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CHART ACTION

Thomas Rhett's 'Life Changes' Becomes First All-Genre No. 1 Country Album Of 2017



Thomas Rhett's third full-length release for Valory Music Co., *Life Changes*, has become the first country album to top Nielsen Soundscan's all-genre Top 200 albums rankings for 2017. The album debuts at No. 1 on Nielsen's country albums rankings, making it Thomas Rhett's first album to do so. To read the full article, click [here](#).

Little Big Town To Launch Breakers Tour In 2018 With Kacey Musgraves, Midland



Little Big Town announced they are hitting the road with Kacey Musgraves and Midland for their nationwide Breakers tour. The multi-city run kicks off Feb. 8 at Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City and will hit 26 markets, including stops in Austin, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Washington, D.C. and New York City's Radio City Music Hall. Additional stops will be announced at a later date. Click here to see the full list of [dates](#).

New On The Chart — Debuting This Week

Artist/song/label—chart pos.

- Lady Antebellum/Heart Break/Capitol — 74
- Nick Hickman & Amber Hayes/Live For Tonight/Bar Frog Music — 75
- Keith Walker/Firewater — 76
- Presley & Taylor feat. Pam Tillis/Heart Over Mind/Mercy Music City, LLC — 80

Greatest Spin Increase

Artist/song/label—Spin Increase

- Blake Shelton/I'll Name The Dogs/Warner Bros. — 457
- Luke Bryan/Light It Up/Capitol — 283
- Florida Georgia Line/Smooth/BMLG Records — 217
- Justin Moore/Kinda Don't Care/Valory — 192
- Devin Dawson/All On Me/Warner Bros. — 175
- Brett Young/Like I Loved You/BMLG — 152
- Midland/Make A Little/Big Machine — 143
- Darius Rucker/For The First Time/Capitol Nashville — 142

Most Added

Artist/song/label—No. of Adds

- Blake Shelton/I'll Name The Dogs/Warner Bros. — 20
- Justin Moore/Kinda Don't Care/Valory — 17
- Midland/Make A Little/Big Machine — 13
- Lady Antebellum/Heart Break/Capitol — 12
- Old Dominion/Written In The Sand/RCA Nashville — 9
- Presley & Taylor feat. Pam Tillis/Heart Over Mind/Mercy Music City, LLC — 8
- Walker Hayes/You Broke Up With Me/Monument Records — 8
- Danielle Bradbery/Sway/Big Machine — 8
- Dylan Scott/Hooked/Curb — 7

On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

Artist/song/label—No. of Spins

- Jessica Lynn/Crazy Idea/Daydreamer Records — 157
- Melanie Meriney/Lifeboat — 153
- Sonia Langanham/My Nails Are Wet / GTR — 144
- Lindsay Ell/Waiting On You/Stoney Creek Records — 142

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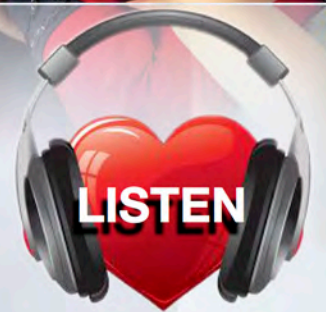
MOST ADDED

PRESLEY & TAYLOR

HEART OVER MIND

feat.

Pam Tillis



"I am a big fan of Presley & Taylor,...so when you take their sound, and add Pam Tillis to the mix,...you've got an instant country classic, that sound as fresh as anything on the radio today!"

We added "Heart Over Mind" right out of the box, and I hope more stations will embrace this great song and make it the hit it deserves to be!" Lee Richey, PD/MD-Kickin'Country, Hornell, NY

"Presley & Taylor's new single Heart Over Mind reminds me of why I love country music. The sound and talent of this duo is astounding. My listeners are in love" Bella Cotton, PD, 100.9 The Farm

"A Ray Price and Mel Tillis classic gets a fresh coat of paint and its fantastic! Presley & Taylor hold true to their roots with a little extra help from Pam Tillis. And, judging from the instant reaction, this one's set to head to the top once again!" Mike Thomas, PD/MD KWRE/KFAV

Presley & Taylor always deliver great country but Heart Over Mind, with Pam Tillis, They deliver REAL Country.

This tune has #1 written all over it. Add it and watch your phones light up!

Ted Cramer, PD. WIFE FM



Pictured (L-R): KDXJ/Jonesboro, AR's Rob West and Break The Cycle Entertainment's Canaan Cox



Pictured (L-R): Carter Winter with *MusicRow's* Sherod Robertson.



Pictured (L-R): Courtney Dickinson, KQKX/ Norfolk, NE's "Big Daddy" Dave Williams, and Nick Hickman.



Pictured (L-R): WKKT/Charlotte, NC's Meg Stevens (iHeart Media EVP of Programming, Northeast Division) and WSOC/Charlotte, NC's DJ Stout (PD and Country Format Captain for Beasley Broadcasting) with Brad Paisley.



Pictured: Beyond The Sun with WCFT/Bigfoot Country's Shelly Woods.



Pictured (L-R): KFAV/Warrenton, MO's Mike Thomas with Shane Owens.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Melanie Meriney

Steel Fox Records

Single:

Lifeboat

Songwriter:

Melanie Meriney

Hometown:

Pittsburgh, PA

Bio:

Hailing from the city of Pittsburgh, **Melanie Meriney's** 2017 EP *Up In Lights* pulls her northern roots into the commercial country market, delivering a product that combines the best of country music storytelling with an eclectic urban/pop feel indicative of her ranging influences. A signed songwriter, she showcases some of her best work with tracks like "Drama," "Mixed Drink," and "Up In Lights," but it's her new single "Lifeboat" that is making waves in the radio game. Already achieving a country Top 40 charting over in the U.K., her U.S. radio tour has brought her awareness and name recognition in the *MusicRow* arena. A seasoned performer, Melanie has shared the stage with national acts such as Little Big Town and The Commodores, as well as garnered mentions in *Billboard* and *Country Aircheck*. Her unique sound earned her a nomination for a Nashville Industry Music Award (NIMA) for Best Female Country Solo Artist. With a 2018 festival circuit already in the planning stages, we can expect a big year from this budding artist.



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Singles

September 24

Tim Hadler/Scream/Riverfront/Spin Doctors Promotions

September 25

Midland/Make A Little/Big Machine

Lady Antebellum/Heart Break/Capitol

Runaway June/Wild West/Wheelhouse

Eric Heatherly/One O' You/Plowboy

Justin Kemp Band/Still Breathin'/Jerry Duncan

Nick Brennan/I Want A Girl/CB Music/Stanley Music Group/MC1

Nashville

Gal Friday/Scrapyard

September 31

Dan Varner Band/Stained/BAM Records/SMG-Nashville

Albums

September 22

Midland/On The Rocks/Big Machine Records

Chris Janson/Everybody/Warner Bros.-WAR

Mac McAnally/Southbound/Mailboat

Home Free/Timeless/Columbia

Christian Lopez/Red Arrow/Blaster Records

Steve Earle/The Mountain [Reissue]/Warner Bros.

Steve Earle/Transcendental Blues [Reissue]/Warner Bros.

Steve Earle/Sidetracks [Reissue]/Warner Bros.

Striking Matches/Shameless [four-song EP]/Capitol Records

September 29

Shania Twain/Shania Now/Mercury Nashville

Dolly Parton/I Believe In You [digital]/RCA Nashville-Dolly Records

Chase Rice/Lambs & Lions/Broken Bow Records

Little Feather/Little Feather/Curb

Matt Redman/Glory Song/sixstepsrecords-Capitol CMG

Matt Maher/Echoes/Essential-Sony

Steve Earle/Jerusalem [Reissue]/Warner Bros.

Steve Earle/Just An American Boy [Reissue]/Warner Bros.

Steve Earle/The Revolution Starts Now [Reissue]/Warner Bros.

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band/Anthology [retrospective two-disc set]/

Capitol Nashville-UME



Maren Morris comes out on top this week on the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout chart with "I Could Use A Love Song." This marks Maren's third single and third No. 1 on the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout chart from her debut album *Hero* which was certified RIAA gold.

Songwriters for "I Could Use A Love Song" are **Maren Morris**, **Jimmy Robbins**, and **Laura Veltz**.

The music video has been viewed over 3 million times on YouTube and stars **Shelley Hennig** and **Garrett Hines** as the couple. 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	WGKC Urbana IL	WTCM Traverse City MI	KITX Hugo OK	KMRK Odessa TX
KCNV Conway AR	WDZQ Decatur IL	KZPK St. Cloud MN	KWOX Woodward OK	WARG Danville VA
KDXY Jonesboro AR	WMCI Mattoon IL	KYSM Mankato MN	KWEY Weatherford OK	WMEV Marion VA
KQUS Hot Springs AR	WRTB Rockford IL	KCLQ Lebanon MO	KRKT Albany OR	KICR Spokane WA
KWCK Searcy AR	WIFE Connersville IN	KWWR Mexico MO	WFGC State College PA	WAXX Altoona WI
KRAZ Santa Barbara CA	WYGB Franklin IN	KFAV Warrenton MO	WCFT Selinsgrove PA	WCOW La Crosse WI
KVAY Lamar CO	KAIR Atchison KS	WQNZ Natchez MS	KIQK Rapid City, SD	WGLR Platteville WI
WHWY Destin FL	KYEZ Salina KS	KZZY Devils Lake ND	WDKN Dickson TN	WJVL Janesville WI
WBYZ Baxley GA	WGGC Bowling Green KY	KRVN Lexington NE	WEIO Huntingdon TN	WQPC Prairie du Chien WI
WTHO Thomson GA	WKDZ Cadiz KY	KQKX Norfolk NE	WKSR Pulaski TN	WPKC Green Bay WI
WUBB Savannah GA	WFGS Murray KY	KRGI Grand Island NE	WLLX Lawrenceburg TN	WDGG Huntington WV
KIAI Mason City IA	WBKR Owensboro KY	KQBA Santa Fe NM	WUCZ Carthage TN	WKKW Morgantown WV
KSMA Mason City IA	WDHR Pikeville KY	WKPQ Hornell NY	Renegade Radio Nashville	WTNJ Mount Hope WV
KXIA Marshalltown IA	KRRV Alexandria LA	WDNB Liberty NY	KFTX Corpus Christi TX	WTCR Huntington WV
	KQKI Morgan City LA	WOLF Syracuse NY	KGKL San Angelo TX	



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Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Artist / Song / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
27	2	1	Maren Morris / I Could Use A Love Song / Columbia Nashville	2755/85	4	112
35	3	2	Easton Corbin / A Girl Like You / Mercury Nashville	2587/83	3	65
8	4	3	Thomas Rhett / Unforgettable / Valory	2556/84	4	93
18	6	4	Chris Janson / Fix A Drink / Warner Music Nashville	2426/78	3	80
23	5	5	Brad Paisley / Last Time For Everything / Arista Nashville	2404/80	2	40
14	1	6	Luke Combs / When It Rains It Pours / Columbia	2096/62	-21	-563
28	8	7	LANco / Greatest Love Story / Arista Nashville	2054/76	7	131
7	9	8	Florida Georgia Line / Smooth / BMLG Records	2047/82	12	217
5	12	9	Luke Bryan / Light It Up / Capitol	1912/76	17	283
14	10	10	Kelsea Ballerini / Legends / Black River Entertainment	1820/77	2	33
17	11	11	Chris Young / Losing Sleep / Sony Music	1758/68	5	78
10	13	12	Brett Young / Like I Loved You / BMLG	1704/77	10	152
14	15	13	Brantley Gilbert / The Ones That Like Me / The Valory Music Co.	1478/73	7	94
11	16	14	Chris Stapleton / Broken Halos / Mercury Records	1456/72	10	136
19	14	15	Josh Turner / All About You / MCA Nashville	1448/60	3	42
29	18	16	The Swon Brothers / Don't Call Me / TSB Records	1272/53	8	90
12	17	17	Little Big Town / When Someone Stops Loving You / Capitol Nashville	1271/66	5	63
17	19	18	Lauren Alaina / Doin' Fine / Mercury Nashville	1227/61	9	98
2	31	19	Blake Shelton / I'll Name The Dogs / Warner Bros.	1165/69	65	457
15	20	20	Granger Smith / Happens Like That / Wheelhouse Records	1066/58	7	69
12	21	21	Russell Dickerson / Yours / Triple Tigers Records	1041/58	7	70
8	24	22	Darius Rucker / For The First Time / Capitol Nashville	1023/59	16	142
12	22	23	Shane Owens / 19 / Amerimonte Records	1010/61	6	57
13	26	24	Jordan Davis / Singles You Up / MCA Nashville	949/53	13	109
6	27	25	Zac Brown Band / Roots / Southern Ground/Elektra/WAR	943/54	15	120
20	23	26	Kylie Frey / Too Bad / Deep Frey'd Productions	936/50	3	27
13	25	27	Lee Brice / Boy / Curb	887/48	4	30
20	28	28	Jason Pritchett / Brand New Girl / Dynamite Music Group	866/44	7	59
10	33	29	Devin Dawson / All On Me / Warner Bros.	847/54	26	175
9	32	30	Walker Hayes / You Broke Up With Me / Monument Records	801/46	19	127
16	29	31	Eric Chesser / Good Times & Summer Days / BIGBIG Records	799/40	11	77
18	30	32	High Valley / She's With Me / Warner Bros.	753/45	4	31
5	36	33	Brett Eldredge / The Long Way / Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/ WEA Radio & Streaming	725/44	21	124
15	35	34	Williams Honor / No Umbrella / Bar Frog Music	684/39	11	70
16	38	35	Blane Howard / Promise To Love Her / Jawline Records	601/38	10	55
3	51	36	Justin Moore / Kinda Don't Care / Valory	568/42	51	192
18	39	37	Kayla Calabrese / Me Time / Monarch Music Group	564/34	7	37
14	40	38	Scotty McCreery / Five More Minutes /	561/36	7	39
7	45	39	Kevin Costner / Love Shine / Triple Creek Records, Inc/ Kevin's Music LLC	525/41	17	76
17	42	40	Walker McGuire / Til Tomorrow / Wheelhouse Records	515/36	7	34



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3	47	41	Cole Swindell / Stay Downtown / Warner Bros.	490/35	14	60
11	43	42	Mark Chesnutt / Hot /	477/27	1	4
21	46	43	Jamie Lee Thurston / Givin' Up Breathin' / Thurston For Entertainment	471/27	6	25
24	44	44	Cody Johnson / Wild as You / COJO Music LLC	461/25	0	-1
8	50	45	Lucas Hoge / Dirty South / Rebel Engine	435/29	14	55
11	49	46	Dan + Shay / Road Trippin' / Warner Bros.	433/29	13	49
4	53	47	Brandon Lay / Speakers, Bleachers And Preachers / EMI Records Nashville	425/29	22	77
6	55	48	Waterloo Revival / What Guy Wouldn't / Show Dog Nashville	414/28	21	73
9	52	49	Rachel Stacy / Boomerang / Racy Records	398/30	6	23
3	62	50	Rascal Flatts / Back To Us / Big Machine	393/30	37	106
3	59	51	Dylan Scott / Hooked / Curb	390/36	31	93
7	54	52	Risa Binder / You Haul / Warehouse Records	389/31	14	47
10	56	53	Tim Elliott / Start Pourin' Whiskey On It / Boggs River Entertainment	367/31	11	35
2	74	54	Midland / Make A Little / Big Machine	365/33	64	143
6	57	55	Bailey James / Run Girl / Bar Frog Music	356/27	12	37
4	58	56	Jagertown / Small Town Superstars / G&N Entertainment	350/32	15	45
2	66	57	Danielle Bradbery / Sway / Big Machine	342/30	36	91
11	41	58	Sara Evans / Marquee Sign / Born To Fly/ Star Farm Nashville	331/28	-35	-177
4	63	59	Marty Heddin / Hammered / Nightlife Entertainment Group/Dreamlined, LLC	306/23	8	22
9	60	60	Jeremy Michael / Talk / Song Bus Records	304/23	4	12
6	64	61	Mallory Johnson / Good Mistake To Make / Big Hit Records	301/27	6	17
11	61	62	Parmalee / Sunday Morning / Stoney Creek	286/17	-1	-4
2	78	63	Old Dominion / Written In The Sand / RCA Nashville	275/24	54	96
7	65	64	Pete Schlegel / I Don't Drink Anymore / Pete Schlegel Music	275/20	5	14
3	73	65	Lewis Brice / Best Ex Ever / Pump House Music	266/22	19	43
3	70	66	Brian Milson / I'd Have To Kiss Ya / First Short Road Productions	264/22	14	33
4	72	67	Michael Ray / Get To You / Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/ WEA Radio & Streaming	256/17	13	30
7	67	68	Shotgun Wedding / South of Somewhere / SWAG Records	256/19	3	7
4	69	69	Randall Lee Richards / A Paradise Life / Oceans Ten	251/23	7	17
2	79	70	Billy Currington / Wake Me Up / Mercury	241/22	38	66
7	75	71	The Cadillac Three / Dang If We Didn't / Big Machine	231/17	8	18
3	71	72	Joe Nichols / Never Gets Old / Red Bow	229/17	0	0
2	76	73	Mark Bray / For Love / Bar Frog Music	226/16	17	33
1	101	74	Lady Antebellum / Heart Break / Capitol	221/20	138	128
1	81	75	Nick Hickman & Amber Hayes / Live For Tonight / Bar Frog Music	217/15	32	52
1	82	76	Keith Walker / Firewater /	194/16	18	29
2	77	77	Blake Torrey / Last Night / Watterson Records	193/12	7	12
25	68	78	Michael Tyler / They Can't See / Reviver Records	190/10	-20	-48
2	80	79	Jake Worthington / Big Time Lonesome / W3 Music	164/15	-2	-3
1	104	80	Presley & Taylor feat. Pam Tillis / Heart Over Mind / Mercy Music City, LLC	157/19	89	74

No. 1 Song
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