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Exclusive: Kix Brooks Bonus Q&A



In this bonus web feature, **Kix Brooks** touches on the confusion of the Brooks & Dunn retirement, then their return five years later for a residency in Las Vegas' prestigious Caesars Palace. Brooks also recalls a few memorable pranks from on the road and if any are in store for Las Vegas. Click [here](#) to read the article.

ACM Announces Radio Awards Nominees



The Academy of Country Music® announced Radio Awards nominees for the 53rd Academy of Country Music Awards, including *MusicRow's* reporting stations WCOW and KTHK. WCOW's **Ben Butler** and **Arnie Andrews** are nominated for On-Air Personality of the Year - Small Market. KTHK is nominated for Radio Station of the Year - Small Market. To see the full list of nominees, click [here](#).

CHART ACTION

New On The Chart —Debuting This Week

song/artist/label—Chart Position

- Bump Bump Bump**/Re Mattei/Trendy Girl Records — 77
- Rich**/Maren Morris/Columbia — 78
- Never Give Up**/Jake McVey/Purple Cow Records — 79
- Kiss Somebody**/Morgan Evans/Warner Bros./WEA — 80

Greatest Spin Increase

song/artist/label—Spin Increase

- You Make It Easy**/Jason Aldean/Broken Bow — 230
- Woman, Amen**/Dierks Bentley/Capitol Nashville — 211
- I Lived It**/Blake Shelton/Warner Bros. — 184
- Boy**/Lee Brice/Curb — 151
- Most People Are Good**/Luke Bryan/Capitol Nashville — 125
- Shoot Me Straight**/Brothers Osborne/EMI Records Nashville — 110
- One Number Away**/Luke Combs/Columbia — 105
- Meant To Be**/BeBe Rexha feat. Florida Georgia Line/BMLG — 90

Most Added

song/artist/label—No. of Adds

- You Make It Easy**/Jason Aldean/Broken Bow — 15
- I Lived It**/Blake Shelton/Warner Bros. — 13
- Woman, Amen**/Dierks Bentley/Capitol Nashville — 6
- Don't Get Better Than That**/LOCASH/Reviver — 5
- Shoot Me Straight**/Brothers Osborne/EMI Records Nashville — 5
- Last Shot**/Kip Moore/MCA — 4
- Meant To Be**/BeBe Rexha feat. Florida Georgia Line/BMLG — 4
- Kinda Don't Care**/Justin Moore/Valory — 4

On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

song/artist/label—No. of Spins

- Run Wild Horses**/Aaron Watson/Big Label Records — 135
- Game Changer**/Marty Heddin/Nightlife Entertainment Group/Dreamlined, LLC — 134
- Dallas Until I Die**/Remington/Amy Jack Music — 122
- No Peace In Quiet**/Delta Rae/Valory Music — 121
- Reasons**/Jillian Jacqueline/Big Loud Records — 120

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Pictured (L-R): *MusicRow* Publisher/Owner Sherod Robertson and Heidi Raye at *MusicRow*'s 16th Annual Country Radio Meet and Greet and CountryBreakout Awards.

KYYK/Palestine, TX's Alex Hardy received the 2018 *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Award for Reporter of the Year. Pictured (L-R): *MusicRow* Chart Director Alex Kyrick, KYYK's Alex Hardy, and *MusicRow* Publisher/Owner Sherod Robertson.



Pictured (L-R): Doug the Pug and WUCZ/Carthage, TN's Dennis Banka.

Pictured (L-R): Florida Georgia Line's Brian Kelley and Tyler Hubbard were presented with six *MusicRow* Challenge Coins at the 2018 *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Awards for their six No. 1 hits to date.



Pictured (L-R): Southern Halo's Christina Morris, WDCG/Huntington, WV's Bill Cornwell, WDCG's Big John, and Southern Halo's Natalia Morris and Hannah Morris.

Pictured (L-R): WRSF/Nags Head, NC's Jill Turner, Cash Campbell, and WRSF's Ray Turner.

REPORTER SPOTLIGHT

KYYK's Alex Hardy



[MusicRow's 16th Annual Country Radio Meet and Greet and CountryBreakout Awards](#)

In addition to being "Boss Mom" of her four children, Alex Hardy is the General Manager of four stations in both Palestine and Bay City, Texas: KNET, KKHA, KBYC and the *MusicRow* reporting station KYYK. Hardy started at the station when she was 21, and began working her way through a number of roles, including Online Content Specialist, On-Air Personality, Traffic Director, Billing Director, Office Manager, and Music Director.

Music has always been the driving force in Hardy's life and career.

"I feel like every time I push play on a new release, I'm privileged to be one of the first to hear it, and then I give the gift of hearing it on the radio to my listeners," says Hardy. "I plan to continue to give air time, spins and respect to all of the deserving and talented artists."

When Hardy became the General Manager, she made herself a promise to continue to prioritize her duties as Music Director no matter how busy her schedule became.

"I have kept that promise," Hardy says. "I have spent years building relationships with promoters and with the listeners in my community. I have learned the patterns and desires of the listeners and learned how to adapt to the ever-changing audience tastes and habits."

Hardy's achievements at KYYK and in the radio community factor in to her selection as the *MusicRow* Reporter of the Year. In 2017, Hardy was awarded the Rusty Walker Scholarship from the Country Radio Seminar. Her dedication to her job and the *MusicRow* panel contribute greatly to her selection as well.

"I am completely honored and astonished to have been chosen to receive the Reporter of the Year Award," states Hardy. "Music is my passion and the fact that I get to live that every day is a blessing."

"Ever since I was a child, I would seek out new artists, or listen to the tracks on albums that hadn't been released yet. When I would hear a good song, I'd say, 'That's going to be a hit. Just remember when it becomes a hit, I called it!'" Hardy chuckles. "I still say that to this day, and usually, I'm right!"



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CALENDAR

NO. 1 SONG

Singles

February 12

Maren Morris/Rich/Columbia Nashville
Sir Rosevelt/Something 'Bout You/Elektra/WAR
Jagertown/Rearview/G & N Entertainment
Vince Youngs/My Turn/78 RPM/Jerry Duncan
Caoihme/Live Like A Song/SMG-Nashville
Blair Matthews/All I've Got Going Is You/Riverfront Promotions

February 19

Aaron Watson/Run Wild Horses/Big Label Records
Ashla Taylor/Nothin' About You/West End Music Group/Rebel Intelligence
Uncle Si & The Sicotics/As Seen On TV/Cold River Records
Eli Tidmore/Don't Forget/Eli Tidmore
Heidi Raye/Junkyard/Harlan Howard

February 20

Jimmie Allen/Best Shot/Stoney Creek Records
Brett Young/Mercy/BMLGR

February 26

Denny Strickland/California Dreamin'/Red Star Productions
Dave McElroy/Nowhere With You/Free Flow Records
John Schneider/Fish/Maven Music

Albums

Feb 9

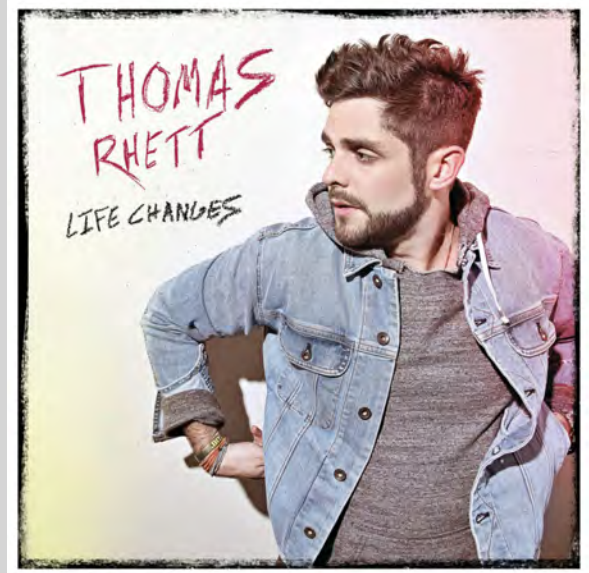
Wade Bowen/Solid Ground/Thirty Tigers

February 16

Michael W. Smith/A Million Lights/Rocketown Records-The Fuel Music
Dugger Band/East Tennessee Son/Dugger Band Music

February 23

Michael W. Smith/Surrounded (live)/Rocketown Records-The Fuel Music



Thomas Rhett tops the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Chart for the second week with "Marry Me." This is Rhett's third single to go No. 1 from his album *Life Changes*. Previous singles include "Craving You" and "Unforgettable."

Rhett co-wrote the single with **Jesse Frasure**, **Ashley Gorley** and **Shane McAnally**.

Rhett and Frasure were recently featured on a *MusicRow* exclusive interview with **Jay-Z**. Read the article [here](#).

The music video for "Marry Me" has received over 39 million views on YouTube since its release in December. View the video [here](#).



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	KTHK Idaho Falls ID	WKPE Hyannis, MA	WCJW Warsaw NY	KMKS Bay City TX
WXFL Florence AL	WAAG Galesburg IL	WVMD Cumberland MD	WFRY Watertown NY	KXOX Sweetwater TX
WTDR Talladega AL	WOOZ Cartersville IL	WATZ Alpena MI	KWHW Altus OK	KYYK Palestine TX
KCJC Russellville AR	WDZQ Decatur IL	WTCM Traverse City MI	KITX Hugo OK	KMRK Odessa TX
KCNV Conway AR	WMCI Mattoon IL	KZPK St. Cloud MN	KWOX Woodward OK	WARG Danville VA
KDXY Jonesboro AR	WRTB Rockford IL	KYSM Mankato MN	KWEY Weatherford OK	WMEV Marion VA
KQUS Hot Springs AR	WIFE Connersville IN	KCLQ Lebanon MO	KRKT Albany OR	KICR Spokane WA
KWCK Searcy AR	WYGB Franklin IN	KWWR Mexico MO	WFGE State College PA	WAXX Altoona WI
KRAZ Santa Barbara CA	KAIR Atchison KS	KFAV Warrenton MO	WCFT Selinsgrove PA	WCOW La Crosse WI
KVAY Lamar CO	KYEZ Salina KS	WQNZ Natchez MS	KIQK Rapid City, SD	WGLR Platteville WI
WHWY Destin FL	WGGC Bowling Green KY	KZZY Devils Lake ND	WDKN Dickson TN	WJVL Janesville WI
WBYZ Baxley GA	WKDZ Cadiz KY	KRVN Lexington NE	WEIO Huntingdon TN	WQPC Prairie du Chien WI
WTHO Thomson GA	WFGS Murray KY	KQKX Norfolk NE	WKSJ Pulaski TN	WPCJ Green Bay WI
WUBB Savannah GA	WBKR Owensboro KY	KRGI Grand Island NE	WLLX Lawrenceburg TN	WDGG Huntington WV
KIAI Mason City IA	WDHR Pikeville KY	KQBA Santa Fe NM	WUCZ Carthage TN	WKKW Morgantown WV
KSMA Mason City IA	KRRV Alexandria LA	WKPK Hornell NY	Renegade Radio Nashville	WTNJ Mount Hope WV
KXIA Marshalltown IA	KQKI Morgan City LA	WDNB Liberty NY	KFTX Corpus Christi TX	WTCR Huntington WV
		WOLF Syracuse NY	KGKL San Angelo TX	

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Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Song / Artist / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
10	1	1	Marry Me / Thomas Rhett / Valory	2628/79	-1	-21
32	2	2	Five More Minutes / Scotty McCreery /	2503/73	3	76
26	3	3	For The First Time / Darius Rucker / Capitol Nashville	2467/83	2	57
31	5	4	Singles You Up / Jordan Davis / MCA Nashville	2328/80	4	82
12	4	5	Everything's Gonna Be Alright / David Lee Murphy and Kenny Chesney / Reviver/Blue Chair	2268/84	0	3
23	6	6	The Long Way / Brett Eldredge / Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/ WEA Radio & Streaming	2195/74	1	11
6	11	7	Most People Are Good / Luke Bryan / Capitol Nashville	2028/82	7	125
27	9	8	You Broke Up With Me / Walker Hayes / Monument Records	1994/61	2	41
32	8	9	The Ones That Like Me / Brantley Gilbert / The Valory Music Co.	1984/74	1	17
15	12	10	She Ain't In It / Jon Pardi / Capitol Nashville	1946/86	4	78
19	13	11	Heart Break / Lady Antebellum / Capitol	1883/79	2	40
30	10	12	When Someone Stops Loving You / Little Big Town / Capitol Nashville	1857/73	-3	-67
36	14	13	She's With Me / High Valley / Warner Bros.	1844/69	2	40
35	15	14	Doin' Fine / Lauren Alaina / Mercury Nashville	1703/65	2	30
31	17	15	Boy / Lee Brice / Curb	1645/69	10	151
21	16	16	Kinda Don't Care / Justin Moore / Valory	1595/72	5	71
16	18	17	The Rest Of Our Life / Tim McGraw & Faith Hill / Arista Nashville	1482/68	3	38
9	19	18	Up Down / Morgan Wallen ft. Florida Georgia Line / Big Loud Records	1460/77	2	30
15	20	19	Take Back Home Girl / Chris Lane feat. Tori Kelly / Big Loud Records	1372/73	0	6
21	21	20	Hooked / Dylan Scott / Curb	1267/64	1	9
8	22	21	Meant To Be / BeBe Rexha feat. Florida Georgia Line / BMLG	1174/64	8	90
9	23	22	Heaven / Kane Brown / RCA Nashville	1149/61	8	84
22	24	23	Speakers, Bleachers And Preachers / Brandon Lay / EMI Records Nashville	1091/54	2	26
3	28	24	Woman, Amen / Dierks Bentley / Capitol Nashville	1081/68	24	211
22	26	25	Get To You / Michael Ray / Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Radio & Streaming	949/50	6	53
17	27	26	Old Porch Swing / Tony Jackson / DDS Entertainment	917/51	4	38
19	29	27	Live For Tonight / Nick Hickman & Amber Hayes / Bar Frog Music	861/42	2	17
6	32	28	One Number Away / Luke Combs / Columbia	856/56	14	105
4	41	29	I Lived It / Blake Shelton / Warner Bros.	855/56	27	184
19	30	30	Heart Over Mind / Presley & Taylor feat. Pam Tillis / Mercy Music City, LLC	805/45	2	14
12	33	31	Noise / Shenandoah / BMG	778/40	4	27
2	51	32	You Make It Easy / Jason Aldean / Broken Bow	762/56	43	230
11	34	33	Still A Soldier / Trace Adkins / Wheelhouse	762/51	5	37
7	36	34	Drunk Girl / Chris Janson / Warner Music Nashville	757/50	6	43
8	42	35	Last Shot / Kip Moore / MCA	736/46	11	73
8	38	36	Airplane / CJ Solar / Sea Gayle	730/56	6	42
5	44	37	Criminal / Lindsay Ell / Stoney Creek Records	728/47	11	75
4	47	38	Shoot Me Straight / Brothers Osborne / EMI Records Nashville	723/53	18	110
21	35	39	Best Ex Ever / Lewis Brice / Pump House Music	719/40	0	2
19	37	40	Firewater / Keith Walker /	714/41	3	22

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12	39	41	Selfish / Stephanie Quayle / Rebel Engine	702/48	2	17
7	43	42	Hide the Wine / Carly Pearce / Big Machine	688/48	5	33
14	40	43	Superman For A Day / Smith & Wesley / Dream Walkin' Records	686/41	0	3
8	45	44	Boots Off / Terry McBride / MV2 Production	672/51	4	25
12	46	45	I'd Be Jealous Too / Dustin Lynch / Broken Bow Records	635/40	-1	-8
6	49	46	Still The Same / Sugarland / Big Machine	604/51	5	28
17	48	47	Three Chords And The Truth / Chase Rice / Broken Bow	586/41	1	4
15	53	48	American Beauty / James Robert Webb / Bison Creek Records	527/34	7	35
20	50	49	Last Night / Blake Torrey / Watterson Records	483/28	-11	-57
5	54	50	The Older I Get / Alan Jackson / ACR/EMI	466/37	10	42
3	59	51	Don't Get Better Than That / LOCASH / Reviver	431/42	14	54
13	56	52	Wild West / Runaway June / Wheelhouse Records	411/27	5	18
10	58	53	Heaven / Jason Pritchett / Dynamite Music Group	410/29	7	27
11	55	54	In Comes The Night / Bobby Wills / MDM	397/27	0	-1
8	57	55	Buses And Trains / AC Jones / SSM Nashville	393/34	2	8
7	60	56	Don't Let Her Be Gone / Jared Blake / Skiddco Records	360/31	3	11
9	61	57	East Tennessee Son / Dugger Band / Dugger Band Music	358/21	3	10
7	63	58	Yes / Eric Chesser / BigBig Entertainment	353/27	5	16
3	64	59	Tequila / Dan + Shay / Warner Bros.	325/27	10	30
18	52	60	Crazy Idea / Jessica Lynn / Daydreamer Records	324/21	-37	-187
6	65	61	Diane / Cam / Arista Nashville/RCA	298/22	4	12
17	62	62	Found Her Freedom / Dallas Remington /	271/14	-21	-71
4	66	63	I Lied / Jazelle Paris & David Garfield Band / Creatchy Music	258/15	3	8
3	67	64	I Got You / Tim Elliott / Boggs River Entertainment	251/23	2	5
3	68	65	Drivin' / Richard Schroder / Amplifier Records	245/22	0	-1
5	70	66	195 / The Band Steele / Fire River Records	238/18	2	5
6	69	67	What Kinda Man / Claudia Hoyser / GFI Music	234/18	0	0
4	72	68	Hey Mama / Michael Tyler / Reviver	231/21	0	0
4	71	69	Rollin' / Jackson Michelson / Curb	231/17	0	0
7	73	70	Comin' Home To Country / D.A. Cole / Durango Music	215/11	0	0
15	78	71	A Little Dive Bar In Dahlonga / Ashley McBryde / Road Life Records	194/14	18	30
2	76	72	Born To Love You / LANCO / Arista Nashville	183/16	10	17
3	75	73	Got Lonely Too Early / Amy Jack / Amy Jack Music	181/13	1	1
2	80	74	Love Hurts / Sonia Langham / GTR	175/17	17	25
5	77	75	A Cowboy's Face / Sarah Dunn Band / Reznam Records	166/11	0	0
2	79	76	I Got This / Jerrod Niemann / Curb	163/10	4	7
1	81	77	Bump Bump Bump / Re Mattei / Trendy Girl Records	153/9	3	5
1	88	78	Rich / Maren Morris / Columbia	147/14	25	29
1	85	79	Never Give Up / Jake McVey / Purple Cow Records	137/14	7	9
1	83	80	Kiss Somebody / Morgan Evans / Warner Bros./WEA	137/12	6	8

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