

2015

# **Brand Overview**

BILLBOARD HAS EVOLVED INTO ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC, WIDELY VISITED MUSIC DESTINATIONS. ITS SIGNATURE ASSET, THE BILLBOARD CHARTS, REMAINS THE FINAL WORD ON SUCCESS IN MUSIC. ITS RELEVANCE IS GREATER THAN EVER DUE TO NEW TECHNOLOGY AND PARTNERSHIPS.



# **Digital**

15.2MM WORLDWIDE UNIQUES

**37** AVERAGE AGE **\$96K** AVERAGE HHI

**43**% MALE **57**% FEMALE

The go-to source for everything music—read by fans and music industry insiders.

# **Mobile**

6.7MM UNIQUE VISITORS

Website and chart experience optimized for mobile devices so music fans can stay up-to-date wherever they are.

# **Social**

OVER 12.9MM FOLLOWERS

A truly engaged social following connects with music lovers everywhere.

# **Print**

17K CIRCULATION 115K TOTAL AUDIENCE

47 AVERAGE AGE \$212K AVERAGE HHI

**77**% MALE **23**% FEMALE

Billboard's weekly magazine is read by the most powerful people in music.

### **Events**

20+ EVENTS

Truly exclusive events targeting industry insiders and the musicloving masses.

### 2015

# Online Audience

**THE GO-TO SOURCE** FOR MUSIC CHARTS, NEWS AND ORIGINAL VIDEO FOR FANS & INDUSTRY ALIKE.









# Billboard.com users over-index when it comes to entertainment:

PURCHASED CONCERT TICKETS (LAST 6 MONTHS) 233
PROVIDES FREQUENT MUSIC ADVICE 163
PURCHASED DIGITAL MUSIC (LAST 30 DAYS) 222
WENT TO A LIVE CONCERT (LAST 30 DAYS) 145
CONSIDERED HEAVY SPENDERS ON MUSIC PURCHASED ONLINE (LAST 6 MONTHS) 444

# **Billboard Charts**

THE DEFINITIVE MUSIC RANKING AND MEASURE OF SUCCESS IN MUSIC.



The Billboard charts **define the best in music across every genre**. Not only are they the most recognized, quoted and respected music rankings in the world, they've evolved as a tool for music sharing and discovery.

## **Billboard's Top Charts**

#### HOT 100

Relaunched Q4 2014 - improved user experience including mobile optimization and audio playback capabilities

#### **BILLBOARD 200**

Now includes data on streams from services like Spotify

#### **TRENDING 140**

A first of its kind partnership with Twitter, this chart measures social music activity in real-time

### **Other Charts Include**

ARTIST 100

POP R&B/HIP-HOP

COUNTRY

ROCK

LATIN

...AND MANY MORE

# Billboard.com Site Sections

**DYNAMIC SITE SECTIONS** FROM CHARTS AND VIDEOS, TO NEWS, BUSINESS AND MORE.



## **Charts**

The online home of Billboard's famous charts – Interactive, playable and up-to-date



# **Channels by Genre**

The latest updates, news and reviews all in a single genre specific channel



## **Videos**

Original video including exclusive Q&A's with artists, performances and more



### Billboard.biz

Breaking news and updates for the industry audience



### Lists

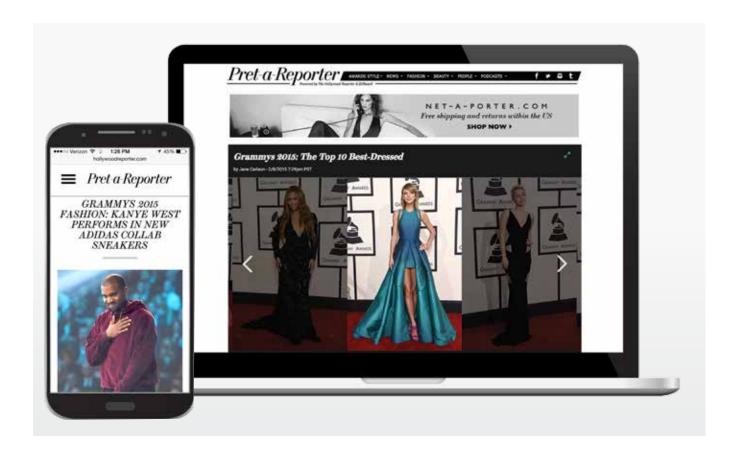
The best editor compilations – from the 50 best love songs to definitive artist album rankings.

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# Pret-a-Reporter

### WHERE ENTERTAINMENT AND STYLE MEET,

POWERED BY BILLBOARD AND THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER.



Pret-a-Reporter's editorial team—led by Digital Style Director, Erin Weinger—delivers exclusive style content through the lens of entertainment. The style team reports on fashion news, beauty updates, red carpet coverage and more.

Signature content franchises include:



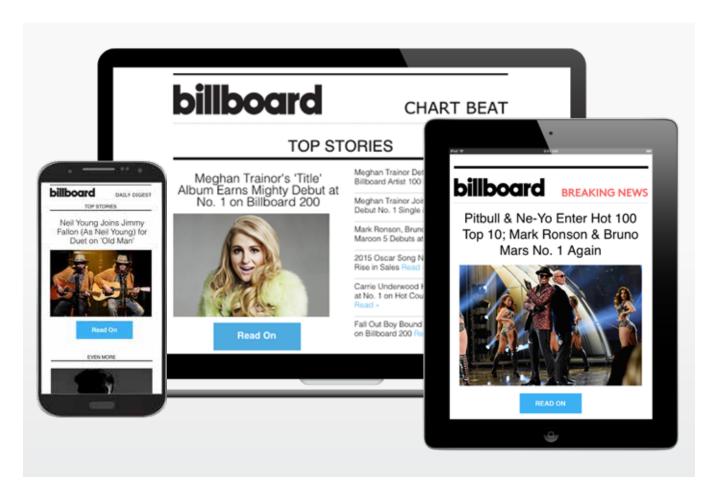
# Social

BILLBOARD HAS CULTIVATED AN **ENGAGED AND ACTIVE SOCIAL FOLLOWING OF OVER 12 MILLION FANS**— WHO CONSTANTLY INTERACT WITH THE BRAND ON MULTIPLE CHANNELS.

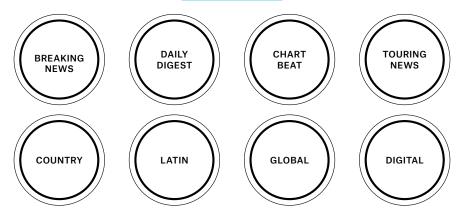


# **Newsletters**

BILLBOARD DELIVERS MUSIC INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO THE INBOX OF FANS AND INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES WITH EMAIL UPDATES.



### **Newsletters**



# A Branded Content Powerhouse

INTRODUCING **ADAPT STUDIOS**, A BRAND ACCESS LAB FOR PREMIUM MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT CONTENT.



Adapt Studios creates premium branded content for strategic advertising partners, capitalizing on access to premium content creators.

Whether it's in our state-of-the-art production studio, on location at major music festivals, or behind the scenes with the world's most sought-after talent, Adapt Studios produces a variety of content that seamlessly weaves brands into entertainment's most engaging stories.

**Content categories include:** 

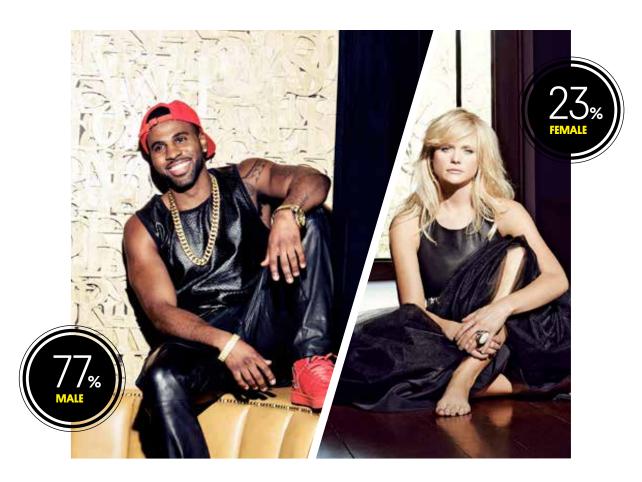


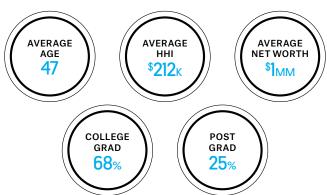




# Magazine Audience

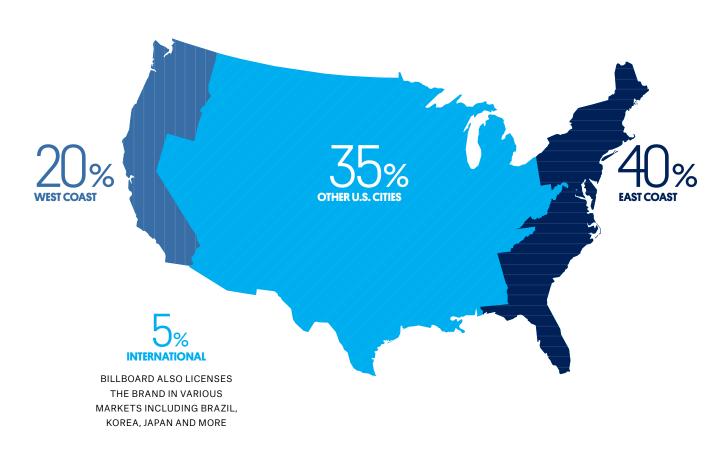
BILLBOARD MAGAZINE HAS BEEN RE-MADE TO BE THE **SINGLE ESSENTIAL READ** FOR THE POWER PLAYERS WHO RUN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THE HEADS OF RECORD LABELS, PRODUCERS, PROMOTERS, AGENTS, MANAGERS, MUSIC PUBLISHERS AND ARTISTS





# Magazine Circulation

BILLBOARD MAGAZINE PUBLISHES OVER 40 ISSUES A YEAR REACHING THE MUSIC INDUSTRY'S TOP EXECUTIVES, MANAGERS AND INFLUENCERS IN MAJOR METRO AREAS AROUND THE COUNTRY.





43% OF BILLBOARD PRINT READERS ALSO VISIT BILLBOARD.COM ONCE A WEEK OR MORE 71% OF BILLBOARD READERS SPEND 30 MIN+ PER WEEK ACROSS ALL BILLBOARD PLATFORMS 49% OF READERS HAVE SENIOR/UPPER MANAGEMENT JOB TITLES 63% OF READERS ARE BUSINESS PURCHASE DECISION MAKERS

# Magazine Content

**THE MAGAZINE STARTS WITH THE HOT 100** – THE MOST POPULAR CHART – AND EXTENDS THROUGH THE WEEK'S MOST IMPORTANT NEWS, REVIEWS AND HAPPENINGS.



## **Hot 100**

The first page of the magazine highlights the top 10, then leads into the rest of the chart



# **Topline**

A look at the week's headlines and happenings, including:

- + SOUNDS OF HOLLYWOOD THE BUSINESS OF MUSIC IN TV & FILM
- + CORNER OFFICE
- + NOTED
- \* 7 DAYS ON THE SCENE: CONCERTS, AWARDS SHOWS, PREMIERES AND FESTIVALS



# The Beat

The pulse of music right now, including:

- + BOOKMARKED BOOKS FROM THE MUSIC SCENE
- + OVERHEARD
  INDUSTRY GOSSIP
- + HEAR SAY A LOOK AT WHO'S SAYING WHAT IN MUSIC



# **Style**

The gear, looks and trends from the scene



### **Features**

Exclusive interviews and profiles, featuring beautiful original photography

# Magazine Content



## **Reviews**

New albums, singles, soundtracks and more



# Backstage Pass

An in-depth look behind-thescenes at the biggest events, concerts and festivals



# Charts

The week's updated charts including debuts, changes and liner notes



## **CODA**

A look back at this week on the charts in previous years



# iPad App

The iPad edition is an addictive, clickable, gorgeous and innovative app that delivers the weekly magazine in full, with all sorts of fun extras in the form of photos, videos and a breaking news feed powered by Billboard.com

# **Editors**



# Janice Min Co-President/Chief Creative Officer, Entertainment Group

Min joined *Billboard* in January 2014 and spearheaded the redesign of the print magazine, after leading the transformation of *THR*. She most recently earned an ASME award for General Excellence for *THR* and multiple min nominations. She's earned a 2012 NEJ Luminary Award and 2011 Game Changers in Media nod from *The Huffington Post*. As editor-in-chief of *US Weekly*, she was named one of the *Post*'s Most Powerful Women in New York (2007) and one of *Crain*'s 40 Under 40 (2006).

Photo credit: Austin Hargrave

Photo credit: Joe Pugliese

Mike Bruno
SVP, Digital
Content
Bruno joined

Billboard in 2014.
As part of his role,
he directs all digital

editorial programming, content and social media platforms. Previous experience includes seven years at *Entertainment Weekly*.



**Tony Gervino Editor-in-Chief**Gervino joined

Billboard in 2014 and oversees all print content. He was previously

Executive Editor of Hearst Magazines International, where he oversaw the editorial direction of Esquire, Cosmopolitan, Car and Driver and Robb Report.

Additionally, Gervino served as a contributing editor to The New York Times Magazine, and was the editor of two cult-favorite publications: Slam (basketball) and Antenna, a men's fashion and lifestyle magazine.

### Silvio Pietroluongo

#### **VP, Charts & Data Development**

Pietroluongo has run the charts since 1990. He is responsible for all chart data and editorial analysis, as well as chart initiatives, for the print magazine and its companion websites. Pietroluongo has evolved the charts to measure digital and streaming data, as well as helped launched technology partnerships such as the Twitter Real-Time streaming charts.

# Isabel Gonzalez-Whitaker

#### **Deputy Editor**

Joined *Billboard* as the Deputy Editor in June of 2014. Whitaker was formerly features editor at *InStyle* and her writing has appeared in numerous publications including *The New York Times* and *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. She was previously the editor-in-chief of *Tu Vida/Your Life* magazine, and also held positions at *Teen People* and *Atlanta CityMag*.

#### **Matt Belloni**

#### **Executive Editor**

Belloni joined *Billboard* in early 2014. He oversees the news operation in print and online for both *Billboard* and *THR*. He has been with *THR* since 2006 when he joined to write for *THR*'s Hollywood, Esq. blog.

### Shirley Halperin

#### **News Director**

Joined *Billboard* in early 2014. Halperin has covered music for *THR* since 2010 and previously covered music for *Entertainment Weekly*. Prior to that, she wrote about *American Idol* full-time for the *Los Angeles Times* while also contributing to *Rolling Stone*. She is the author of three books.

#### Tye Comer

#### **Senior Director, Adapt Studios**

Comer has been with *Billboard* since 2008, starting as the Editor of *Billboard*. com. In his current role, Comer specializes in editorial and branded content experiences. Previous to *Billboard*, he was the Senior Editorial/ Programming Director with AOL Music, Managing Editor of *Mixer Magazine*, and an Associate Editor for the *CMJ New Music Report*.

#### Tasha Green

#### **Fashion Editor**

Joined *Billboard* as Fashion Editor in March 2014. Green previously served as men's style editor at *The Wall Street Journal*, where she also contributed to the *Wall Street Journal Magazine*. Prior to that, she was fashions news editor at *Departures* magazine and worked at *Men's Vogue*.

# **Photographers**



Joe Pugliese Photographed for Billboard: Jennifer Lopez, Shakira, Tom Petty, Mick Jagger, Andre 3000, Dolly Parton



Austin
Hargrave
Photographed for
Billboard: Lorde,
Beck, Ariana Grande,
Lady Antebellum,
Florida Georgia Line,
Trent Reznor,
Kenny Chesney



Ramona Rosales Photographed for Billboard: Diplo, Jason Derulo, Daddy Yankee



Meredith Jenks
Photographed for
Billboard: Wiz
Khalifa, Conor Oberst,
Afrojack, Nick Kroll,
Michael Che, Domino
Kirke, Lolawolf



Jessica Chou Photographed for Billboard: Steve Aoki, 2PM, Chief Keef, Jhene Aiko



Miller Mobley Photographed for Billboard: Iggy Azaela, Jennifer Hudson, Idina Menzel, J Balvin, Usher, Nick Jonas, Taylor Swift

# Brand of Record

"...the 'bible' as it is known within the music industry..."

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, 3/2012

"Billboard, the music industry's longtime standard-bearer, gets right to the heart of the matter."
NEW YORK POST, 2/2015

"Billboard has been the music industry's steadfast trade paper for decades, outlasting all rivals and setting the terms for success through its still closely watched charts."

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 1/2014



"The concept of newsstand sales as the driver for the cover design is no longer valid; the most effective covers work as images on Twitter, iPads, Facebook, etc. And the new Billboard logo, its very modern and distinctive design along with its photography are perfectly suited for this new cover paradigm."

FOLIO, 4/2014



"...the Billboard 200, which, since 1956 has functioned as the music world's weekly scorecard...the new chart will more accurately reflect how people listen to music these days."

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 11/2014

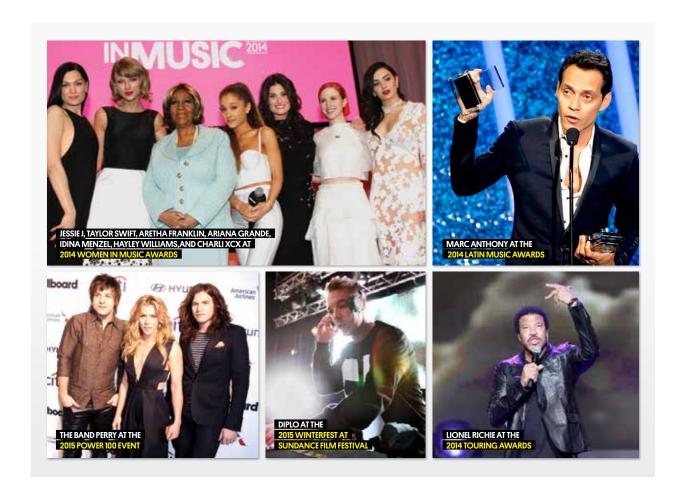
Billboard.com was selected as a finalist for six Min Best of Web & Digital Awards, including Overall Editorial Excellence, Online Community/Social Networking and Use of Social Media for the Trending 140 Chart.



# Editorial Calendar

ISSUE	COVER DATE	ON-SALE	AD CLOSE	MATERIALS DUE
GRAMMY VOTERS GUIDE	1/3	12/27	12/12	12/15
2015 PREVIEW	1/17	1/10	1/2	1/3
SUPER BOWL PREVIEW	1/24	1/17	1/9	1/12
GRAMMY PREVIEW	2/7	1/31	1/23	1/26
BILLBOARD POWER 100	2/14	2/7	1/29	1/30
GRAMMY WRAP-UP	2/21	2/14	2/6	2/9
MONEY MAKERS	2/28	2/21	2/12	2/13
SOCIAL MEDIA STARS	3/14	3/7	2/27	3/2
ULTRA MUSIC PREVIEW	3/21	3/14	3/6	3/9
COACHELLA PREVIEW / SXSW WRAP-UP	4/4	3/28	3/20	3/23
MIND & BODY	4/11	4/4	3/27	3/30
TBD	4/18	4/11	4/3	4/6
LATIN MUSIC CONFERENCE & AWARDS	5/2	4/25	4/17	4/20
TOP 40 MUSIC MONEYMAKERS	5/9	5/2	4/24	4/27
BBMA PREVIEW	5/16	5/9	5/1	5/4
SUMMER TOURING PREVIEW	5/23	5/16	5/8	5/11
BBMA WRAP-UP	5/30	5/23	5/15	5/18
WHAT I LEARNED FROM MY DAD	6/13	6/6	5/29	6/1
EDM POWER LILSISTT / E3 PREVIEW	6/20	6/13	6/5	6/8
WHATIEARN	6/27	6/20	6/12	6/15
BEST OF ALL TIME	7/4	6/27	6/19	6/22
PHILANTHROPY ISSUE	7/25	7/18	7/10	7/13
MIND & BODY / INNOVATOR'S LIST	8/1	7/25	7/17	7/20
BROTHERS & SISTERS / MID-YEAR CHARTS	8/8	8/1	7/24	7/27
HIP-HOP POWER ISSUE / LOLLAPALOOZA PHOTO BOOTH	8/15	8/8	7/31	8/3
SONGS OF SUMMER / THE MOST STYLISH MEN IN MUSIC	8/29	8/22	8/14	8/17
FALL PREVIEW	9/5	8/29	8/21	8/24
40 UNDER 40 / NY FASHION WEEK	9/19	9/12	9/3	9/4
FOOD & DRINK	9/26	9/19	9/11	9/14
VIDEO GAME ISSUE	10/3	9/26	9/18	9/21
INDUSTRY LEGENDS	10/17	10/10	10/2	10/5
GRAMMY PHASE 1	10/24	10/17	10/9	10/12
DESIGNERS & MUSES	10/31	10/24	10/16	10/19
BUSINESS MANAGERS LIST	11/7	10/31	10/23	10/26
FILM & TV MUSIC CONFERENCE PREVIEW	11/14	11/7	10/30	11/2
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE MUSIC BIZ	11/21	11/14	11/6	11/9
TOURING CONFERENCE & AWARDS	11/28	11/21	11/13	11/16
WOMEN IN MUSIC	12/12	12/5	11/25	11/30
NO. 1s / YEAR IN MUSIC & TOURING CHARTS	12/19	12/12	12/4	12/7

# **Events Calendar**



### Billboard Winterfest at Sundance Film Festival

**DATE** January 2015 **LOCATION** Park City, UT

#### **Billboard Power 100**

**DATE** February 2015 **LOCATION** Los Angeles, CA

## <u>Latin Music</u> Conference & Awards

**DATE** April 2015 **LOCATION** Miami, FL

#### Billboard en Vivo

**DATE** April 2015 **LOCATION** Multiple

## Billboard Music Men of Style

**DATE** August 2015 **LOCATION** Los Angeles, CA

# Film & TV Music Conference

**DATE** October/November 2015 **LOCATION** Los Angeles, CA

### **Touring Conference & Awards**

**DATE** November 2015 **LOCATION** New York, NY

### **Women in Music**

**DATE** December 2015 **LOCATION** New York, NY

# Ad Specs

SPACE	BLEED	NON-BLEED	TRIM	LIVE (SAFE) AREA
Full Page	10.5" x 13.5" 266.7mm x 343mm	9.25"w x 12.25" 235mm x 311mm	10" x 13" 254mm x 330mm	9.25" x 12.25" 235mm x 311mm
2-Page Spread	20.5" x 13.5" 520.7mm x 343mm	19.25" x 12.25" 489mm x 311mm	20" x 13" 508mm x 330mm	19.25" x 12.25" 489mm x 311mm
6-Column	15.315" x 13.5" 389mm x 343mm		14.825" x 13" 376.55mm x 330mm	13.965" x 12.25" 354.7mm x 311mm
1/2 Horizontal		8.8333" x 5.5849" 224.37mm x 142mm	N/A	N/A
1/2 Vertical		4.25" x 11.6667" 108mm x 296.34mm	N/A	N/A
1/4 Square		4.25" x 5.5849" 108mm x 142mm	N/A	N/A

#### **BLEED PARTIALS, COVERS & SPECIALITY SIZES**

STAND-ALONE BACK COVERS: Mailing Label in Upper Right Corner Along Spine. Contact Production for Back Cover, Bleed Partial and other Specialty size specs and templates.

#### **PRINTING**

Web offset (SWOP) Saddle Stitched Publication trim size 10" x 13"

# MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS

Bleed ads should have a minimum .25" (6.35mm) bleed on all 4 sides and should include trim indications. Trim indications should be offset by .375" (9.525mm).

#### SAFETY

All live elements, i.e. type on bleed ads, must be a minimum of 3/8" (.375 inch or 9.525mm) inside the final trim area.

#### **GUTTER SAFETY**

3/16" on each side (total 3/8").

Partial ads should be supplied to trim only.

#### **FILE SUBMISSION**

All ad submission must be press-ready PDF/X1-a files via the *THR* ad portal, e-mail, CD or FTP upload. *FILE NAME SHOULD INCLUDE NAME OF ADVERTISER AND ISSUE RUN DATE* 

# DIGITAL AD REQUIREMENTS

#### **MEDIA**

Billboard prints PDF/X-1a files only.
Export setting: ADOBE ACROBAT 6 (1.5) or higher. Quality control depends on

properly created PDFs. **DOWNLOAD:** THR PDF Ad Export Settings for InDesign at:

#### thr.com/ad/specs

or contact: ads@thr.com

All rasterized files must be 300 DPI. CMYK TIFFs must be 100% of final size.

Transparencies must be flattened.

Line screen is 150 l.p.i.

Allow for 10% press gain when preparing Grayscale materials.

Maximum ink density: 300 total.

#### **FONTS**

Embed all necessary fonts in PDFs.

#### COLOR

The color space must be CMYK or Grayscale. No RGB, LAB or embedded color profiles (such as ICC profiles).

No files with PMS colors will be accepted without prior notification. Otherwise, all PMS colors MUST be converted to CMYK.

Surprinting on Metallic inks will produce muted colors.

Note any special color information on the Contact Proof

#### **LIABILITY**

Billboard cannot be held responsible for the quality of reproduction if these specifications are not adhered to.

Ads received after deadline may not publish in the desired issue.

Billboard will not be held responsible for changes the Production department must make to any ad that is inadequate or fails to adhere to Billboard Digital Ad Specifications.

*Billboard* will store files for 30 days.

#### **PRODUCTION SERVICES**

Billboard maintains an in-house Art Department. Contact your sales rep for ad design details and rates.

FOR DEADLINES, AD SPECIFICATIONS OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:

#### **BILLBOARD CONTACT**

Rodger Leonard 212.493.4229

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SUBJECT LINE MUST INCLUDE NAME OF ADVERTISER AND ISSUE DATE

#### **BILLBOARD AD PORTAL**

Deliver ads through our Ad Portal: prometheus. sendmyad.com



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