

Upcoming Nashville Concerts

September 5

The Brian Jamestown Massacre/The Basement East

AJ Ghent/City Winery

Nickname JOS/Buckshot Release Show/Cannery Hall (Row One Stage)

September 6

Nine Inch Nails/Peel It Back Tour/Bridgestone Arena

K CAMP/Kiss6 Tour/Skydeck

Rio Da Yung OG/Welcome Home Tour/Cannery Hall (Main Stage)

Kolby Cooper/Love You, Goodnight Tour/The Basement East

DRAM/EXIT/IN

Corey Smith/Suburban Drawl Tour/City Winery

Kati Pruitt/Time Wasn't Wasted Tour/The Blue Room

September 7

Jeff Goldblum & The Mildred Snitzer Orchestra/Ryman Auditorium

Durand Bernarr/You Still Gon' Grow, Too! Tour/Brooklyn Bowl

Godspeed You! Black Emperor/The Basement East

Saving Abel/Keep Swinging Tour/EXIT/IN

Quintron and Miss Pussycat/30th Anniversary Tour/The Blue Room

September 8

Eric Calpton/Bridgestone Arena

Kenny G/Ryman Auditorium

September 9

Benson Boone/American Heart Tour/Bridgestone Arena

Dwight Yoakam/The Cosmic Roundup & Rodeo Tour/Ascend Amphitheater

Chevelle/The Pinnacle

Superheaven/Brooklyn Bowl

Geordie Greep/The Basement East

Frankie Cosmos/The Blue Room

Garbage/Happy Endings Tour/The Pinnacle