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When Jody Williams Songs announced the signing of Vince Gill to a songwriter management deal on June 15, it raised plenty of eyebrows in Nashville's publishing community and perhaps signaled a heightened level of acceptance for a relatively new concept in the city's music publishing business.

Gill, who continues to be managed as an artist by

Larry Fitzgerald, has historically owned his own publishing. But under the new partnership, JWS founder Jody Williams and creative director Nina Jenkins will oversee Gill's writing datebook, focused on both the appropriate volume and the right co-writers for Gill's talents and goals.



"He's taking this very seriously," says Williams. "He's doing two or three writes a week, and has been for the last couple of months, and the songs we're getting - I just could not be more excited and pleased with what I'm hearing because they're all compelling."

The emergence of managers for songwriters and/or producers is a fairly new development in Music City, though it's de rigeur in many other music capitals, particularly Los Angeles. A writer manager typically works in tandem with a publisher, providing additional channels to establish cowriting assignments and pitch songs. The producer manager facilitates creative relationships, which often include both production and cowriting. Managers typically handle the awkward financial

> details that, in worst-case scenarios, can damage creative relationships.

> "Any time that I spend on the business side of it distracts from my creative side, stuff that I want to do," says Martin Johnson, the former Boys Like Girls frontman who cowrote and coproduced the Elle King/Miranda Lam-



bert collaboration "Drunk (And I Don't Wanna Go Home)." "The kid looking in the mirror being like, 'I'm going to be a fucking rock star,' that kid doesn't send emails about his producer fee and points. He doesn't know what the hell points are. He doesn't know what his writer's share versus his pub share are. He wants somebody else to deal with that shit.'

on Nashville as a place to work and/or live, writer/producer managers have become a more familiar entity, particularly since $\dot{\delta}$ songs are increasingly written by groups of three or more composers, complicating schedules. The setting usually includes a producer — often called a "track guy" or "track girl" — who ₹

As more songwriters from other markets have set their sights



RELEASING TO COUNTRY RADIO JULY 1ST

Holly Singletary and Platinum Records Nashvillle will soon be releasing two of Daryle Singletary's last unheard recordings. CEO Greg Hudik will give Holly Singletary 100% of all digital downloads on both singles to benefit her and her children. Mrs. Singletary never knew the songs existed until recently, but she has accepted Platinum Records Nashvillle's charity of love with open arms.

develops sounds on the spot that may end up on the final recording.

Just 20 years ago, Music City songwriters usually set their own writing schedules, but as appointments grew in size and technical complexity, the creative directors at publishing companies increasingly took on that role. The average executive in that position can successfully manage nine or 10 songwriters, says Williams, though writers who want more individual attention — or who want to break into writing circles outside their own publisher's wheelhouse — can turn to a manager to provide additional opportunities.

"They're getting another partner on board," says LP Creative Management owner **LeAnn Phelan**. "I would look at a person who has a writer manager as a real value because they're bringing along someone who's doing [extra] work."

Phelan and **Chris Oglesby**, who is now senior vp creative at BMG Music Nashville, were the first writer managers in Music City. **Rohan Kohli**, now a Warner Music Nashville director A&R, established himself on Music Row as a writer manager last decade.

Many publishers were skeptical of the need — some still are — though the role does not eat into their profits. In the typical agreement, the manager gets a percentage of the writer's income on songs from assignments the manager helped arrange. The manager makes no financial investment, which allows easy entry into the role, though the executive also makes no income unless the partnership yields royalties. One of Phelan's former clients, **Jimmy Robbins** ("Sure Be Cool If You Did," "We Were"), earned eight country hits in a four-year run fueled in part by her connections, providing an impressive template in the right situation.

"I don't think everybody needs one," says Madfun Entertainment founder Alicia Pruitt, who represents songwriter/producer Brock Berryhill ("Homesick," "What Happens in a Small Town") in partnership with Red Light Management. "It all has to be kind of around that connection of two people that have already had a lot of success together, or they can see what would be in it. You have to bring the added value."

Some of that value is the ability to connect Nashville writers with figures beyond Music Row. Milk & Honey, a Los Angeles-based firm affiliated with songwriter **David Hodges** ("Miss Me More," "See You Again"), counts its 3-year-old Nashville branch among six offices from around the globe that represent over 100 songwriters.

Music City's dedication to its writers is part of what attracted Milk & Honey to town in the first place, but that reverence for writers also means those creators are better served, particularly at a personal and/or emotional level, than in other music centers.

"No other music city in the world is like Nashville," says **Shelby Yoder**, who heads Milk & Honey's Nashville division. "You can look at L.A., what's left of New York, London, Sydney, Atlanta — Nashville is very different. No one celebrates songwriters the way that we do, no one has the No. 1 parties or all of these accolades that we do specifically for songwriters."

Still, as the business has grown more complex, writers and producers are often looking to advance their reach. Triple 8 manager Alena Moran encouraged her company to dip its toe into the water, and it currently represents five songwriter/producers, including Johnson, Jon Randall (Parker McCollum, Chase Bryant) and Luke Dick (Lambert, Kip Moore). The company expects to grow in that sector "when we find we have a good fit and the proper bandwidth," says Triple 8 owner George Couri.

By providing a sounding board, running clients' schedules and negotiating rates, the manager is in a position to handle difficult situations, when necessary, allowing the writer/producer to flourish in the most positive ways.

"The hardest part of management and the thing I had to get so used to at the beginning was telling people no and not giving people what they wanted," says Triple 8 manager **Mark Noel**. "That's why, especially in creative relationships, having structure like that is so beneficial because they get to focus on their art and being creative while we get to focus on their business, and they feel taken care of."

Gill's signing with JWS has made Nashville's creative community eye the writer/producer manager more closely. The writers most likely to benefit are those who want to expand their circles in other genres or cities, receive more personal service or own their creative work and hand off the business details to someone else.

That management niche seems to be growing, though it may never reach the prominence in Nashville that it has in other music cities.

"Right now, I don't see that there's going to be twice as many this time next year," says Williams. "It might grow a little bit, but I don't see it overtaking the norm."



Gabby Barrett celebrated her first two No. 1 hits, "I Hope" and "The Good Ones," at a June 23 party at BMI Nashville. From left: songwriters Jon Nite, Jim McCormick, Barrett, Zach Kale and Emily Landis.



Randy Travis and Chris Young surprised Restless Road when the band shot a cover of "Forever and Ever, Amen" at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium in mid-June. From left: band members Colton Pack and Zach Beeken, Travis, band member Garrett Nichols and Young.



Songwriter Kyle Fishman ("Down to One," "Small Town Boy") extended his publishing deal with Play It Again Music. From left: PIA Publishing creative director Erin Kidd, PIA Music Group CEO Ryan Dokke, Fishman and PIA Music Group founder Dallas Davidson.



Songwriter Matt Dragstrem ("I'll Name the Dogs," "One Margarita") signed a publishing deal with Big Machine Music. From left: BMM GM Mike Molinar, Dragstrem and BMM vp Alex Heddle.

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Cole Swindell Scores 10th Top 10 'Single' On Hot Country Songs While Walker Hayes Adds His Second



Cole Swindell banks his 10th top 10 hit on *Billboard*'s airplay-, sales- and streaming-based Hot Country Songs chart as "Single Saturday Night" (Warner Music Nashville/WMN) pushes 11-9 on the July 3-dated survey.

The song by the Bronwood, Ga., native gained by 5% to 27.4 million audi-

ence impressions in the week ending June 27, according to MRC Data, and holds at its No. 4 high on Country Airplay. It also drew 4.1 million U.S. streams and sold 1,800 downloads in the week ending June 24.

Swindell — who co-wrote "Single" with Ashley Gorley, HARDY and Mark Holman — once worked the merch table for Luke Bryan before writing hits for other artists, including Bryan's "Roller Coaster," which led Country Airplay and reached No. 5 on Hot Country Songs in 2014. He adds his 10th top 10 on the latter list as an artist among 21 appearances. Swindell last hit the upper tier with "Love You Too Late," which reached No. 7 in November 2019. The song became his fifth and most recent Country Airplay leader the same month.

Swindell's run of Hot Country Songs top 10s started with his first entry, "Chillin' It," which ruled the tally for two weeks in March 2014, becoming his first of two leaders. "You Should Be Here" ruled for four weeks starting in March 2016.

EVEN FANCIER Walker Hayes' "Fancy Like" (Monument) blasts 37-10 on Hot Country Songs as the song surges by 429% to 4.7 million streams and 122% to 22,800 sold in the tracking week.

Hayes achieves his second top 10 among four appearances. "You Broke Up With Me" reached No. 8 in February 2018.

"Fancy" posts a second week atop Country Digital Song Sales after debuting at the peak of the June 26 survey, granting Hayes his first leader. It rises 4-2 on the all-genre Digital Song Sales chart.

The track first drew buzz on TikTok, where Hayes boasts over 550,000 followers, after he posted multiple videos dancing to the song with his kids. He added three more clips in the latest tracking week.

"Fancy" is from Hayes' EP *Country Stuff*, released June 4. The six-song set arrives on Top Country Albums at No. 26 with 7,000 equivalent album units earned, up 141%. It's his third entry, and first since the No. 6-peaking *Boom*. in 2017-18.

LUKE LEADS AGAIN Luke Combs' "Forever After All" (River House/Columbia Nashville) dominates Hot Country Songs for a ninth week and Country Airplay for a fifth frame (34.4 million, down 5%).

The song is the 50th to rule Country Airplay for at least five weeks, dating to the chart's 1990 inception. Among 866 total No. 1s, only 6% of all leaders have led for five weeks or more.

Of Combs' 11 Country Airplay No. 1s, "Forever" is the fourth to lead for five weeks or more. It follows "Better Together" (five, beginning in January), "Even Though I'm Leaving" (five, starting in November 2019) and "Beautiful Crazy" (seven weeks, starting in March 2019).

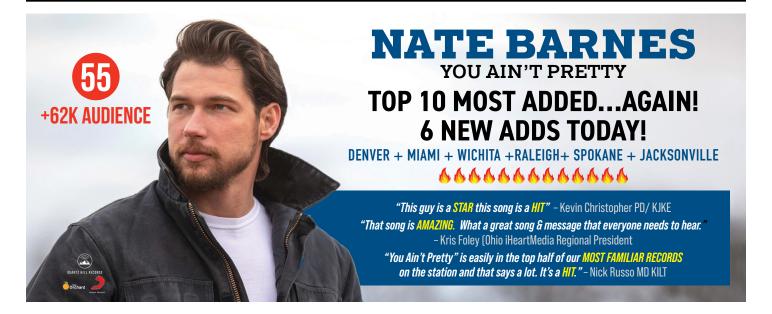
Ahead of Combs, **Tim McGraw** has charted a record seven No. 1s that have reigned for at least five weeks each, followed by **Kenny Chesney** and **Toby Keith**, each with six.

'OLD SCHOOL,' NEW BEST Speaking of **Toby Keith**, he achieves his highest career debut on Country Airplay as "Old School" (Show Dog Nashville) blasts in at No. 25. The **Ryan Hurd**, **Maren Morris** and **Brett Tyler** co-write drew 5.1 million audience impressions in its first three days. It received hourly plays on participating iHeartMedia stations during its release date of June 25.

The song surpasses Keith's prior best Country Airplay entrance, made when "Drinks After Work" launched at No. 26 in June 2013. He now boasts 77 entries on the chart, including 42 top 10s. Twenty of them have hit No. 1.

"Old School" is the lead single from Keith's new LP that's due this fall. $\frac{\bar{b}}{2}$ Known for his fiery patriotism, he'll release "Happy Birthday America," which he solo-authored, on July 1.





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TOP AUDIENCE **IMPRESSIO**

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		WKS		AUDIENCE (I	N MILLIONS)		PLAYS	
THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	ON CHART	TITLE Imprint/Label Artist	THIS WEEK	+/-	THIS WEEK	+/-	RANK
1	1	24	FOREVER AFTER ALL River House/Columbia Nashville ★★ No. 1 (5 Weeks) ★★ Luke Combs	34.415	-1.697	7861	-752	2
9	2	36	GONE Capitol Nashville Dierks Bentley	33.343	+0.292	8299	127	1
3	3	30	FAMOUS FRIENDS RCA Nashville Chris Young + Kane Brown	31.372	+1.403	7838	340	3
4	4	52	SINGLE SATURDAY NIGHT Warner Music Nashville/WMN Cole Swindell	27.407	+1.344	6983	288	4
6	5	33	BLAME IT ON YOU Macon/Broken Bow Jason Aldean	26.796	+1.803	6623	551	5
6	6	56	ALMOST MAYBES MCA Nashville Jordan Davis	23.883	+1.631	6173	274	6
7	7	40	SETTLING DOWN Vanner/RCA Nashville Miranda Lambert	21.599	-0.346	5723	-81	7
8	8	30	DRINKIN' BEER. TALKIN' GOD. AMEN. Dack Janiels/BMLG/Broken Bow Chase Rice Featuring Florida Georgia Line	19.647	+1.431	5020	349	8
9	9	21	GLAD YOU EXIST Warner Music Nashville/WAR Dan + Shay	19.389	+1.432	4798	130	9
10	10	24	MINIMUM WAGE Warner Music Nashville/WMN Blake Shelton	16.611	-0.576	4489	-67	10
0	11	36	WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH Valory Justin Moore	16.109	+0.722	4354	104	11
Ø	12	40	ONETOO MANY Hit Red/Capitol Nashville Keith Urban Duet With P!nk	15.512	+0.133	4242	67	12
ß	13	27	THINGS A MAN OUGHTA KNOW Broken Bow Lainey Wilson	14.895	+0.170	4153	28	13
1	14	11	COUNTRY AGAIN Valory Thomas Rhett	14.849	+0.315	3984	27	14
Œ	15	12	WAVES Capitol Nashville Luke Bryan	13.848	+1.356	3827	248	15
16	17	34	YOUTIME Triple Tigers Scotty McCreery	10.221	+0.497	3078	131	18
T	18	40	NEXT GIRL Big Machine Carly Pearce	9.800	+0.420	3387	95	16
B	20	6	IWAS ON A BOATTHAT DAY Arista Nashville ★★ Airpower ★★ Old Dominion	9.640	+0.856	2713	218	20
19	21	29	COLD BEER CALLING MY NAME River House/Columbia Nashville ** Airpower ** Jameson Rodgers Feat. Luke Combs	9.256	+0.589	2746	195	19
20	19	38	MY BOY Wheelhouse Elvie Shane	9.254	-0.064	3193	0	17
21	22	29	SHALLOW Pearl Garth Brooks & Trisha Yearwood	7.370	-0.074	2175	-91	23
22	24	34	MEMORY I DON'T MESS WITH Curb Lee Brice	6.979	+0.463	2380	75	21
23	25	16	LIKE A LADY BMLG Lady A	6.056	-0.052	2184	0	22
24	27	22	FREEDOM WAS A HIGHWAY Stoney Creek Jimmie Allen & Brad Paisley	5.390	+0.495	1989	223	26
25	NE	₩	OLD SCHOOL Show Dog Nashville ** Hot Shot Debut/Most Increased Audience/Most Added ** Toby Keith	5.147	+5.147	946	946	39
20	26	16	KNOWING YOU Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Kenny Chesney	5.063	+0.117	2112	150	24
②	28	40	JUST ABOUT OVER YOU in Dent/Mercury Nashville Priscilla Block	5.029	+0.309	1639	91	27
23	29	17	CHASING AFTER YOU Arista Nashville Ryan Hurd With Maren Morris	4.718	+0.421	2030	169	25
29	30	36	WHISKEY AND RAIN Warner Music Nashville/WEA Michael Ray	4.045	+0.120	1534	43	28
30	31	23	TEQUILA LITTLETIME Capitol Nashville Jon Pardi	3.654	+0.283	1405	49	29

COUNTRY AIRPLAY CHART LEGEND

RANKINGS

Country Airplay is ranked by total audience impressions for the week ending Sunday based on monitored airplay of 148 stations by MRC Data. Audience totals on the chart are derived, in part, using certain Nielsen Audiocopyrighted Persons 12+ audience estimates (under license © 2021, Nielsen Audio). The list of all Country Airplay chart reporters can be viewed on MRC Data's platforms.

BULLETS

 Awarded on Country Airplay to titles gaining audience or remaining flat from the previous week. A song will also receive a bullet if its percentage loss in audience does not exceed the percentage of monitored station downtime for the format. Titles that decline in audience but increase in detections will also receive a bullet if the total audience erosion for the week does not exceed 3%.

TIES

On Country Airplay, if two songs are tied in total audience, the song with the larger increase in audience is placed first.

RECURRENTS

On Country Airplay, descending titles below No. 10 in either audience or detections are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks, provided that they

are not still gaining enough audience points to bullet or if they rank below No. 10 and post a third consecutive week of (non-bulleted) audience decline, regardless of total chart weeks.

HOT SHOT DEBUT

Awarded to the highest-ranking new entry on Country Airplay.

MOST ADDED

The total number of new adds officially reported to Billboard by each reporting station, or by an automatic-add threshold (seven plays for the first time in a chart tracking week, according to MRC Data) for stations that do not report adds.

MOST INCREASED AUDIENCE

Most Increased Audience on Country Airplay lists the songs with the greatest week-to-week increases in total audience.

AIRPOWER

Awarded on Country Airplay to titles ranking inside top 20 in plays and audience rankings for the first time, with increases in both plays and audience.

BREAKER

Awarded on Country Airplay to titles achieving airplay (at least one detection) at 60% of reporting stations for the first time

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AIRPLAY MONITORED BY



THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON		AUDIENCE (II	N MILLIONS)		PLAYS	
	WEEK	CHART 14	TITLE Imprint/Label Artist IT'S 'CAUSE I AM Big Machine Callista Clark	THIS WEEK 3.171	+/-+0.222	THIS WEEK	+/- 43	RANK 31
③				-			-	-
<u> </u>	39 36	6 3	YOU SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE Mercury Nashville ★★ Breaker ★★ Chris Stapleton SAME BOAT Home Grown/Warner Music Nashville/WAR Zac Brown Band	3.166	+0.680	1024	131	33
3 3		-		2.975	+0.336	977	213	37
<u>34</u>	38	31	LADY LIKE Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Ingrid Andress	2.950	+0.495	978	-16	36
3 ₽	34 35	23 19	HOME SWEET Triple Tigers Russell Dickerson TO BE LOVED BY YOU MCA Nashville Parker McCollum	2.892	+0.070	1381 988	39	30 35
<u> 3</u>				2.767	+0.052		50	
9	37	8	THINKING 'BOUTYOU Broken Bow Dustin Lynch Featuring MacKenzie Porter	2.685	+0.077	999	61	34
€	40	10	HALF OF MY HOMETOWN Black River Kelsea Ballerini Featuring Kenny Chesney	2.265	+0.112	1105	94	32
3 9	42	5	DRUNK (AND I DON'T WANNA GO HOME) RCA/Columbia Nashville Elle King & Miranda Lambert	1.949	+0.108	502	51	47
40	41	17	THAT AIN'T ME NO MORE RECORDS/Arista Nashville Matt Stell	1.825	-0.060	832	-14	40
3	43	17	GIVE HEAVEN SOME HELL Big Loud HARDY	1.760	+0.226	957	44	38
42	32	2	THE WORST COUNTRY SONG OF ALL TIME Valory Brantley Gilbert Featuring Toby Keith & HARDY	1.630	-1.540	435	-235	52
43	45	17	GETTING OVER HIM 19/Mercury Nashville Lauren Alaina Duet With Jon Pardi	1.324	+0.107	772	-1	41
4	48	8	I'M NOT FOR EVERYONE EMI Nashville Brothers Osborne	1.189	+0.208	615	78	45
45	56	30	WHERE I FIND GOD Big Loud Larry Fleet	1.178	+0.418	429	57	53
46	47	19	I CAN'T Monument Caitlyn Smith Featuring Old Dominion	1.174	+0.069	747	85	42
4	46	32	IF IT WASN'T FORTRUCKS BMLG Riley Green	1.157	+0.048	664	15	43
48	44	10	NOTYET BMLG Brett Young	1.078	-0.159	652	-62	44
49	NE	EW	LIL BIT RECORDS/Columbia/BMLG ★★ Breaker ★★ Nelly & Florida Georgia Line	0.996	+0.357	406	87	55
50	49	4	WHILE YOU'RE GONE Warner Music Nashville/WMN Drew Parker	0.923	-0.025	216	17	-
⑤	50	5	NO SAD SONGS RCA Nashville Niko Moon	0.889	-0.002	488	36	48
5 2	58	3	ABBY Mercury Nashville Travis Denning	0.849	+0.113	427	34	54
53	51	10	FILL THEM BOOTS Big Loud Chris Lane	0.835	-0.008	397	-5	56
54	52	5	WOULD HAVE LOVED HER RECORDS Chris Bandi	0.699	-0.107	588	-1	46
6 5	RE-E	NTRY	YOU AIN'T PRETTY Quartz Hill Nate Barnes	0.695	+0.062	451	18	51
56	53	4	BACK THEN, RIGHT NOW 19th & Grand Tenille Arts	0.692	-0.106	328	6	59
57	55	6	HOT BEER Riser House Dillon Carmichael	0.688	-0.079	471	0	49
5 8	RE-E	NTRY	GOOD DAY (2021) Warner Music Nashville/WMN Brett Eldredge	0.664	+0.113	263	2	-
59	RE-E	NTRY	MY MASTERPIECE Capitol Nashville Darius Rucker	0.658	+0.019	455	24	50
60	RE-E	NTRY	LONG HAUL Warner Music Nashville/WEA lan Munsick	0.613	+0.001	299	15	-



GOING FOR ADDS

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GRACE MORRISON Daughter Grace Morrison

JOSH KINNEY Hit Me Up

Birmingham

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DYLAN GERARD Please Don't Let Me

SSM Nashville

TOBY KEITH Old School Show Dog Nashville

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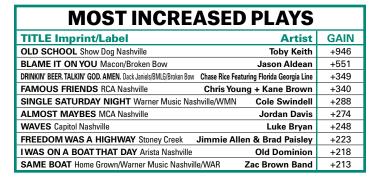
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MOST ADDED®								
TITLE Imprint/Label Artist	ADDS							
OLD SCHOOL Show Dog Nashville Toby Keith	50							
SAME BOAT Home Grown/Warner Music Nashville/WAR Zac Brown Band	13							
THE WORST COUNTRY SONG OF ALL TIME Valory Brantley Gilbert Feat. Hardy & Toby Keith	9							
YOU SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE Mercury Nashville Chris Stapleton	6							
DRUNK (AND I DON'T WANNA GO HOME) RCA/Columbia Nashville Elle King & Miranda Lambert	6							
I'M NOT FOR EVERYONE EMI Nashville Brothers Osborne	5							
WHERE I FIND GOD Big Loud Larry Fleet	5							
FREEDOM WAS A HIGHWAY Stoney Creek Jimmie Allen & Brad Paisley	4							
IT'S 'CAUSE I AM Big Machine Callista Clark	4							
THINKING 'BOUT YOU Broken Bow Dustin Lynch Featuring MacKenzie Porter	4							

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th	50	TITLE Imprint	t/Label	Artist
nd	13	BETTER THAN YO	U'RE USED TO Valory	Tyler Rich
ith	9	VILLAIN Back Block	/Republic/Big Loud	Lily Rose
on	6	WASTED ON YOU	Big Loud/Republic	Morgan Wallen
ert	6			
ne	5	WOMAN YOU GO	Mercury Nashville	Maddie & Tae
et	5	SAND IN MY BOO	OTS Big Loud/Republic	Morgan Wallen
еу	4	F-150 Warner Record	ds/WMN	Robyn Ottolini
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MOST INCREASED AUDIENCE								
TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	GAIN (IN MIILIONS)						
OLD SCHOOL Show Dog Nashville	Toby Keith	+5.147						
BLAME IT ON YOU Macon/Broken Bow	Jason Aldean	+1.803						
ALMOST MAYBES MCA Nashville	Jordan Davis	+1.631						
GLAD YOU EXIST Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Dan + Shay	+1.432						
DRINKIN' BEER. TALKIN' GOD. AMEN. Dack Janiels/BMLG/Broken Bow	Chase Rice Featuring Florida Georgia Line	+1.432						
FAMOUS FRIENDS RCA Nashville	Chris Young + Kane Brown	+1.403						
WAVES Capitol Nashville	Luke Bryan	+1.356						
SINGLE SATURDAY NIGHT Warner Music Nasl	nville/WMN Cole Swindell	+1.344						
I WAS ON A BOAT THAT DAY Arista Nashville	Old Dominion	+0.856						
WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH Valory	Justin Moore	+0.722						

	RECURRENTS										
THIS WEEK	TITLE Imprint/Label Art	ist	TOTAL AUD. (IN MILLIONS)								
1	BREAKING UP WAS EASY IN THE 90'S MCA Nashville Sam H	unt	17.174								
2	MADE FOR YOU Big Loud Jake Ov	ven	16.907								
3	JUST THE WAY Stoney Creek Parmalee x Blanco Bro	wn	16.696								
4	WHAT'S YOUR COUNTRY SONG Valory Thomas Riv	nett	15.844								
5	LADY BMLG Brett You	ung	14.834								
6	ONE OF THEM GIRLS Curb Lee B	rice	14.159								
7	NOBODY Curb Dylan So	cott	13.040								
8	BETTER TOGETHER River House/Columbia Nashville Luke Cor	nbs	12.829								
9	THE GOOD ONES Warner Music Nashville/WAR Gabby Bar	rett	12.799								
10	DOWN TO ONE Capitol Nashville Luke Br	yan	11.502								









TEXAS REGIONAL RADIO REPORT

WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 2021

THIS WEEK		WKS ON CHART	TITLE (Label) ARTIST	TW SPINS	SPINS +/-	THIS WEEK	LAST Week	WKS ON Chart	TITLE (Label) ARTIST	TW SPINS	SPINS +/-
0	2	13	HOLD MY BEER (Lil Buddy Toons) ★★1 Week at1★★ Randy Rogers & Wade Bower	2081	87	11	6	15	QUEEN FOR A NIGHT (Almost Country) Casey Donahew	1255	-377
0	3	16	CAN DOWN (Independent) Mike Ryan	1824	132	12	9	12	HORSES IN HEAVEN (Deep Frey'd Music) Kylie Frey	1179	-246
8	4	21	ANYBODY LOVIN' YOU LATELY (Independent) Clay Hollis	1769	106	B	14	13	PLAINVIEW (Independent) Kin Faux	1161	65
4	5	18	STUCK WITH YOU (10X Music Group) Brodie Lane	1669	30	14	13	18	HONKY TONK ON (Independent) Hayden Haddock	1143	-3
6	10	9	BOOTS (BIG Label) Aaron Watson	1651	311	1	16	12	FEELS A LOT LIKE THIS (Independent) Corey Kent	1132	93
6	7	18	BREAK ANOTHER HEART (Independent) Kaitlyn Kohle	1472	35	1	18	13	WRAP YOU UP IN LOVE (Independent) Darrin Morris Band	1125	118
Ð	8	18	IF YOU CAN DANCE (Independent) Jon Stork	1431	6	O	19	8	RODEO GIRL (Independent) Micky & The Motorcars	1062	133
8	1	17	FRIENDS (Independent) Curtis Grimes	1382	-621	⊕	21	12	THINGS I SHOULDN'T HAVE (Independent) Jesse Raub Jr.	1047	125
9	12	13	SIGNS (Independent) David Adam Byrnes	1372	108	19	15	14	WHERE THE NEON LIES (Independent) Triston Marez f/ Ronnie Dunn	1030	-34
0	11	17	BOURBON WHISKEY (Independent) William Beckmann	1293	26	20	22	5	SHOWING OFF (Independent) Sundance Head & Ariel Hutchins	1015	103

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WHERE I FIND GOD

11 POSITION CHART MOVE 56* TO 45*

INCREASED AIRPLAY AT THE FOLLOWING STATIONS

KFDI /WICHITA
KKBQ/HOUSTON
KTTS/SPRINGFIELD
WCKN/CHARLESTON
WCYQ/KNOXVILLE
WGNE/JACKSONVILLE
WKHK/RICHMOND
WQNU/LOUISVILLE
WZZK/BIRMINGHAM

BIG LOUD

NASHVILLE & NATIONAL TOM ROLAND



Songwriter Rivers Rutherford ("Real Good Man," "Ain't Nothing 'Bout You") signed a publishing deal with Kane Brown's Verse 2 Music, a Sony Music Publishing joint venture. From left: Sony Music Publishing Nashville CEO Rusty Gaston, Verse 2 president Kent Earls, Rutherford and Brown.

VINCE GILL'S BILL ANDERSON TEMPLATE

To fully understand the motivations behind Vince Gill's newly announced writer management agreement with Jody Williams Songs (see story, page 1), it's perhaps best to look at the country charts from 1995.

Gill earned a top five single that year with "Which Bridge to Cross (Which Bridge to Burn)," co-written with singer-songwriter Bill Anderson, who was 57 at the time. Anderson had composed dozens of hits in the '50s, '60s and '70s for himself and such fellow acts as Lefty Frizzell, Ray Price and Connie Smith. But by the mid-'90s, he was in a drought, having scored just one hit in the previous decade, when Steve Wariner covered "The Tips of My Fingers."

Gill, who was in the midst of a 10-year streak as a Grammy winner, actively sought out a cowriting appointment with Anderson, who was stunned that a current act was showing interest in his talents.

"Vince was the one to really suggest to Bill, 'Are you kidding? You're one of the greatest songwriters that ever was - who wouldn't want to write with you?" recounts Jody Williams.

Reinvigorated by the outreach, Anderson launched a new career chapter, penning such hits as "Whiskey Lullaby," "A Lot of Things Different," "Two Teardrops" and "Give It Away."

Gill, 54, recognizes he has a similar opportunity to partner with a younger generation of talent. "He's in the Bill Anderson seat now," says Williams. "Who wouldn't want to write with Vince Gill?"

Indeed, HARDY was flattered when Jody Williams Songs initiated a writing appointment with Gill.

'He's a legend; he's a freaking **Eagle**," enthuses HARDY. "It's just really cool to sit there and pick his brain for a few hours and write a song.

No word on the results, though HARDY is optimistic he has a new golf partner. And Williams is upbeat about the possibilities for the material that has arrived through the cowriting appointments, which are focused less on generating hits than on creating quality material.

"If somebody cuts them, great," says Williams. "At some point down the road, Vince will make another record for sure. And if he leans on this group of songs that we're creating right now with these cowrites, that's great, too."

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Independent artist Cooper Alan, whose Tik Tok following has ballooned from 10,000 followers to 3.5 million in 14 months, established the Cooped Up label in tandem with veteran manager/song writer Victoria Shaw ("The River," "I Love the Way You Love Me"). The company issued a single, "Colt 45 Country Remix," featuring Rvshvd, on June 25 ... Granger Smith will launch an online radio station, Yee Yee Radio, on July 2. Anthony "Antman" Lay, host of the podcast Picture This! With the Antman, is a partner in the venture, overseeing the programming ... Don Brake was promoted to Cumulus/Savannah, Ga., operations manager. The role includes the PD duties for country WJCL. He shifts from KAYD Beaumont, Texas, where he was PD/midday personality ... Mark Phillips was named PD for KTFW Fort Worth-Wichita Falls, Texas. He most recently handled afternoon drive at KPLX Dallas ... Syndicated iHeart Media host Bobby Bones will co-host CBS' The Talk June 28-30 and July 8-9 ... A GoFundMe page was established for the family of Grand Ole Opry broadcaster Keith Bilbrey

after a fire destroyed their home and possessions. Over \$26,000 had been raised as of June 28 toward a \$50,000 goal ... Plowboy Records GM Ben Ewing died June 27 at his Tennessee home, according to a post on his Facebook page. Ewing's career began at the influential Southern rock label Capricorn, and included work with Rodney Dangerfield and a variety of booking and management operations ... Chase Rice will host an ABC Audio special that celebrates drinking songs, Front & Center's Fourth of July Happy Hour, available for airing during the Independence Day weekend ... KRS Audio Productions is offering a two-hour "brown bag" special celebrating the top 20 artists of the twenty-first century for broadcast during the Fourth of July weekend. The company's founders -Ken Halford, Roger Ramsey and Shawn Studer—were previously affiliated with Bob Kingsley's production firm.

'ROUND THE ROW

Four Academy of Country Music staff members received promotions. Jen Heaton rose to vp strategic partnerships from director, Brandon Campbell ascended to director of creative and content from senior video manager, Bridget Cirone was bumped to manager of marketing from coordinator, and Libby **Gardner** was lifted to manager of creative and content from coordinator ... The Recording Academy named Valeisha Butterfield Jones and Panos A. Panay co-presidents. Butterfield Jones' appointment expands on her existing role as chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer. Panay will double as co-president/ chief revenue officer, arriving from the Berklee College of Music, where he was senior vp global strategy and innovation. The Academy also extended membership invitations to 2,710 music creators ... The CMT Awards will air on CBS in 2022 after two decades on CMT. Both CBS and CMT are ViacomCBS subsidiaries ... Big Machine Music signed songwriter **Matt Dragstrem** ("Be a Light," $\hbox{``One Margarita'') to a co-publishing deal and acquired his Matt Drag Music cata-}$ log ... Sony Music Publishing reached a global agreement with Relative Music Group, owned by songwriter Dennis Matkosky ("You'll Think of Me," "I Need You") and Jesse Matkosky. Singer-songwriter HARDY was recently made a Relative partner ... Universal Music Publishing Group Nashville added songwriter Joe Clemmons to the roster. His credits include cuts with Gabby Barrett and Ryan Hurd ... Singer-songwriter Jenna Paulette signed a publishing contract with Sea Gayle Music ... PLA Media welcomed singer-songwriter Brian Ramsay as a client ... Music City Bands Together added the Western States Center as an organizing partner as it builds Recovery Concerts.org, a program that raises funds for Nashville relief efforts through concert ticket sales ... Naomi Judd and Mary Chapin Carpenter represented country music in the first induction ceremony for the Women Songwriters Hall of Fame on June 25 in Washington, D.C.... The Americana Music Association unveiled Jackson Browne, Valerie June, Aoife



Dolly Parton (left) extended an invite to Carly Pearce on June 17 to join the Grand Ole Opry. The induction will take place Aug. 3.

O'Donovan and Joe Henry as participants in its AmericanaFest Sept. 22-25 in Nashville ... The Grammy Museum awarded \$220,000 in grants for music research and sound preservation to 12 recipients, including the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Apollo Theater Foundation and the UCLA Film & Television Archive. Go here for the full list of beneficiaries ... A GoFundMe page was established for music veteran Larry Sheridan, who died from cancer on June 19. He was an owner of Ultimate Event Nashville, Music Row Realty and Best Built Songs, in tandem with his wife, Robin Ruddy, who is among his survivors ... Former Billboard reporter Jim Bessman died June 22 of an aneurysm. He authored The Ramones: An American Band and John Mellencamp: The Concert at Walter Reed, and wrote for the Songwriters Hall of Fame for 20 years. A wellrounded journalist, he was a key champion of country music in New York. • Vork. **BONUS DISTRIBUTION**

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS AGO	WKS ON CHART	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT / PROMOTION LABEL	COUNTRY AIRPLAY RANK	PEAK Position
1	1	1	35	FOREVER AFTER ALL the matthews, J.D. Singleton, Lcombs, D. Parker, R. WILLIFORD) ★★ No. 1 (9 weeks) ★★	Luke Combs River House/Columbia Nashville	1	1
9	2	2	20	FAMOUS FRIENDS C.YOUNG,C.CROWDER (C.YOUNG,C.R.BARLOWE,C.CROWDER)	Chris Young + Kane Brown RCA NASHVILLE	3	2
3	4	4	31	LIL BIT J.M.SCHMIDT (T.HUBBARD,J.M.SCHMIDT,B.REDFERRIN,C.HAYNES, JR.)	Nelly & Florida Georgia Line RECORDS/COLUMBIA/BMLG	49	3
4	3	3	36	GONE D. GARCIA (N.GALYON, B. JOHNSON, N. MOON)	Dierks Bentley CAPITOL NASHVILLE	2	2
5	5	5	21	BLAME IT ON YOU MKNOX (K.M.ALISON, J.EDWARDS, T.KENNEDY, M.TYLER, B. WHITE) ** Airplay Gainer **	Jason Aldean MACON/BROKEN BOW	5	5
6	6	7	37	SETTLING DOWN JJOYCE (M.LAMBERT,LDICK,N.HEMBY)	Miranda Lambert VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE	7	6
0	8	9	58	ALMOST MAYBES P.DIGIOVANNI (J.DAVIS, J.FRASURE, H.LINDSEY)	Jordan Davis MCA NASHVILLE	6	7
8	10	11	20	GLAD YOU EXIST D.SMYERS (D.SMYERS,J.REYNOLDS,T.M.PARKS,S.MOONEY,R.L.TAYLOR)	Dan + Shay Warner Music Nashville/War	9	8
9	11	12	34	SINGLE SATURDAY NIGHT M.R.CARTER (A.GORLEY,M.W.HARDY,M.LHOLMAN)	Cole Swindell WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	4	9
0	37	_	2	FANCY LIKE ** Digital & Streaming Gainer ** WHAYES,J.THIBODEAU,S.M.CANALLY (W.HAYES,J.JENKINS,S.STEVENS,C.BARTOLINI)	Walker Hayes MONUMENT	-	10
0	16	18	15	THINGS A MAN OUGHTA KNOW JJOYCE (LWILSON, J.D. SINGLETON, J.N.IX)	Lainey Wilson BROKEN BOW	13	11
œ	12	14	41	ONE TOO MANY KURBAN,PHD,CUTFATHER (D.H.DAVIDSEN,P.WALLEVIK,M.H.HANSEN,J.NORTON,C.TIGHE)	Keith Urban Duet With P!nk HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	12	12
ß	15	16	17	DRINKIN' BEER. TALKIN' GOD. AMEN. C.CROWDER,C.RICE,T.HUBBARD,B.KELLEY (C.RICE,C.CROWDER,H.PHELPS,C.DODDS)	Chase Rice Featuring Florida Georgia Line DACK JANIELS/BMLG/BROKEN BOW	8	13
14	13	13	25	MADE FOR YOU J.MOI (B.DAVIS,J.HYDE,N.A.MEDLEY)	Jake Owen BIG LOUD	RC	3
15	14	15	21	MINIMUM WAGE S.HENDRICKS (C.CROWDER, N. GALYON, J. FRASURE)	Blake Shelton WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	10	12
10	17	20	17	DRUNK (AND I DON'T WANNA GO HOME) M.JOHNSON,B.PADDOCK (ELLE KING,M.JOHNSON)	Elle King & Miranda Lambert RCA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	39	16
Ð	18	19	10	COUNTRY AGAIN D.HUFF,J.FRASURE (THOMAS RHETT,Z.CROWELL,A.GORLEY)	Thomas Rhett VALORY	14	16
ß	19	17	19	CHASING AFTER YOU AESHUIS,T.REIMER (B.ADDINGTON,J.FLOWERS)	Ryan Hurd With Maren Morris ARISTA NASHVILLE	28	16
®	20	21	13	WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH J.S.STOVER,S.BORCHETTA (P.DIGIOVANNI,R.MONTANA,J.S.STOVER)	Justin Moore VALORY	11	19
20	21	23	11	WAVES J.STEVENS,J.STEVENS (Z.CROWELL,R.J.HURD,R.C.MCGILL)	Luke Bryan CAPITOL NASHVILLE	15	20
3	24	29	16	MY BOY 0.CHARLES (E.SHANE,R.SUTTON,N.COLUMBIA,L.STARR)	Elvie Shane WHEELHOUSE	20	21
22	22	22	24	WASTED ON YOU J.MOI,J.DURRETT (M.WALLEN,E.K.SMITH,J.THOMPSON,CHARLIE HANDSOME)	Morgan Wallen REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	1
23	23	27	26	NEXT GIRL S.MCANALLY,J.OSBORNE (C.PEARCE,S.MCANALLY,J.OSBORNE)	Carly Pearce BIG MACHINE	17	23
24	28	26	13	YOU SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE D.COBB,C.STAPLETON,C.STAPLETON,A.GORLEY,C.DUBOIS)	Chris Stapleton MERCURY NASHVILLE	32	24
25	26	31	10	COLD BEER CALLING MY NAME C.FARREN,J.D.MITCHELL (J.RODGERS,H.PHELPS,BRETT TYLER,A.VANDERHEYM)	Jameson Rodgers Featuring Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	19	25

COUNTRY SONGWRITERSTM

	1	#1 COREY CROWDER
	2	NICOLLE GALYON
	3	ASHLEY GORLEY
	4	JESSE FRASURE
TIE	5	DREW PARKER
TIE	5	LUKE COMBS
TIE	5	ROB WILLIFORD
	8	HARDY
	9	BEN JOHNSON
	10	HUNTER PHELPS



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1	# 1 12 WKS	JAY JOYCE			
2	JOI	RDAN SCHMIDT			
3	DA	VID GARCIA			
4	PAI	JL DIGIOVANNI			
5	MICHAEL KNOX				
6	JOI	EY MOI			
7	DA	N SMYERS			
8	MIC	CHAEL CARTER			
9	CO	REY CROWDER			
10	DA	NN HUFF			

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS AGO	WKS ON CHART	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	COUNTRY AIRPLAY RANK	PEAK Position
26	31	32	5	I WAS ON A BOAT THAT DAY S.MCANALLY,OLD DOMINION (M.RAMSEY,T. ROSEN,W.SELLERS,G.SPRUNG,B.F.TURSI,S.MCANALLY,J.OSBORNE) ARISTA NASHVILLE		18	26
2	32	33	21	MEMORY I DON'T MESS WITH B.GLOVER.K.JACOBS,LBRICE (ILBRICE,B.MONTANA,B.DAVIS)	MEMORY I DON'T MESS WITH Lee Brice		27
23	33	34	11	KNOWING YOU B.CANNON,K.CHESNEY (BRETT JAMES,A.JAMES,K.HIGGINS)	Kenny Chesney Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/Wea	26	25
29	35	37	8	YOU TIME EROGERS,D.WELLS,A.ESHUIS (S.C.M.CCREERY,F.ROGERS,A.ESHUIS)	Scotty McCreery TRIPLE TIGERS	16	29
30	27	28	33	SHALLOW G.BROOKS (S.G.GERMANOTTA, M.D.RONSON, A.ROSSOMANDO, ANDREW WYATT)	Garth Brooks & Trisha Yearwood PEARL	21	27
3	NE	w	1	THE WORST COUNTRY SONG OF ALL TIME W.WEATHERLY,B.GILBERT (B.GILBERT,M.W.HARDY,H.PHELPS,W.WEATHERLY) ** Hot Shot Debut **	Brantley Gilbert Featuring Toby Keith & HARDY VALORY	42	31
32	36	36	10	HALF OF MY HOMETOWN K.BALLERINI,R.COPPERMAN,J.ROBBINS (K.BALLERINI,S.MCANALLY,R.COPPERMAN,J.ROBBINS,N.GALYON)	Kelsea Ballerini Featuring Kenny Chesney BLACK RIVER	38	32
33	38	38	19	JUST ABOUT OVER YOU J.JOHNSON (P.BLOCK,S.JONES,E.K.KROLL)	Priscilla Block INDENT/MERCURY NASHVILLE	27	33
34	39	39	9	WHISKEY AND RAIN R.COPPERMAN (J.FRASURE,J.THOMPSON)	Michael Ray WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	29	34
35	30	_	2	I QUIT DRINKING J.ROBBINS,N.CONRAD (K.BALLERINI,N.GALYON,P.J.KLEIN)	Kelsea Ballerini & LANY BLACK RIVER	-	30
33	48	49	3	FREEDOM WAS A HIGHWAY Jimmie Allen & Brad Paisley BOWERS, J. ALLEN J. ALLEN J. BOWERS, M. ROGERS) STONEY GREEK		24	36
37	40	41	14	GIVE HEAVEN SOME HELL .MOI,D.WELLS (M.W.HARDY,A.GORIEY,B.JOHNSON,H.PHELPS) BIG LOUD		41	29
33	41	42	5	BUY DIRT DIGIOVANNI (J.DAVIS,J. DAVIS,M.JENKINS,J.JENKINS) Jordan Davis Featuring Luke Bryan MCA NASHVILLE		-	36
39	43	40	10	LADY LIKE S.ELLIS, LANDRESS (LANDRESS, S.ELLIS, D.SOUTHERLAND)	Ingrid Andress Atlantic/Warner music nashville/Wea	34	39
40	47	50	3	LIKE A LADY D.HUFF (H.SCOTT,D.M.BARNES,M.BUZZ,M.JOHNSON,B.PADDOCK)	Lady A BMLG	23	40
4	45	45	4	HOME SWEET C.BROWN,D.HUFF,R.DICKRESON (R.DICKERSON,C.BROWN,C.KELLEY)	Russell Dickerson TRIPLE TIGERS	35	41
4 2	46	46	4	TEQUILA LITTLE TIME B.BUTLER,R.GORE,J.PARDI (J.PARDI,R.AKINS,L.LAIRD)	Jon Pardi Capitol Nashville	30	42
43	44	35	3	NOT YET D.HUFF (B.YOUNG,K.ARCHER,J.EBACH)	Brett Young BMLG	48	35
44	42	_	2	'TIL YOU CAN'T T.W.WILLMON (B.M.STENNIS,M.ROGERS)	Cody Johnson COJO/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	42
45	49	43	12	MR. PERFECTLY FINE (TAYLOR'S VERSION) (FROM THE VAULT) J.M.ANTONOFF,T.SWIFT (T.SWIFT)	Taylor Swift REPUBLIC	-	2
46	NE	w	1	TO BE LOVED BY YOU JON RANDALL (P.MCCOLLUM,R. AKINS)	Parker McCollum MCA NASHVILLE	36	46
47	34	_	2	SAME BOAT Zac Brown E Zac Brow		33	34
4 3	50	44	10	VILLAIN M.L.MORRISEY (LR.WILLIAMSON,M.E.CARPENTER,K.S.CLARK) Lily Rose BACK BLOCK/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD		-	36
49	RE-EI	NTRY	5	THAT AIN'T ME NO MORE A BOWERS,M.STELL (S.AHNQUIST,N.DONLEY,M.W.HARDY,J.MITCHELL,H.PHELPS)	Matt Stell Records/Arista Nashville	40	47
50	RE-EI	NTRY	9	DICKED DOWN IN DALLAS A.MAXWELL,G.SAXMAN (B.M.GAFFORD,M.C.MCKINNEY,A.J.TROSCLAIR)	Trey Lewis TREY LEWIS	-	12

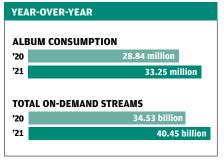
The week's most popular country songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by MRC Data, sales data as compiled by MRC Data and streaming activity data from online music sources tracked by MRC Data. Descending titles below No. 25 are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks.

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A Weekly National Music Sales Report

WEEKLY UNIT COUNT										
	ALBUM CONSUMPTION	AUDIO ON-DEMAND	VIDEO ON-DEMAND							
This Week	1,387,000	1,561,352,000	129,533,000							
Last Week	1,397,000	1,552,500,000	129,878,000							
Change	-0.7%	0.6%	-0.3%							
This Week Last Year	1,256,000	1,377,133,000	132,754,000							
Change	10.4%	13.4%	-2.4%							

YEAR-TO-DA	TE		
	2020	2021	CHANGE
Album Consumption	28,838,000	33,248,000	15.3%
Album Sales	4,138,000	4,210,000	1.7%
Audio On-Demand	31,001,836,000	36,974,518,000	19.3%
Video On-Demand	3,533,080,000	3,475,724,000	-1.6%



All data measures U.S. activity as of the week ending June 24, 2021. All units counts are rounded to the nearest thousand. Album consumption units — also known as albums plus TEA plus SEA — consists of album sales; track-equivalent album (TEA) sales whereby 10 tracks equal one consumption unit; and stream equivalent albums (SEA) whereby 1,250 paid and/or 3,750 ad-supported audio on-demand streams (OAD) equal one consumption unit.



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THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST TITLE	CERT	PEAK POS.
1	1	1	24	MORGAN WALLEN BIG LOUD 033180*/REPUBLIC DANGEROUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM		1
2	2	2	85	LUKE COMBS WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 595687*/SMN	2	1
3	3	3	212	LUKE COMBS THIS ONE'S FOR YOU RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 538883*/SMN	3	1
4	4	4	160	MORGAN WALLEN IF I KNOW ME BIG LOUD 783*		1
6	9	7	11	TAYLOR SWIFT FEARLESS (TAYLOR'S VERSION) REPUBLIC 033578		1
6	5	6	321	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	4	1
7	6	5	32	CHRIS STAPLETON STARTING OVER MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN		1
8	7	8	19	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE LIFE ROLLS ON BMLG FG0500A*		3
9	8	10	307	ZAC BROWN BAND GREATEST HITS SO FAR HOME GROWN 546369*/BMG		3
0	46	47	290	TAYLOR SWIFT RED BIG MACHINE 310400A*/BMLG (18.98)	7	1
11	10	11	46	LUKE BRYAN BORN HERE LIVE HERE DIE HERE CAPITOL NASHVILLE 031777/UMGN	•	1
12	12	14	53	GABBY BARRETT GOLDMINE WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 629930/WMN	•	4
13	11	12	64	SAM HUNT SOUTHSIDE MCA NASHVILLE 031776*/UMGN		1
14	14	15	83	JASON ALDEAN 9 MACON/BROKEN BOW/BMG 32944*/BBMG		1
a	37	18	180	EAGLES HOTEL CALIFORNIA ASYLUM/ELEKTRA 103*/RHINO (18.98)		5
10	17	20	132	GEORGE STRAIT STRAIT OUT OF THE BOX MCA NASHVILLE 111263/UMGN (39.98/49.98)	8	9
17	15	17	8	THOMAS RHETT COUNTRY AGAIN (SIDE A) VALORY TR5001A/BMLG		2
18	13	16	31	LEE BRICE HEY WORLD CURB 79537*		7
19	18	19	86	MIRANDA LAMBERT WILDCARD VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE 597873*/SMN		1
20	19	21	133	TOBY KEITH 35 BIGGEST HITS SHOW DOG-UNIVERSAL 010334/UME (19.98)		1
21	20	22	264	TIM MCGRAW NUMBER ONE HITS CURB 79205 (13.98)		6
2	25	27	211	JOHNNY CASH THE ESSENTIAL JOHNNY CASH COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 86290*/LEGACY (24.98/17.98)	3	16
23	22	25	102	TYLER CHILDERS PURGATORY HICKMAN HOLLER 001*/THIRTY TIGERS	•	11
24	16	13	5	BLAKE SHELTON BODY LANGUAGE WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 659053/WMN		3
25	24	24	296	BLAKE SHELTON RELOADED: 20 #1 HITS WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 551788/WMN		2

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THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST TITLE	CERT.	PEAK POS.
1	1	2	267	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN		1
2	2	1	32	CHRIS STAPLETON STARTING OVER MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN		1
3	3	4	119	TYLER CHILDERS PURGATORY HICKMAN HOLLER 001*/THIRTY TIGERS		2
4	4	3	313	HOZIER RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA 309996*/LEGACY		1
©	NEW		1	JONI MITCHELL REPRISE 2038*/RHINO		5
6	5	6	169	KACEY MUSGRAVES GOLDEN HOUR MCA NASHVILLE 027921*/UMGN		1
0	9	9	272	THE LUMINEERS CLEOPATRA DUALTONE 1738*		1
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Acoustic Party Song 'I Was On A Boat That Day' Slaps Fresh New Paint On Old Dominion

It's entirely acoustic, threads an accordion across its three-minute run and features harmony vocals that are as ragged as a 1928 dish towel.

"I Was on a Boat That Day" sounds like Old Dominion, but only if the band is playing somewhere out in left field. It's an assessment the group expects with nearly every single, but rarely receives.

"Everyone's always like, 'Oh, it sounds exactly like Old Dominion,' and we're like, 'Oh, it does? We thought it was different,' " says guitarist Brad Tursi. "This one, we knew it wasn't right on brand, but I don't think we were expecting a lot of people saying, 'It doesn't really sound like it's something

you guys do.' It's interesting to hear the world's opinion."

If Tursi and his four bandmates operated in the mindset of the "Boat" protagonist, they wouldn't give a flip about anyone's opinion. The singer broke up with his girlfriend, tossed his cellphone in the water, set out to sea and dug into the cooler. If yogis are trying to convince their followers to live in the moment, this guy has reached nirvana.

The thing is, it required an eight-year journey.

Old Dominion first addressed the title, "I Was on a Boat That Day," in the same general time frame in which the band wrote "Break Up With Him," its inaugural 2015 hit.

'We didn't set out to write a beach song or a water song," lead singer Matthew Ramsey

says. "That was just a title and an idea that we had. We never wrote it, but it's come up a lot throughout the years until, finally, this go-around."

Old Dominion had harbored "I Was on a Boat That Day" for so long that no one remembers quite where it came from. The members do recall it originated with a reggae groove (coincidentally, their 2019 single "One Man Band" also started with a **Bob Marley** flavor before morphing into something else), though the original storyline bore little resemblance to the final version, except for its sense of freedom.

"It wasn't centered around a broken relationship," says Tursi. "It was just like, 'I was out there and a lot of people were trying to reach me, and I couldn't hear the ringtone over the waves.' We didn't end up keeping any of the lines."

Tursi continued to bring up the title over the years, but it wasn't taken seriously again until 2020, when the band holed up at the Echo Mountain Studios in Asheville, N.C. — the same site where **Dierks Bentley** cut "Am I the Only One" — to write and record its next album in three compact weeks. Unlike previous times that Tursi had floated "Boat," this writing session included songwriter/producers Shane McAnally ("Half of My Hometown," "Marry Me") and Josh Osborne ("Body Like a Back Road," "Happy Anywhere"), and they heard the title through fresh ears.

They insisted on pursuing it, and the entire seven-man ensemble sailed through "Boat" with ease.

"Matt was joking one time," recalls guitarist Trevor Rosen. "He's like, 'Yeah, I went to the bathroom for a second, and I came out and everyone's going, "I was getting my float on." 'And I was like, 'Wait a second. I missed something.'"

Simplicity was key. Each verse used two basic ideas, changed scenes with a pre-chorus, rolled into a singalong chorus and kept the energy up with a snappy post-chorus. And most of the song veers between two chords, a pattern that changes only during the pre-chorus when it eases into a three-minor chord, a triad that's only one note different than the song's root.

The lyrics were invariably light and carefree, peaking in the second verse with an ultimately odd image: "I was drunk as a skunk eating lunch with a cross-eyed bear."

"It was funny when Matt said that because he was trying to fit that line, and he was just doing it for the cadence," recalls Rosen. "We were cracking up, and Shane's like, 'I know you're kidding. But that's definitely the line.' You

> know what it means - it's like 'I was just hammered,' and it's just a quirky way to say it."

> Since the entire band had a hand in writing it, the Echo Mountain session was a snap, too. Drummer Whit Sellers applied a slappy rhythmic undercurrent, and Geoff Sprung opted for a standup bass as the band cut it with an all-acoustic arrangement.

> "It has so much low end, and it's so punchy," notes Tursi. "It's such a big-sounding instrument. You would think that the electric bass would be like a more powerful sound, but sometimes the acoustic one really is stronger."

> Studio player Dave Cohen chipped in a Mexicali-tinged accordion, and the group found multiple ways to recycle the primary melody, using it as a main

riff on acoustic guitar, switching to a unison match of Tursi's guitar with Ramsey's vocal and shifting throughout the recording to several different vocal alignments. It works much like a Jeff Lynne production of ELO, deftly counter-balancing its repetition with ever-changing sonics.

They cut it out without the requisite click track, which meant the tempo was a little more free-flowing than usual. And when they debated for a time just what that tempo might be, Ramsey kicked into a drunken-tourist countdown—"One, two, one, two, three, four"—that sounds much like an English translation of Sam the Sham & The Pharaohs' Spanish kickoff to the goofy 1965 pop hit "Wooly Bully."

"It's very 'Wooly Bully,' " says Ramsey. "That was just the tequila talking at that point. The funny thing was we wanted that song to sound loose and like a party. We were like, 'Look, if we want it to sound like a party, let's have a party. Let's break out the tequila and drink.' And then we went in there to track it. Everybody's talking, and I finally literally yelled that into the microphone, and — total Pavlovian response — everyone just launched into the song, and that was the take."

With its resulting "Wagon Wheel" simplicity, "Boat" was RCA Nashville's pick for a single to start off the summer, released to radio via PlayMPE on May 20. It rides at No. 18 on the Country Airplay chart dated July 3, wrapping the usually exacting group in an uncharacteristically loose framework that sounds quite different than the typical Old Dominion track.

"That's not always a bad thing," says Rosen. "We have tried to stretch the limits of what it means to be an Old Dominion song, and the more we do things a little differently, the more it kind of spreads what we can do and still sound like us." •



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35 Years Ago Dan Seals Was Shining At No. 1

In 1986, the former member of England Dan & John Ford Coley scored his third of 11 leaders on Hot Country Songs On July 5, 1986, "Everything That Glitters (Is Not Gold)" became **Dan Seals**' third of 11 No. 1s on *Billboard*'s Hot Country Songs chart.

Co-authored by Seals and Bob McDill, the single became the third of three No. 1s from Seals' Won't Be Blue Anymore, his lone leader on Top Country Albums. It followed "Meet Me in Montana," with Marie Osmond, and "Bop." Starting with "Montana," Seals snapped off nine uninterrupted No. 1s. In total, he earned 25 Hot Country Songs entries from 1983 to 1994, including 16 top 10s.

Born Danny Wayland Seals in McCamey, Texas, the artist was the younger brother of Seals & Crofts' Jim Seals. He was first known as half of pop duo England Dan & John Ford Coley (with Seals' nickname dating to his childhood fandom of The Beatles). The pair notched four top 10s on the Billboard Hot 100, with 1976's "I'd Really Love to See You Tonight" its strongest showing (No. 2).

Seals was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2008. Following treatment, including a stem cell transplant, he died in 2009 at age 61.

