

NSAI Virtually Honors 2021 Nashville Songwriter Awards Winners

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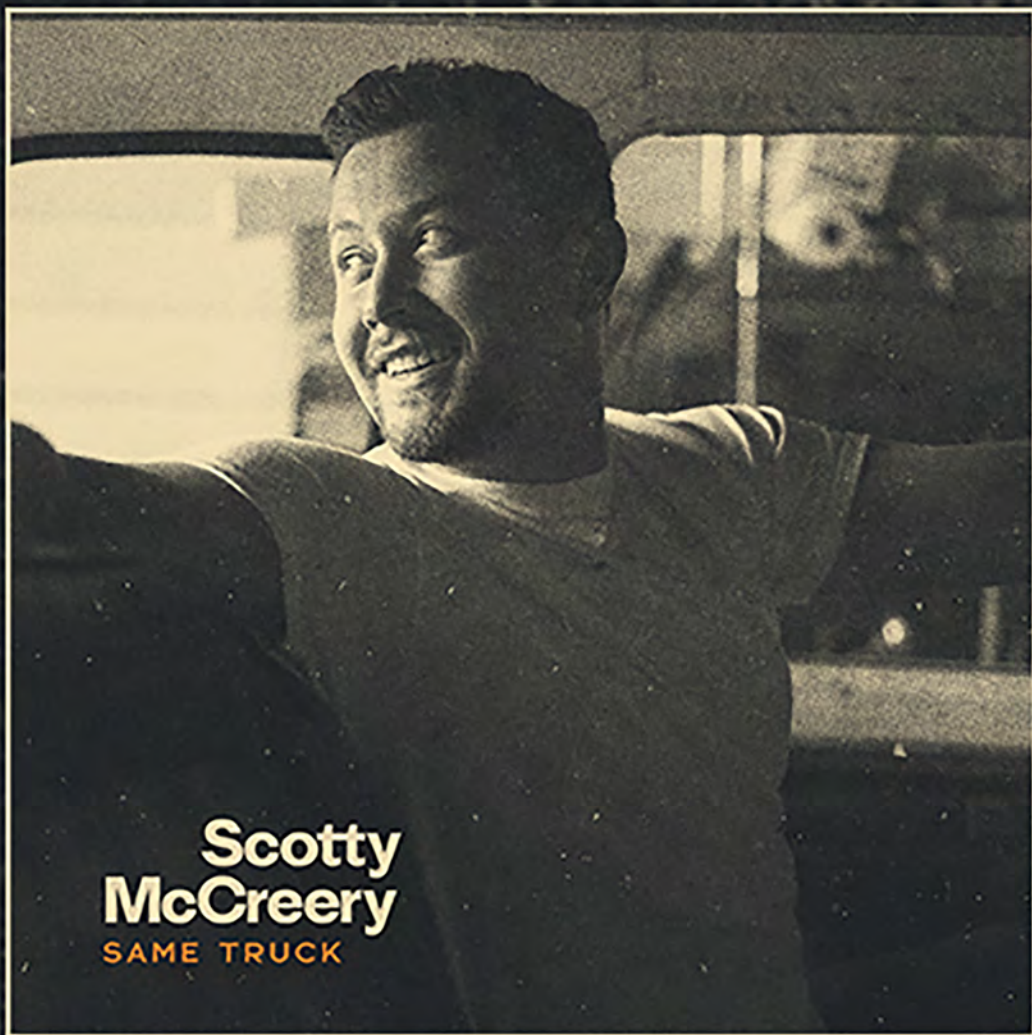
The Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI) has announced the winners of the 4th annual Nashville Songwriter Awards. The winners were honored by NSAI and presenting partner City National Bank through an online presentation Tuesday afternoon (Sept. 14).

The Song of the Year honor was awarded to **Luke Dick, Natalie Hemby** and **Miranda Lambert** for their song "Bluebird." This hopeful tune was nominated for Song of the Year at the 54th CMA Awards, the 56th ACM Awards, and for Best Country Solo Performance and Best Country Song at the 63rd Annual Grammy Awards.

Ethan Hulse, a three-time Grammy nominated and Dove Award winning songwriter, was honored with Songwriter of the Year. Hulse, who wrote the Christian hits "Rescue Story," "Stand In Your Love" and "The Father's House," also recently took home Songwriter of the Year at the BMI Christian Awards.

Country hitmaker **Luke Combs** was awarded with Songwriter-Artist of the Year. Combs achieved his eleventh consecutive No. 1 hit, "Forever After All," this year and was recently revealed as a nominee for Entertainer of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year and Song of the Year ("Forever After All") for the upcoming 55th CMA Awards.

NSAI also honored many songwriters in the highly-coveted '10 Songs I Wish I'd Written' category, which are voted on by Professional Songwriter Members of NSAI honoring the work of their songwriter peers. Songs eligible for the award have at least one Nashville-based writer and charted in the Top 20 of *Billboard* Airplay chart in the Christian, country, mainstream top 40, and/or rock genres during the eligible period. The NSAI Song Of The Year is the highest vote-getter.



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The '10 Songs I Wish I'd Written' winners include:

"7 Summers" – Written by: Shane McAnally, Josh Osborne, Morgan Wallen

"Ain't Always The Cowboy" – Written by: Brandon Kinney, Josh Thompson

"Chasin' You" – Written by: Jamie Moore, Morgan Wallen, Craig Wiseman

"Die From A Broken Heart" – Written by: Taylor Dye, Maddie Marlow, Deric Ruttan, Jonathan Singleton

"Hell Of A View" – Written by: Casey Beathard, Eric Church, Monty Criswell

"I Called Mama" – Written by: Marv Green, Lance Miller, Jimmy Yeary

"I Hope" – Written by: Gabby Barrett, Zachary Kale, Jon Nite

"I Hope You're Happy Now" – Written by: Luke Combs, Randy Montana, Carly Pearce, Jonathan Singleton

"One Night Standards" – Written by: Nicolette Hayford, Shane McAnally, Ashley McBryde

"Starting Over" – Written by: Mike Henderson, Chris Stapleton

Curb I Word Entertainment Ups Ciara Shortridge To Publishing VP Role

Curb I Word Entertainment has promoted **Ciara Shortridge** to VP, Country Publishing/A&R. She will help oversee the creative operations of the country roster alongside VP, Country Publishing & Creative, **Colt Murski**.

Curb I Word Music Publishing has had recent success with chart-topping hits that include Dylan Scott's "Nobody" and "My Girl," Luke Bryan's "Down To One," Jimmie Allen's "Make Me Want To," Lee Brice's "Rumor" and current hit "Memory I Don't Mess With," and many more.

Chairman **Mike Curb** shares, "We are proud to welcome Ciara as VP, Country Publishing/A&R and we appreciate the wonderful creative contributions she has already made to our company, including helping to lead us through the challenges of this COVID period in a positive way."

Shortridge is a NY native and a graduate of the Mike Curb College of Entertainment & Music Business at Belmont University. She has been with the company since the beginning of 2020, and most recently served as Senior Creative Director. Prior to Curb, Shortridge spent 10 years at Disney Music Publishing Nashville.

"I am so thankful for this incredibly exciting opportunity to help lead our team and it's deep-rooted legacy into its next chapter of successes!" says Shortridge. "Representing the company and roster in this new role is a very meaningful, full-circle season in my life." **MR**



Greenberg Traurig Expands Entertainment Practice, Adds Jeff Biederman



Global law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP is expanding its Entertainment & Media Practice as it adds music attorney **Charles J. “Jeff” Biederman** as a shareholder in its Los Angeles office. He joins the firm from Manatt.

Biederman has worked on more than \$1 billion in music catalogue deals in recent years and represents a wide variety of artists, including Dierks Bentley and the estate of Miles Davis. His practice includes representation of artists, entrepreneurs, and companies in the areas of music, television, film, digital media, fashion and branding, and advertising.

“Jeff’s arrival highlights our commitment to meeting the needs of our clients in a rapidly changing marketplace and ensuring that we remain the preeminent global law firm in the entertainment and media sector,” says **Bobby Rosenbloum**, chairman of the firm’s global practice group.

Biederman’s recent work includes representing Round Hill Music Royalty Fund Ltd. in the acquisition of a publishing catalogue valued at \$363 million. He also represented Downtown Music Holdings in its sale of 145,000 copyrights to Concord Music, capturing Downtown’s entire owned and co-published music catalog.

“The entertainment marketplace is a global marketplace,” Biederman comments. “We all work in a global media space. When I’m doing licensing deals in Europe or Asia, having experienced colleagues in markets like London and Milan, is incredibly helpful. I know that for any question that comes up, there’s a Greenberg Traurig lawyer somewhere in the world who can answer it.” **MR**

Kelly Sutton Joins WSM Radio ‘Coffee, Country & Cody’ Show



Kelly Sutton will join WSM’s radio and television show *Coffee, Country & Cody* alongside **Bill Cody** and **Charlie Mattos**. Sutton is set to join the team as the show’s Co-Host and Entertainment Reporter beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 7 to 10 a.m.

Sutton is an Emmy-winning TV anchor with two decades of experience, interviewing a myriad of country artists for outlets including ABC.com, TuneIn Radio, and OneCountry.com. She has also co-anchored local television programs *Today in Nashville* (WSMV) and *Tennessee Mornings* (WZTV).

“I am over the moon to be joining my friends Bill, Charlie and Eric on *Coffee, Country & Cody*,” shares Sutton. “Bill and I have known each other for years and this feels like such a natural fit. I get to wake up and drink coffee and talk about country music with my friends!”

In 2021 Sutton launched *Connected with Kelly*, a weekly YouTube series with guests that have included Carrie Underwood, Little Big Town, Kane Brown and more. Sutton also hosts Y’all Access With Kelly Sutton on radio and is the voice of Country Heat on Amazon Music.

“Not only am I excited about the talent that Kelly brings to *Coffee, Country & Cody*, I am thrilled that we are adding someone so ingrained in the country music community and recognizable to country music fans,” says WSM Radio Director of Content and Programming, **J. Patrick Tinnell**. “I know Kelly to be warm, fun and entertaining; and I’m certain the WSM Radio and Circle TV audience will love her as much as the WSM family already does.” **MR**

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

CHART ACTION

New On The Chart —Debuting This Week

song/artist/label—Chart Position

- 23/Sam Hunt/MCA Nashville — 61
- Blue Collar**/Kevin McCoy Band/Honky Tonk Hippie — 76
- Music Man**/Shane Owens/AmeriMonte Records — 77
- Long Gone**/The Posse Band feat. Doug Supernaw — 78
- Hey Dad**/Matt Stillwell/723 Entertainment — 79
- Stealing Home**/James Robert Webb/Bison Creek Records — 80

Greatest Spin Increase

song/artist/label—Spin Increase

- 23/Sam Hunt/MCA Nashville — 244
- One Mississippi**/Kane Brown/RCA Nashville — 175
- My Boy**/Elvie Shane/Wheelhouse Records — 138
- Buy Dirt**/Jordan Davis feat. Luke Bryan/MCA Nashville — 129
- Wild Hearts**/Keith Urban/Capitol — 124
- Fancy Like**/Walker Hayes/Monument — 123
- Sand In My Boots**/Morgan Wallen/Big Loud Records — 117

Most Added

song/artist/label—No. of Adds

- 23/Sam Hunt/MCA Nashville — 22
- Honky - Tonk**/Josiah Siska/Black River Entertainment — 13
- Never Wanted To Be That Girl**/Carly Pearce and Ashley McBryde/Big Machine/WMN — 9
- Get To Work Whiskey**/Ward Davis/Ward Davis/Thirty Tigers Records — 6
- Best Thing Since Backroads**/Jake Owen/Big Loud Records — 6
- One Mississippi**/Kane Brown/RCA Nashville — 6
- Shuffle**/Laci Kaye Booth/BMLG — 6

On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

song/artist/label—No. of Spins

- Freedom**/Houston Bernard/HBB — 157
- I Made A Wish**/Carl Ray Hopper/CCB Nashville — 152
- Think About Me**/Maggie Baugh — 145
- Truth About A Lie**/Jamie Trent/Restless Kardigan Music — 143
- All It Cost Me Was Everything**/Cody Jinks/Late August Records — 143

NO. 1 SONG



Chris Stapleton paves his way to No. 1 this week on the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Radio Chart with “You Should Probably Leave.” This single follows his two week No. 1. “Starting Over.”

“You Should Probably Leave” was written by Stapleton, **Ashley Gorley**, and **Chris DuBois**. It appears on his album [Starting Over](#) which was completed in February of 2020 just days before the shutdown.

Stapleton is currently touring the country with his [All-American Road Show](#). The tour began in July and has dates lined up through June of 2022.



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

MusicRow CountryBreakout Chart Reporting Stations

WHMA Anniston, AL	WAAG Galesburg, IL	WTCM Traverse City, MI	WFRY Watertown, NY	WLLX Lawrenceburg, TN
WXFL Florence, AL	WMCI Mattoon, IL	KYSM Mankato, MN	KWHW Altus, OK	KFTX Corpus Christi, TX
KHBZ Harrison, AR	WYOT Rochelle, IL	KZPK St. Cloud, MN	KITX Hugo, OK	KYKX Longview, TX
KQUS Hot Springs, AR	WRTB Rockford, IL	KWWR Mexico, MO	KWEY Weatherford, OK	KYYK Palestine, TX
KDXY Jonesboro, AR	WCCI Savanna, IL	KFAV Warrenton, MO	KWOX Woodward, OK	KXOX Sweetwater, TX
KWCK Searcy, AR	WIFE Connersville, IN	WFAY Fayetteville, NC	KRKT Albany, OR	WAKG Danville, VA
KRAZ Santa Barbara, CA	KAIR Atchison, KS	KZZY Devils Lake, ND	WVNW Lewistown, PA	WAXX Altoona, WI
WPAP Panama City, FL	WKDZ Cadiz, KY	KRVN Lexington, NE	WNBT Mansfield, PA	WJVL Janesville, WI
WUBB Savannah, GA	WBKR Owensboro, KY	KBRX O’Neill, NE	WCFT Selinsgrove, PA	WGLR Platteville, WI
KXIA Marshalltown, IA	WDHR Pikeville, KY	Jersey Shore Country	WFGE State College, PA	WQPC Prairie du Chien, WI
KIAI Mason City, IA	KRRV Alexandria, LA	KQBA Santa Fe, NM	KMOM Aberdeen, SD	WCOW Sparta, WI
KBOE Oskaloosa, IA	WUUU Covington, LA	WDNB Monticello, NY	KZZI Spearfish, SD	WTNJ Beckley, WV
KTHK Idaho Falls, ID	WKPE Hyannis, MA	WOLF Syracuse, NY	WUCZ Carthage, TN	WDGG Huntington, WV
WOOZ Carterville, IL	WVMD Cumberland, MD	WCJW Warsaw, NY	WDKN Dickson, TN	

COUNTRYBREAKOUT RADIO CHART

Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
18	2	1	You Should Probably Leave / Chris Stapleton / Mercury Nashville	1765/66	3	53
8	1	2	If I Didn't Love You / Jason Aldean & Carrie Underwood / Broken Bow/Macon Music/Capitol	1713/53	-1	-15
40	3	3	Cold Beer Calling My Name / Jameson Rodgers feat. Luke Combs / River House Artists/ Columbia Nashville	1622/44	0	4
36	7	4	My Boy / Elvie Shane / Wheelhouse Records	1592/47	9	138
25	4	5	Chasing After You / Ryan Hurd w/ Maren Morris / Arista Nashville	1552/51	1	10
14	5	6	Same Boat / Zac Brown Band / Home Grown Music/Warner Music Nashville	1522/60	4	53
11	6	7	Cold As You / Luke Combs / Columbia/River House Artists	1510/51	3	47
22	8	8	Half Of My Hometown / Kelsea Ballerini / Black River Entertainment	1465/62	2	27
11	10	9	Heart On Fire / Eric Church / EMI Records Nashville	1418/66	4	52
33	9	10	Freedom Was A Highway / Jimmie Allen & Brad Paisley / Stoney Creek Records	1405/51	0	5
29	11	11	Knowing You / Kenny Chesney / Blue Chair Records/Warner Music Nashville	1341/43	-2	-21
36	12	12	Give Heaven Some Hell / HARDY / Big Loud Records	1298/60	0	-3
9	16	13	Fancy Like / Walker Hayes / Monument	1269/47	11	123
21	13	14	It's Cause I Am / Callista Clark / Big Machine	1259/58	1	18
9	17	15	Buy Dirt / Jordan Davis feat. Luke Bryan / MCA Nashville	1258/63	11	129
34	15	16	To Be Loved By You / Parker McCollum / MCA Nashville	1221/58	3	38
44	14	17	You Time / Scotty McCreery / Triple Tigers Records	1191/39	0	-3
30	18	18	Getting Over Him / Lauren Alaina feat. Jon Pardi / Mercury Nashville	1096/54	3	36
19	19	19	Tip Jar / Jackson Michelson / Curb	1056/50	3	32
19	20	20	Thinking 'Bout You / Dustin Lynch feat. MacKenzie Porter / Broken Bow	1051/47	9	87
39	21	21	Whiskey And Rain / Michael Ray / Warner Music Nashville	1029/45	10	93
14	22	22	Never Mine / Craig Campbell / Grindstone Records	931/53	1	7
4	27	23	Sand In My Boots / Morgan Wallen / Big Loud Records	893/54	15	117
26	24	24	My Masterpiece / Darius Rucker / Capitol	839/40	0	-1
20	25	25	Fill Them Boots / Chris Lane / Big Loud Records	834/42	4	35
21	23	26	I'm Not For Everyone / Brothers Osborne / EMI Records Nashville	834/47	-4	-33
6	28	27	Best Thing Since Backroads / Jake Owen / Big Loud Records	813/54	9	66
15	26	28	Drunk (And I Don't Wanna Go Home) / Elle King & Miranda Lambert / RCA Nashville	794/42	0	-1
29	30	29	I Can't / Caitlyn Smith feat. Old Dominion / Monument Records	759/44	4	32
10	32	30	That's What Cowboys Do / Garth Brooks / Pearl Records	735/43	8	52
4	37	31	Wild Hearts / Keith Urban / Capitol	729/46	20	124
12	33	32	Old School / Toby Keith / Show Dog Nashville	723/44	6	40
4	40	33	One Mississippi / Kane Brown / RCA Nashville	718/43	32	175
17	31	34	Back Then, Right Now / Tenille Arts / 19th & Grand Records	693/41	1	6
8	35	35	7500 OBO / Tim McGraw / Big Machine	674/41	10	62
7	36	36	Beers On Me / Dierks Bentley feat. BRELAND & HARDY / Capitol	634/41	4	25
14	39	37	Fine / Mira Goto / ArtistMax	621/34	6	33
19	34	38	Pretend He's You / Ashley Barron / SSM Nashville	615/37	-1	-9
29	41	39	Home Sweet / Russell Dickerson / Triple Tigers Records	600/34	14	72



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20	44	40	Woman You Got / Maddie & Tae / Mercury	509/31	3	13
11	45	41	How Far Can It Go? / Hailey Whitters feat. Trisha Yearwood / Big Loud/S&D/Pigasus	506/33	7	32
16	43	42	Local Honey / Mo Pitney / Curb	498/29	-1	-4
8	48	43	Get To Work Whiskey / Ward Davis / Ward Davis/Thirty Tigers Records	484/41	14	60
16	50	44	Princess / Dallas Remington / RoadWarrior Records	447/30	8	32
8	46	45	Am I The Only One / Aaron Lewis / Valory	420/24	-3	-14
4	49	46	Steal My Love / Dan + Shay / Warner Music Nashville	407/29	-4	-15
9	52	47	Grow Up / Ian Flanigan feat. Blake Shelton / Reviver Records	389/31	0	1
15	51	48	Get Lost / Lucas Hoge / Forge Entertainment Group	381/22	-5	-20
11	53	49	Rub A Little Dirt On It / Chase Likens / On The Green	342/22	1	5
20	56	50	Is It Me And You / Lisa Brokop / Amersong	332/19	15	43
21	54	51	That Ain't Me No More / Matt Stell / RECORDS/Arista Nashville	320/19	-1	-2
3	66	52	New Truck / Dylan Scott / Curb	300/25	26	61
3	59	53	Sunrise Tells The Story / Midland / Big Machine	300/23	10	28
10	64	54	Hillbilly Shake / AC Thomas / Birmingham Entertainment	290/23	17	43
13	55	55	You'll Always Be My Baby / Alan Jackson / EMI Records Nashville	288/22	-11	-34
11	57	56	Better Than You're Used To / Tyler Rich / Valory	287/22	1	2
8	58	57	Talk Of The Town / South 62 / Graphite Sound	283/20	4	10
5	61	58	These Boots Were Made To Dance / Timothy Baker & Clayton Smalley / YN Records	278/23	7	18
3	62	59	They Don't Make 'Em Like That No More / Travis Tritt / Big Noise	277/20	8	21
9	60	60	Walking In Your Wonderful Light / Rhonda Towns / Dawn Records	277/17	4	10
1	194	61	23 / Sam Hunt / MCA Nashville	259/23	127	244
5	68	62	Record High / Randall King / Warner Music Nashville	259/23	11	26
7	63	63	Feel Good Again / RT Johnson / CCB Nashville	255/20	1	2
13	65	64	Evangeline / Sammy Kershaw / White Mustang Records	251/18	2	5
3	73	65	Wildier Days / Morgan Wade / Ladylike Records	241/18	14	30
6	67	66	Hometown In My Headlights / JD Shelburne / JD Shelburne Music LLC	240/17	3	7
7	70	67	Please Don't Let Me / Dylan Gerard / SSM Nashville	234/21	1	3
4	69	68	The American Face / The Isaacs / House of Isaacs	233/18	1	2
7	72	69	American Made / Dakota Poorman / Ten Inch Vinyl Entertainment, LLC	222/16	4	8
2	78	70	I Know A Girl / MaRynn Taylor / Black River Entertainment	213/21	16	30
3	74	71	Broke It Down / Brian Callihan / Reviver Records	212/18	4	9
3	76	72	Version Of Me / Emily Rose / Growing Rose Recording Co.	206/15	5	10
2	79	73	Hit Me Up / Josh Kinney / Birmingham Entertainment	199/17	12	22
6	75	74	You and Sunscreen / Runnin' Shine / Great Heights Recording	198/14	-1	-2
2	77	75	Who Cares / Filmore / Curb	194/13	3	6
1	83	76	Blue Collar / Kevin McCoy Band / Honky Tonk Hippie	174/13	9	15
1	81	77	Music Man / Shane Owens / AmeriMonte Records	172/18	8	13
1	84	78	Long Gone / The Posse Band feat. Doug Supernaw /	167/12	8	12
1	85	79	Hey Dad / Matt Stillwell / 723 Entertainment	162/11	11	16
1	86	80	Stealing Home / James Robert Webb / Bison Creek Records	159/16	10	15

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Honorees Announced For 2021 *CMT Artists of the Year*



CMT revealed the honorees for its 2021 *CMT Artists Of The Year* special, taking place on Oct. 13. The premier country artists to be celebrated are **Chris Stapleton, Gabby Barrett, Kane Brown, Kelsea Ballerini** and **Luke Combs**.

This year's *CMT Artists of the Year* event will honor the top five country artists who, in the last 12 months, led across all CMT platforms, scored chart-topping albums and singles, and created ways to connect with fans and meet the personal and professional challenges posed by the pandemic.

Margaret Comeaux, Vice President, Production, CMT says: "We are honored to recognize these five incredible artists who have entertained and inspired millions through their music this past year. We look forward to returning to the Schermerhorn with a live show as we celebrate the accomplishments of Chris, Kane, Kelsea, Gabby and Luke."

The 90-minute *CMT Artists Of The Year* special will broadcast live from Nashville's Schermerhorn Symphony Center on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. CT. Musical pairings, special guests, additional honorees, performers and presenters will be announced in the coming weeks. **MR**

Blake Shelton & Gwen Stefani Celebrate Back-To-Back No. 1 Hits

Blake Shelton recently celebrated his 27th and 28th Country Airplay No. 1 singles, "Nobody But You" and "Happy Anywhere," with his wife and featured artist, **Gwen Stefani**.

Both Platinum-certified singles have racked up over 200 million streams a piece and mark Stefani's first and second No. 1 country singles.

"Nobody But You" was co-written by **Ross Copperman** (BMI), **Tommy Lee James** (BMI), **Josh Osborne** (ASCAP), and **Shane McAnally** (ASCAP/GMR). Osborne, Copperman and **Matt Jenkins** (ASCAP) co-wrote "Happy Anywhere." All songwriters were honored by the songs' performing artists and their respective publishers on the BMI Creative Patio in one of the first celebrations of its kind since the start of the pandemic.

The outdoor party featured presentations from BMI's **Clay Bradley**, Warner Music Nashville's **John Esposito**, and executives from Combustion Music, SMACKSongs, Sony Music Publishing, Still Working Music Group, Tape Room Music, and Warner Chappell Music. **MR**



Darcie Van Etten Exits Country Radio Seminar, Creative Director Position Opens



Darcie Van Etten is exiting her position at Country Radio Seminar (CRS) after four years with the company. She is joining management company Roundhouse Entertainment.

CRS is looking to fill a Creative Director position following Van Etten's departure.

"CRS has a tremendously rare opportunity for the next rising star in our industry to step into a dynamic, versatile role as Creative Director/Digital Content Mgr, and impose their creative will on this organization. On behalf of our board and staff, congratulations to Darcie on her exciting career opportunity; we thank her for the many contributions to our organization," says CRS/CRB Executive Director **RJ Curtis**.

This role reports directly to Curtis, who is looking to fill the position straightaway. The Creative Director will be responsible for brainstorming, planning, and executing all of the organization's marketing, digital, and creative efforts.

For more details about the position, [click here](#). Resumes can be submitted to Curtis at rj@crb.org.

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NOW ACCEPTING: Applications For *MusicRow's* N.B.T. Music Industry Directory



Applications are now open for the N.B.T. (Next Big Thing) Music Industry Directory, which will be featured in *MusicRow's* Touring/N.B.T. print issue which comes out on December 1.

MusicRow's N.B.T. Music Industry Directory is the first and only list of its kind, showcasing Nashville music business professionals who are rising through the ranks. This class of industry members occupy mid-level roles at their respective companies, and are on a trajectory of excellence to become future leaders in the Nashville music industry. Applicants should ideally have a minimum of 5 or more years experience in the music industry.

This Touring/N.B.T. print edition also includes the annual Next Big Thing artists listing, with editorial features focused on the touring segment of our industry.

[To apply for inclusion in this year's edition of the N.B.T. Music Industry Directory, please click here to access the application form.](#) (Please note that not all submissions are guaranteed to be listed in the directory.)

Note: If you are submitting multiple candidates, you will need to click on SUBMIT at the bottom of the form before entering another candidate. Head shots can be sent to art@musicrow.com.

New submissions for the directory close on Friday, September 24, 2021. For questions, email lbcantrell@musicrow.com. **MR**

DISCLAIMER Single Reviews: Cody Johnson, Carly Pearce & Ashley McBryde, Tylar Bryant



Pictured (top row): Tylar Bryant, Cody Johnson; (bottom row): Carly Pearce, Ashley McBryde

Summer may be winding down, but the country stars are still cranking out plenty of sunshine.

In this week's edition of DisCLAIMer, we have terrific tunes by **Old Dominion, Sam Hunt, Mitchell Tenpenny & Chris Young, Walker Hayes, Kacey Musgraves** and more. We have a tie in the race for the Disc of the Day award. I can't decide between the sizzling **Cody Johnson** single and the scintillating duet by **Carly Pearce & Ashley McBryde**. Honor them both with your spins.

One of the most noteworthy trends in country music during the past three years is the unprecedented explosion of Black artists in the genre. Country hopefuls **Willie Jones, Chapel Hart, Breland, Karen McCormick, Ashlie Amber, Blanco Brown, Brittney Spencer, Tony Evans Jr., Camo Brian, Priscilla Renae, Shy Carter, Tiera, Kyshona, Charlie Crockett, Norman North, Wendy Moten, Reyna Roberts** and **Charles Gallaspy** have joined an influx from the previous decade—

Mickey Guyton, Jimmie Allen, Miko Marks, Simba Jordan, Vickie Vann, Kane Brown, Rissi Palmer, Kamara Thomas, Joy Styles, Tony Jackson, Rhonda Townes, Darius Rucker, Kaia Kater, Aaron Vance, Daniel Houze, Amber Gerard, John Amos and **Erika Dunlap**.

In this column, we add three more names to the list, **Brei Carter, Danielia Cotton** and our DISCOVERY Award winner, **Tylar Bryant**.

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Dallas Remington with staff members at WFRY in Watertown, NY.



American Idol alum Alex Miller and Ashley Wilson, Director of Country Programming, Kentucky/Indiana Region at iHeartMedia, #iHeartCountry Personality on 97.5 WAMZ



Bucky Covington, WUCZ's Dennis Banka and Jake Hoot



WUCZ's Dennis Banka and TikTok star Cooper Alan

TOP SONGWRITER CHART

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
1	1	Ashley Gorley	Beers On Me Country Again Give Heaven Some Hell Sand In My Boots Steal My Love You Should Probably Leave	Dierks Bentley, Hardy & Breland Thomas Rhett HARDY Morgan Wallen Dan + Shay Chris Stapleton
2	3	Jonathan Singleton	Cold as You Same Boat South On Ya Things A Man Oughta Know	Luke Combs Zac Brown Band Luke Combs Lainey Wilson
3	4	Zach Crowell	Country Again Waves	Thomas Rhett Luke Bryan
4	2	Hunter Phelps	Best Thing Since Backroads Cold Beer Calling My Name Drinkin' Beer. Talkin' God. Amen Give Heaven Some Hell That Ain't Me No More Thinking 'Bout You	Jake Owen Jameson Rodgers feat. Luke Combs Chase Rice feat. Florida Georgia Line HARDY Matt Stell Dustin Lynch feat. MacKenzie Porter
5	6	Randy Montana	Cold as You We Didn't Have Much	Luke Combs Justin Moore
6	15	Luke Combs	Cold as You Forever After All South On Ya	Luke Combs Luke Combs Luke Combs
7	8	J. Flowers	Chasing After You	Ryan Hurd with Maren Morris
8	9	Brinley Addington	Chasing After You	Ryan Hurd with Maren Morris
9	11	Jesse Frasure	One Mississippi Whiskey And Rain	Kane Brown Michael Ray
10	5	Corey Crowder	Drinkin' Beer. Talkin' God. Amen Famous Friends	Chase Rice feat. Florida Georgia Line Chris Young + Kane Brown
11	10	Martin Johnson	Drunk (And I Don't Wanna Go Home) Like A Lady	Elle King and Miranda Lambert Lady A
12	13	Rhett Akins	Tequila Little Time To Be Loved By You	Jon Pardi Parker McCollum
13	18	Josh Jenkins	Buy Dirt Fancy Like	Jordan Davis feat. Luke Bryan Walker Hayes
14	16	Ryan Hurd	Old School Waves	Toby Keith Luke Bryan
15	17	Chase McGill	Waves	Luke Bryan
16	19	Lainey Wilson	Things A Man Oughta Know	Lainey Wilson
17	20	Jason Nix	Things A Man Oughta Know	Lainey Wilson
18	14	Paul DiGiovanni	Getting Over Him We Didn't Have Much	Lauren Alaina with Jon Pardi Justin Moore
19	24	Thomas Rhett	Country Again	Thomas Rhett
20	22	Chris Young	Famous Friends	Chris Young + Kane Brown
21	23	Cary Barlowe	Famous Friends	Chris Young + Kane Brown
22	26	Josh Thompson	Whiskey And Rain	Michael Ray
23	21	Jeremy Stover	We Didn't Have Much	Justin Moore
24	27	Michael Hardy	Beers On Me Give Heaven Some Hell Sand In My Boots That Ain't Me No More	Dierks Bentley, Hardy & Breland HARDY Morgan Wallen Matt Stell
25	25	Elle King	Drunk (And I Don't Wanna Go Home)	Elle King and Miranda Lambert

This Week	Last Week	Songwriter's Name	Song(s)	Artist
26	7	Josh Osborne	I Was On A Boat That Day My Masterpiece Sand In My Boots	Old Dominion Darius Rucker Morgan Wallen
27	31	A. Eshuis	You Time	Scotty McCreery
28	32	Frank Rogers	You Time	Scotty McCreery
29	33	Scotty McCreery	You Time	Scotty McCreery
30	28	Brian Davis	Memory I Don't Mess With	Lee Brice
31	29	Lee Brice	Memory I Don't Mess With	Lee Brice
32	30	Billy Montana	Memory I Don't Mess With	Lee Brice
33	41	Brett Tyler	Cold Beer Calling My Name Old School	Jameson Rodgers feat. Luke Combs Toby Keith
34	42	Jameson Rodgers	Cold Beer Calling My Name	Jameson Rodgers feat. Luke Combs
35	43	Alysa Vanderheyem	Cold Beer Calling My Name	Jameson Rodgers feat. Luke Combs
36	36	Kat Higgins	Knowing You	Kenny Chesney
37	37	Adam James	Knowing You	Kenny Chesney
38	38	Brett James	Knowing You	Kenny Chesney
39	47	Kurt Allison	If I Didn't Love You	Jason Aldean & Carrie Underwood
40	48	Tully Kennedy	If I Didn't Love You	Jason Aldean & Carrie Underwood
41	49	Lydia Vaughan	If I Didn't Love You	Jason Aldean & Carrie Underwood
42	50	John Morgan	If I Didn't Love You	Jason Aldean & Carrie Underwood
43	54	Walker Hayes	Fancy Like	Walker Hayes
44	55	Shane Stevens	Fancy Like	Walker Hayes
45	56	Cameron Bartolini	Fancy Like	Walker Hayes
46	45	Ernest Keith Smith	Fill Them Boots Memory One Mississippi	Chris Lane Kane Brown & Blackbear Kane Brown
47	44	Kane Brown	Memory One Mississippi	Kane Brown & Blackbear Kane Brown
48	46	Parker McCollum	To Be Loved By You	Parker McCollum
49	12	Shane McAnally	Half Of My Hometown I Was On A Boat That Day	Kelsea Ballerini feat. Kenny Chesney Old Dominion
50	57	Andy Albert	Steal My Love Thinking 'Bout You	Dan + Shay Dustin Lynch feat. MacKenzie Porter
51	52	Chris Stapleton	You Should Probably Leave	Chris Stapleton
52	53	Chris DuBois	You Should Probably Leave	Chris Stapleton
53	76	Eric Church	Heart On Fire	Eric Church
54	77	Ben Simonetti	Same Boat	Zac Brown Band
55	78	Zac Brown	Same Boat	Zac Brown Band
56	58	Matt Rogers	Freedom Was A Highway	Jimmie Allen & Brad Paisley
57	59	Jimmie Allen	Freedom Was A Highway	Jimmie Allen & Brad Paisley
58	60	Ash Bowers	Freedom Was A Highway	Jimmie Allen & Brad Paisley
59	61	Jon Pardi	Tequila Little Time	Jon Pardi
60	62	Luke Laird	Tequila Little Time	Jon Pardi

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Singles/Track Releases

September 17

Lily Rose/Stronger Than I Am/Big Loud Records/Back Blocks Music/Republic Records

Stephanie Ryann/Over You

September 20

Carly Pearce & Ashley McBryde/Never Wanted To Be That Girl/Big Machine/Warner/WMN

Shannon Woods Band/She Gets Me/Hilliard Entertainment

Sam Riddle/Bar Stool, Church Pew Town/SSM Entertainment

Bryan Lanning/Slide Into My GM/Metropolitan Groove Merchants

Dave Wilbert/It's Gettin' There/Wilbilly Records

Albums/EP Releases

September 17

Carly Pearce/*29: Written In Stone*/Big Machine Records

Jameson Rodgers/*Bet You're From A Small Town*/Columbia Nashville/River House Artists

Scotty McCreery/*Same Truck*/Triple Tigers

Laine Hardy/*Here's To Anyone*/Buena Vista Records/Industrial Media's 19 Recordings

Ray Fulcher/*Larkin Hill Mixes EP*/Black River Records

Patrick Droney/*State of the Heart (Deluxe Edition)*/Warner Records

Jelly Roll/*Ballads of the Broken*/BBR Music Group

September 24

Johnny Cash/*Bear's Sonic Journals: Johnny Cash, At The Carousel Ballroom, April 24 1968*/BMG

Carrie Underwood/*My Gift (Special Edition)*/Universal Music Group Nashville

Mickey Guyton/*Remember Her Name*/Capitol Records Nashville

Billy Strings/*Renewal*/Rounder Records

Larry Fleet/*Stack Of Records*/Big Loud Records

Kidd G/*Down Home Boy*/Rebel Music/Geffen Records

Leigh Nash/*The Ride, Vol. 1*/Visionary Media Group

Industry Events

September 22

Americana Honors & Awards

September 22-25

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