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# TOP 5 MUST-READ ARTICLES

- Germany first-half music sales rise 4.5%. (Billboard)
- Neil Young withdraws from streaming services over poor audio quality. (Facebook)
- Berklee College report criticises music industry for lack of transparency. (Billboard)
- ► HMV planning international expansion. (Telegraph)
- Sony Music
  asserts right to
  strike deals which
  'disadvantage' artists.
  (HollywoodReporter)

# record of the week

# Summer Aufgang

Blue Note France

July 17

Aufgang is a critically acclaimed French pop duo, hugely influenced by the incredible underground disco and synth pop sounds of New York in the 1980s. Rami and Aymeric met whilst studying piano at the prestigious Julliard School in Manhattan and that classical training shines through here in the intricate keyboard flourishes and string arrangements that underpin this gloriously funky little pop nugget. Both guys have collaborated with the likes of Cassius and Phoenix and their forthcoming album (due for release next year and currently being recorded



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in Beirut, Paris and NYC) sees them drawing on their French/ Lebanese backgrounds for a rather unique blend of indie pop, electronica and pre-modern Arabic sounds. This great track has been mixed by Michael Brauer, noted for his work with acts including Coldplay, Sade and Florence & The Machine. Summer's here, fling the windows open and get ready to sing your head off to this, undoubtedly with a huge grin on your face.

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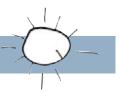


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# WORLDWIDE SALES MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION



# editorial



There are many valid points raised in the Rethink Music transparency report, **David Balfour** comments, though it's also quite unbalanced in places. Nevertheless, there are one or two core recommendations that are impossible to dispute.

Berklee College of Music's Rethink Music report on music industry transparency has caused something of a stir this week. This is unsurprising, given that it's the product of a detailed year-long study into music industry practices from an extremely respected academic and music-focused institution. Also unsurprising, given that it points to a lot of inefficiencies, anachronisms and sometimes dubious practices at work in the global music industry.

From our own side, it's tempting to describe this report as the 'things we already knew presented in a fresh but sometimes worryingly unbalanced way'. More on that later. But first, it's worth examining the main finding and recommendations of the report. Despite our rather critical summary above, there's no arguing with the thoroughness of the approach, or the validity of its main criticisms. It's incredibly wide-ranging, correctly looking not just at digital services and record companies, but publishers, distributors and rights organisations.

The report presents a highly accurate picture, often in easily-understood graphical terms, of the complex fragmentation and flow of rights associated with commercial music use. Refreshingly, the report doesn't really complain about this complex rights structure in and of itself – understanding that it's the result of a long business history and was never intentionally designed that way. What the report does highlight however is how

that fragmented structure presents multiple opportunities for royalties that should flow to artists to get lost, hidden or even willfully diverted by opaque and sometimes immoral licensing practices. These are all familiar themes for readers of this column. It is refreshing however to read an analysis that takes a wide view over both recorded music and publishing rights, along with the many organisations that administer them.

In terms of the main problems highlighted, it's difficult to argue with most of them. The report complains about structural and technical limitations that are arguably inexcusable in a modern digital business. Chief amongst these is the continued absence of a centralised database of rights information. The fact that rights ownership in the music industry is so hard to identify is a continuing embarrassment for music companies – and a justifiable stick with which to beat us. Whilst the best way to solve this problem is anything but clear - some kind of initiative on this front is desperately needed. The absence of such a rights database unsurprisingly leads to accusations that some of the biggest rightsholders in the music industry are motivated to keep this information as untransparent as possible. The report picks up on this, noting that when repertoire can't be clearly assigned to known rightsholders, it often goes into 'black box' escrow accounts, which can end up being divided amongst rightsholders according to marketshare. Such a system results in a win of

unattributable income for those rightsholders, and a loss of earnings for musicians. It's hardly surprising that this is highlighted as being an unacceptable way to handle artists' rights.

The report also complains about the lack of cross-industry adoption of proper standardising tools such as ISRC and ISWC codes. Most music companies would reject this complaint – most royalty systems simply won't work without such unique codes and they are already absolutely standard. That said, there are also some grounds for this complaint. PROs and other collecting societies come in for great scrutiny in the report and are identified as one of the main buckets where money gets lost or misdirected. Lack of proper rights information, inefficient reciprocal agreements between societies and indeed archaic practices at societies all come in for criticism. Rightly so, though the report is also intelligent enough to realise that whilst working practices at some societies should be improved, also at fault are the outdated consent decrees which govern such organisations. As such, legislation governing rights flow can play as an important role in

leading to lost royalties. For us, it still beggars belief that digital services reporting to US collecting society SoundExchange are not required to use unique identifiers. Systemic and legislative failures such as this certainly need to be addressed.

Talking of archaic practices, the report also highlights the example of a multi-platinum artist who in 2014 received their label royalty reporting quarterly and in a pdf format which they had to manually digitise before they could attempt to use if for calculating royalties. This is certainly a horrible example, yet it's also one which does not, for us, demonstrate the general standard in the industry. This is where the report begins to lose some credibility for us – it tends to take the worst examples it finds and extrapolate that they are the general standard throughout the industry. Many labels and distributors would certainly take issue with that suggestion, as they have long been accustomed to providing detailed line-by-line reporting of digital income to labels and artists. Linked to this is the report's claim that robust data standards are all but absent in the industry. Again, we take issue

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with this suggestion. On the delivery and supply side, the wide acceptance of the DDEX standard means that systems are now largely standardised. On the reporting side, most music companies realise that certain core information such as unique identifier codes, time and location of transaction and royalties received are a minimum basic standard in reporting.

We suspect that the 150-page pdf report was an example of a single major label report to a single artist in the US. It's undoubtedly true, but it's also incorrect to assume that this is the standard at all major labels in all countries. Nevertheless, the claim that standards could be improved at many large labels is justified. What the report fails to note however is that many significant music companies already operate to much higher standards. Again and again the report mentions Kobalt as an example of best practice, as the alternative to poor practice. With Kobalt having underwritten the report. as well as generally pushing for transparent standards - it's hardly surprising that it should receive some positive coverage. The report wholly fails to provide a balanced outlook however of the fact that many other labels and distributors in the digital industry have been pushing for similar standards too, some for even longer than Kobalt has. As such, it presents an imbalanced and potentially misleading picture of a world where artists have a binary choice to make between 'horrible major label' or 'lovely Kobalt'. For us, this is a serious oversight which threatens to undermine the credibility of the report.

We have some other small gripes. The report calls for the establishment of a "fair

music" certification of transparency for digital services and labels. Yet it fails to mention WIN's Fair Digital Deal's declaration which already goes a long way to doing just that. The report also calls for the introduction of bitcoin-style blockchain technology to provide a completely transparent overview and tracking of online payments. This sounds laudable in theory but also sounds rather impractical to implement, especially in an industry with so many fragmented rights, and where confidentiality around rates is often contractually required.

These are small complaints however against a report which fundamentally does a solid job of highlighting a range of very real problems which many corporate or organisational interests are often quite happy to see swept under the carpet. If we take one thing away from the report above all else, it's the absolutely justified complaint about the lack of a centralised and definitive music rights database. If, as an industry, we really do care about transparency for rightsholders, this is something which urgently needs to be fixed, but who should do it? This is the key question. Collecting societies have already shown themselves to be unable to make this happen, as shown by the collapse of the Global Repertoire Database project last year. Should it perhaps then be the major labels and publishers who take on this job? In many ways, they are the least motivated parties to do so. If however, they really want to walk the walk when it comes to creating fairness and transparency towards artists, they could hardly make a more powerful demonstration of their commitment than by trying to move this particular project forward.

# features



### Artist features this week

Red Bull, **AwoInation** and the evaporating division between bands and brands. (Forbes)

While JME and Skepta are repping a statement of independence and holding two fingers up to the money-men, people are accusing Jamie XX of trading in credibility for corporate pounds. When exactly do you get the label 'sell out'? (i-D)

The underground artist **Sophie** landed his song on a McDonald's advert, flipping the celebrity game on its head by earning fortune before fame. Has pop thrown itself in a burger bap and started to chow down? (Guardian)

Interview: John Acquaviva, Fund Manager, DJ and Serial Entrepreneur. (Encore) One of the most influential EDMfocused sites, Resident Advisor, has remained staunchly independent, with a devotion to the underground side of the culture that is at odds with the music's mainstream popularity. (NYTimes) The feature also reports that rival electronic music site **Dancing Astronaut** is said to be in talks to be acquired by Insomniac, a dance promoter whose majority owner is Live Nation.

Sounds familiar: The music of the 1980s is enjoying a resurgence in adverts. (Independent)

How to put on a mega-gig: the venue manager's story.
(Guardian - Dave Simpson)

Four Tet grants us a rare audience to talk dancefloor euphoria and finding his inner zen. (Saturday -Louis Pattison) French DJs added their distinctive je ne sais quoi to mid-90s house music... these scenes from Parisian clubland are evoked in a new film, Eden. (Guardian - Killian Fox)

Whether it's a dispute over rap or the purpose of culture, music lovers need to show less outrage at radical art, says Ed Vulliamy. (Observer)

Rihanna reveals the hidden rock 'n' roll world of accountants. (FT -Ludovic Hunter-Tilney)

Nicola Roberts says it's important that smaller songwriters are acknowledged by big music companies. (BBC)

The 99 greatest dance albums of all time. (Thump) Daft Punk's Discovery tops the list.

# interview

L W E

**Alice Favre**, co-founder of **London Warehouse Events (LWE)**, discusses repurposing event spaces and the current challenges facing promoters in the capital

The well-documented club closures across London, plus a consumer appetitie for fresh expeierences, is spawning a new generation of event spaces in the capital. With carparks, courtyards and warehouses becoming the go-to for clubbers, LWE is using its five years of knowledge to corner the market. Having successfully repurposed Tobacco Dock in East London for day parties and launched its own ticketing platform, Ticket Tannoy, we speak to co-founder Alice Favre about the changing landscape.

Why has there been an uprising in (legal) warehouse events in the clubbing landscape? Everyone is looking for the next 'experience', look at the rise of websites like The Nudge or the events listings pages of Time Out, packed full of quirky things to

do in your spare time.

I feel like warehouse parties had a resurrection about five or six years ago but we're coming to the end of events branded as a 'warehouse' party, however, I don't think events will go back to regular clubs only, the 'pop up' event will still exist just without the label of 'warehouse' party.

People like the idea of partying in a building that wasn't designed as a club - it feels more authentic, raw and exciting. As these venues come with no production it gives us promoters a chance to be more creative with the environment and have a bespoke feel where the focus is on the artist or brand and the specific atmosphere they want to create.

How difficult is it to repurpose buildings as event spaces in London? We have

found that a good working relationship with the relevant local authorities, and a bit of creativity when it comes to solving issues is the key. When we first discovered Tobacco Dock, we were all clear that we would love to do an event in the venue and done right it would be something very special, a unique experience.

Our main obstacle with Tobacco Dock was knowing we could never go late night there, they had a 2am licence so we decided to do it in the daytime. Our first event

there was on New Years Day so it was a good start to get people's heads around the new concept. It is without a doubt that London has a love for day parties, especially Sundays for after hours, and of course the summer is a popular time; but we were definitely the first to do a daytime Saturday party outside of the summer months and not based around an afterparty. It's actually a great format and a good one for the other clubs in London as we are not competitive, we are actually helping generate business for them as we have several thousand people

leaving before the tubes shut who are ready to find a club to continue dancing.

We have talked to various councils about other large spaces. They have never said no straight away, they are always open to exploring the ideas with you. They just have to be concerned with the residents and local area, which is fair enough. We all have to live and work in harmony together.

What's the biggest challenge you face promoting in London at the moment? For us it would be finding spaces that are around the 1,500 to 3,500 capacity mark. There is a real lack of venues of this size and so a lot of our time and energy is focused on finding that new exciting location to hold a party. London is in a great place, there's

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so much going on all the time, new people coming through and there's a good spirit between promoters, DJs and everyone else involved in the scene. There seems, more than ever, to be a togetherness between event organisers joining forces with regards to licensing issues, cross promotion, joint events etc. The recent creation of the NTIA (Night Time Industries Association) has helped increase the voice for us as a group

In London, and specifically for Fabric, there has been close scrutiny of licensing and police monitoring, how has this affected you? People seem to forget that promoters and event producers for electronic music have been under scrutiny for a while, but it wasn't until the Fabric issue that people en masse started talking about this again. We've got a good relationship with the council and always aim to work constructively with

on a national scale and to shout about all that

is great about nightlife rather then it being the

seedy under belly of London.

them about any concerns they have. We have different experiences with different councils, Tower Hamlets have been great though.

We work closely with independent consultancy companies to make sure we are not biased - people like Vanguardia, who monitor and advise on the sound levels - so that we can achieve the best quality sound whilst keeping the locals happy.

One of the biggest difficulties is the general public understanding the costs of putting on an event and how all the hoops in the background help push up ticket prices. Promoting is an expensive and risky job where you are beholden to a lot of different forces that are beyond your control.

There's been a firm mainstream spotlight on electronic music for the past five years or so, how has this helped or hindered LWE? It seems that people are a lot more open minded nowadays and want to go out and experience new things. People might get into electronic music through the bits

they hear in the charts. Before long they'll be finding the more underground DJs and nights whilst going on a pilgrimage across the UK and beyond for their electronic fix. Of course electronic music aficionados will moan about the masses getting into dance music, people



always will, and sometimes the crowd isn't as good as you would want it to be, but overall it's definitely a positive thing.

You've launched your own ticketing site, what prompted this? Ticket Tannov was born as we have been growing as an events company and wanted to take full control of our ticketing by pulling together all the features we need as promoters into one place. The platform started as a place to sell our tickets only, but relatively quickly we were being approached by third party promoters to support their shows and at that point we decided to open up the platform for everyone to use. Ticket Tannoy has grown quickly over the last 12 months with a steady stream of new features being added and new events and promoters joining. We have more plans for it in the pipeline. I think ticketing is big news at the moment and we feel we have the knowledge on both sides to create a platform that is useful and innovative for the promoter and the punter.

What's in store for the future? We'll continue to keep pushing the boundaries in London. I think we would be foolish to head to another city and tread on other promoters toes. Us promoters need to stick together more rather than fight against each other as this only benefits the DJs in the end as they end up with over inflated fees because promoters are fighting with money to try and secure the acts.

We have some ideas on how to expand without causing any friction. We are exploring a few options right now.



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The hottest unsigned acts of the moment from RotD Music Consultant Nathan Standlee

### **Mabel**

Super early days for London's **Mabel**, but being the youngest daughter of Neneh Cherry and Massive Attack's Cameron McVey, she's got something of a head-start on her peers. Debut release Know Me Better, which undoubtedly bears the musical influences of her parentage, premiered on Fader a few days ago and has already been winning her all sorts of accolades. It's quickly climbing up the Hype Machine charts and spreading like wildfire across the blogosphere. Close tabs are well and truly being kept on her. Expect things to escalate quickly.

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### **Oslo Parks**

Becoming somewhat of a mainstay in the Compass pages these days, Brighton's Oslo Parks continue to make big strides in building their profile and attracting the attention of majors. New single Slipping Away found itself Line Of Best Fit's Track of the Day yesterday, which helped them soar into the Top 10 Most Blogged Artists chart on Hype Machine this week. They've got the online tastemakers onboard and A&R scouts keeping tabs, so it will be interesting to see how the radio specialists react. A few spins from Annie Mac or Huw Stephens could be the tipping point to getting an offer on the table.

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# Leo Kalyan

Since our last update on the ever-rising **Leo Kalyan**, he's been added to the KISS Fresh playlist, received some big spins from Huw Stephens as well as continued support from 1Xtra, racked up nearly 500,000 Spotify streams and remained in the Spotify Most Viral charts for three weeks and counting. Advanced label discussions are happening in the UK and US, so watch this space for big news in the very near future.

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# Ones to watch

Oslo Parks, LÉON, Iris Gold, Spring King, Lewis Del Mar, George Taylor, Desta French, Leo Kalyan, Chiara Hunter, Get Inuit, Kita Alexander, Willie J Healey, Cameron A G. Sabella, Matt Woods, Lea Porcelain, Alma Elste, Shiners, Raines, Honours, Black Honey, Kyiki, Sisters. Remi Miles. Adam French

### News

- Compasstipped act Pixx (formerly just Pix) has signed with 4AD
- Grace Acladna has signed to Hometown Records
- Spring King remain a hot prospect, but still unsigned

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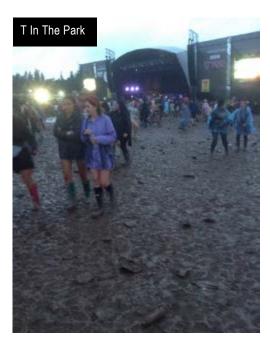
- Now here's an interesting observation. There are currently no pre-release tracks this week from any Sony-related label on Capital's playlist. A particularly notable omission is the new single from one of the station's favourite acts. Calvin Harris, who releases his brand new song *How Deep* Is Your Love worldwide tomorrow. This could be a real test as to whether the On Air/On Sale model works in the UK. Support from Global Radio for the single now could all come down to whether or not it has a high impact on Monday's chart midweek sales update. we suspect. Radio 1 has added it this week and it's their Track of the Day on the day of release. The model obviously hasn't worked though for another Sony-signed act **Example**, whose new tune Whisky Song came out last Friday and will find it hard to drum up any support now that it looks set to fall short of the Top 75 tomorrow following a full week on sale, even though a spurious/utterly meaningless 'focus date' of August 21 has been set for the single.
- Getting a five-day chart out last week to hit a much-publicised New Music Fridays launch, with no room for problems or missing data, was always going to be fraught. And so it came to pass. We're hugely sympathetic towards the team at The Official Charts Company and the dilemma they faced last week, especially when they realised a massive chunk of streaming data was going to be missing from Spotify for most of that survey period. However, the finished chart was definitely compromised and we feel that the non-disclosure of what happened to the public has seriously damaged the credibility of the countdown not just within the industry but beyond too, considering that it's also used as a statement of reference worldwide by music fans. One label source said to us that they felt it was the equivalent of reporting the GDP for the entire world for last year but leaving out the numbers from China without telling anyone. As we understand it, less than 1000 units
- separated **David Zowie** at No.1 and Years & Years at 2 and it's not entirely clear if streaming numbers on Lost Frequencies would've possibly helped them achieve a second week at the top. As it is, they go down in history as the shortest-ever run for a No.1 single, having only sat there for five days instead of a full week and will no doubt now be the answer to such a question in many a pop guiz for decades to come. One track that probably wouldn't have ended its recordbreaking Top 40 run was Thinking Out Loud by Ed Sheeran. The spin on the website was that it had gone back into the latest chart update, revealed on Monday, thanks to his weekend Wembley gigs. The real reason is that his streaming numbers last week weren't included, so not enough to bolster his regular download sales whereas they're back in the mix this week, so he leaps once more into the 40. We also saw it reported that all **Taylor Swift** songs had taken a significant jump last week, thanks to her arrival on Apple's
- streaming service, which was (unlike Spotify) able to report to the chart almost fully. Again, the real reason appears to be that against the lack of streaming stats from elsewhere, she simply climbed because download sales became over-emphasised. On the latest sales flashes, they all take big drops again, which proves the point. To sum up, last week's final published chart really was a very distorted picture and it's likely that many commentators will view it historically in that way. Nathan Sykes will be delighted he ended up with a Top 15 hit as he'd have been lucky to scrape the Top 30 had streaming been included. Our hope, should the Official Charts Company face the same data problems again, is that any such chart would be re-run at some point and the reason why was fully explained in public. That way, it can truly remain the only chart that really counts.
- Last week's short week saw three big new entries into the Top 10 on the album chart from Krept

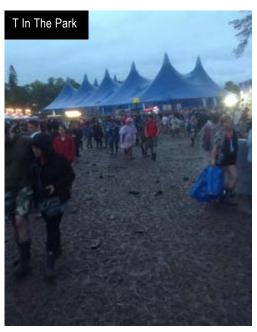
- and Konan at 2, Saint Raymond at 8 and Lucy Rose at 9. That shorter survey period may have helped them enormously and inflated their final positions but they all might want to look away when the see the current sales flashes have them ranked at 15, 90 and 66 respectively.
- Pop quiz which UK-signed act had the biggest-selling debut album released domestically in the first six months of 2015? Well, it's not James Bay, as he's US-signed. The answer: our big Record of the Day favourites The Shires. Brave came out at the end of February and is about to go silver with sales approaching 60k. Watch those sales grow steadily with an appearance at Radio 2's Hyde Park event this September and some key TV spots late in Q3 and Q4 too. It's one of those rare albums that reacts brilliantly with every piece of promo and we're proud to have supported Ben & Cris constantly over the past 12 months since we first featured the
- excellent *Tonight* exactly a year ago this week. In fact, **Years & Years** will become the only UK-signed debut act in 2015 to topple them with their opening sales expected to come in at around 55k this week. So even then, that's only a slender lead to date.
- Mongrel discovered this week that the marker for a UK Top 40 singles sales position back in 1990 was around 8k copies. comprising mostly seveninch singles on vinyl in those days. Looking at this week's latest chart due tomorrow, the marker for No.40 will be almost identical 25 years later. The only difference is that real physical sales to achieve that position are now less than half what they were back then.
- Taken off Radio 1's playlist this week: recent Top 10 hits for Krept & Konan and Rita Ora, Tinie Tempah ft. Jess Glynne, (which is actually still in there) and several non-hits from Gabrielle Aplin, Neck Deep, Nick Jonas, Prides and the Snoop Dogg collaboration featuring

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- Stevie Wonder. Most of those flops were already available to buy when Radio 1 added them and yet again as we've seen for some time now, saw no noticeable upswing in sales as a result of being added to the playlist.
- Being positive about this year's T In The Park is rather like being reflecting on the several hours of fine dining and luxurious cruising that people enjoyed on board the Titanic before hitting the iceberg. Mongrel went as a paying punter, shelling out over £200 for a weekend ticket, without any camping. Shuttle buses back to Edinburgh on top were over £30 per day and there have been dozens of online horror stories from disgruntled people backing up police confirmation that around 500 people ended up hanging around waiting for transport. Then when it arrived, the journey back (which was estimated on the bus timetable to take just under two hours) actually saw some folk arrive back at 4am after being stuck stationary trying to get off the site for





well over an hour. The first time that the event had moved to its new location at Strathallen was always going to present teething problems but we were staggered by clueless stewarding throughout the entire weekend, a cramped site with too many stages, key locations positioned way too close together causing sound pollution and, on Saturday evening, one point where we genuinely feared for our lives during a crush because of footfall between the over-populated Cocktail

Cocktail dance area and people trying to go in two directions into each other through a narrow gap just beyond the main-stage and away from the King Tut's tent. The organisers should be very thankful that no one was trampled to death in a very hairy incident that we experienced first-hand just after 8pm that evening. Then there was the rain. It was never particularly heavy or biblical but a Saturday afternoon shower destroyed the site completely in a very short space of time and

we were shocked that no provision to put extra straw or bark down on Sunday to help with the treacherous conditions was seemingly made. At one point on Saturday night when we messaged a friend back in London some of our photos and they responded with the line 'F\*cking hell, it looks like something from a third world DEC appeal charity video!' Several traders that we spoke to across the weekend said that their business was down considerably over previous years, especially

in the so-called Healthy T area, where the healthy side appeared to us to be severely lacking this year. We've been to T In the Park almost every year since 1995 and only ever missed two years in the old location at Balado. Like the mother of a new-born child that vows never to go through that hell again but ends up having a second kid, conveniently forgetting al the pain they went through, we hope that's the case with our experiences last weekend. However. right now, we're pretty adamant that was our first and probably our last visit to the new site. As for the music, it seems almost irrelevant now.

O Sony Music hosted what may become their first annual summer party under Jason Iley's stewardship at The Ivy Chelsea Garden this week. Mark Ronson, Rita Ora, Paloma Faith, Foxes, Hurts and Example attended along with the great and good (plus Mongrel) across the industry. Talk was mostly of Global Release Day and On Air/On Sale with general opinion (not

necessarily from Sony staff by any means) "it'll work if no one breaks rank" to "it's Capital and commercial radio that's the problem". The other talking point was Apple Music, which having started with Beats 1, have an infinite number of channels they can add, as they cross over to the mainstream. Whatever the gripes about the radio station now, let's not forget it's such early days. One radio exec wasn't impressed with Apple's proud statement of "24 hour radio", saving "it's 12 and 12, plus Radio 1 went 24 hours over 20 years ago". (Mail photos)

- To keep us in touch with other sectors, Mongrel also valiantly attended BMI's and BASCA's summer parties. No recurring talking points, but it was no less useful or enjoyable. Apparently BMI were bidding for SESAC.
- We've all seen poor gigs before, but we've never seen a promoter deal with the issue mid-gig, as one did this week for Findlay Quaye. A sad demise for the artist. (NME)

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- A list of all the track's played on **Beats 1** in the first week leaves us feeling there's little cohesion, but maybe that's not a problem. However Zane or a US chart show at early breakfast haven't sat well, and we've yet to figure out where and when is the best time to listen. Meanwhile, the Listen Again on iPlayer remains perfect.
- of Decca's bravest adventurers scaled the heights of the UK's biggest mountain, Ben Nevis, taking on thunder, lightning and even snow, all to raise nearly £13,000 for Macmillan Cancer support. Braving the elements the
- team hit the peak in the middle of Saturday night, hardly stopping at the top, before belting back down in search of cover and warmth. Respect from RotD goes to Team Decca: Dickon Stainer, Rebecca Allen, Costa Pilavachi, Tom Lewis, Laura Monks, Ash Noonan, Andrew Dalton, Anna Malone, Caroline Crick, Chris Kershaw, Ellie Thomson, Emma Price, Esme Strathcole, Fiona McLachlan, Holli Sullivan, Jessica Simmonds, Kevin Long, Noorjhan Flanagan, Oli Harrop, Rachel Haller and Shona Hamilton. You can still donate here.
- We were delighted to see Kimberly Anne, first featured as a RotD almost three years ago when she was unsigned, at No.2 in the midweeks. She sent us a note at the time saying she'd had lots of great reaction after our feature. with Polydor eventually snapping her up. This week, she tweeted "your support was epic. I still owe you a drink x". Dare anyone NOT listen to each and every Record of the Day in case there's a future hit or artist to work with?
- Mongrel isn't sure if you've analysed the latest stats to be revealed by Netflix in the US just yet but it's a poke in the eye for anyone

- who thinks physical is dead and streaming is the only way forward for all consumer entertainment media, be it music or film and TV. The net revenue from the seemingly-long-forgotten DVD rental business alone brought in a not-too-shabby \$130m for the company.
- Someone has made a Spotify playlist of almost everything played on Apple's Beats 1, bar the annoying/engaging presenter.
- O James Corden has been winning over viewers in the US with his chat show, which includes a segment where he drives to the studio with a guest. Each clip has been good, but this latest one with Rod Stewart and A\$AP Rocky is particularly enjoyable.
- Spotify's most distinctively popular songs in London, relative to the rest of the world. There's quite a 6 Music and Kiss bias.
- Here's hoping, unless it was a prank, in which case, no sympathy, Scott Johnson is OK.

# Spotify's most distinctly popular songs in London relative to the rest of the world.

Song	Artist
House Every Weekend	David Zowie
Take Me Away	David Zowie
(feat. Rae)	DJ S.K.T, Rae
Roads	Lawson
Man Don't Care	JME, Giggs
Regret	Everything Everything
Get To Heaven	Everything Everything
To The Blade	Everything Everything
Believer - Radio Edit	DJ Fresh, Adam F
Cello Gonzales	Chilly Gonzales
That's Not Me	Skepta, JME
Where I'm From	Kiko Bun
Know Me From	Stormzy
Magic Tree	Ruu Campbell
Want To Want Me -	Ruu Gampbeli
Westfunk Remix	Jason Derulo
Baby It's You -	Oddon Derdio
w/Bow Wow	JoJo, Bow Wow
Sockets	Slaves
Hold Tight	Jamie xx
Just Saying	Jamie xx
The Rest Is Noise	Jamie xx
Candy	Cameo
Make Believe	Astronaut Husband
Stranger In A Room	Jamie xx, Oliver Sim
Who Will	Will Stratton
I Will Never Fall in	
Love With You	Sam Pinkerton
Shepherd	Anais Mitchell
Flowers - Sunship Edit	Sweet Female Attitude
Mr. E's Beautiful Blues	Eels
Fill My Gums With Blood	Gengahr
Words In The Fire	Patrick Watson
Annachie Gordon	The Unthanks

# tv/radio

# Highlights for the coming week

### FRIDAY TV

03:10 ITV1 Lorraine - with Taio Cruz

12:30 ITV1 Loose Women with Andrea Faustini

20:00 BBC4 You've Got a Friend: The Carole King Story

21:00 BBC4 Rock 'n' Roll America

22:00 BBC4 How the Brits Rocked America: Go West

22:10 Sky Arts David Bowie: A Reality Tour

23:00 BBC4 Big in America: British Hits in the USA

23:00 Vintage TV
The Vintage TV
Sessions featuring Brix
Smith Start,
Graham
Gouldman, Inspiral
Carpets, Jimmy
Somerville and
The Mavericks

23:30 BBC2

T in the Park

2015 highlights

# FRIDAY RADIO

06:30 Radio 2 The Chris Evans Breakfast Show with David Gilmour and Leon Bridges

09:30 Radio 2 Ken Bruce -Bill Wyman picks the Tracks of My Years

14:00 Radio 2 Steve Wright in the Afternoon with Martha Reeves

21:00 6 Music Tom Ravenscroft -Django Django quest mix

00:00 6 Music Nemone's Electric Ladyland - An Evening with Basement Jaxx

### **MONDAY TV**

16:50 Sky Arts Beat Beat Beat: The Tremeloes

### MONDAY RADIO

07:00 6 Music Shaun Keaveny -Sister Sledge Wake-Up Call

19:00 Radio 2 Paul Jones -Warren Haynes in session

22:00 Xfm John Kennedy's X-Posure - Simple Answer guest

# TUESDAY TV

22:00 Xfm

23:05 ITV2

23:10 BBC4

When Pop

Ruled My Life:

WEDNESDAY

07:00 6 Music

Wake-Up Call

**Proclaimers** 

19:00 Radio 2

The Folk Show

Radcliffe - The

20:00 Radio 2

Nightingale

celebrates 50

vears in radio.

21:00 6 Music

Gideon Coe -

is Ghost Box

22:00 Xfm

X-Posure -

with Vant

The Label of Love

John Kennedy's

Jo Whiley - Annie

from the

with Mark

Best of the

Sessions

Shaun Keaveny -

**RADIO** 

The Fans' Story

John Kennedy's

X-Posure - Man

Of Moon guest

WEDNESDAY TV

**Celebrity Juice:** 

**McBusted Special** 

17:00 Sky Arts Pixies Live At Eurockeennes 2014

18:30 Sky Arts Johnny Cash: Song By Song -Jackson

19:00 Sky Arts Elvis Costello: Live From The Artists Den

20:00 Sky Arts Guitar Star

21:00 Sky Arts
It Might Get
Loud - with Jimmy
Page, The Edge
and Jack White

22:30 Vintage TV Neil McCormick's Needle Time -Melissa Etheridge

22:50 Sky Arts Classic Albums -Rush

23:00 BBC4 One-Hit Wonders at the BBC

### TUESDAY RADIO

13:00 6 Music Radcliffe and Maconie - with Richard Hawley

19:00 Radio 2 Jamie Cullum -Jacob Collier in session

22:00 Radio 2 David Rodigans Summer Series of Reggae

# tweets we liked



# @Popiustice

(Peter Robinson, Popjustice) Global Release Day: the chance to download for zero pence the music you've spent months listening to for zero pence, on a Friday

# @TheCSullivan

(Caroline Sullivan, journalist)
At a BBQ, sitting across the garden from Shakin' Stevens and Lorraine Chase. Shaky is being besieged for pictures. Can life get any cooler?

# @mattlearmouth

(Matt Learmouth, Alchemy PR) New data: 3 people shout "f\*\*king soundcloud" every 2 seconds in the UK #analytics #musicindustry #jumpingthroughhoops

# @GeorgErgatoudis

(George Ergatoudis, Radio 1) At @GlastoFest @bastilledan told me about @iamrationale. I just heard next single 'Fuel To The Fire' & it's incredible! 100% one to watch!

# @huwstephens

(Huw Stephens, Radio 1) all about the music every night 10pm-1am. I lead a very boring life and have no hilarious anecdotes to share.

# @matt

(Matt Deegan, radio consultant)
Today I discovered that a cancelled single release means your song is actually published to iTunes but it's backdated! The shame.

# @matt

(Matt Deegan, radio consultant)
1.6m more cars rolled off the manufacturing line with DAB as standard in the last 12 months.

### @ScottJohnston8

(Scott Johnston)
@Tinthepark hi im
somewhere in green 7
someone has packed
me into a tent bag for a
joke and I can't get out
I don't have much
battery left

# @markwilliams0n (Mark Williamson,

Spotify) Germany is a great example of an industry where streaming is providing a (more than) healthy buffer to traditional revenue decline (CDs) Massive over-index of physical in DE likely to see sharp decline in next few years, but streaming in a strong place to pick it up vs territory like Japan where new revenue streams being developed late & inevitable physical / download decline causing heavy losses.

### @trixie

(Talia, radio producer) Remaining baffled by beats1 giving people who aren't good enough to get shows on radio, shows on radio.

# @stephenackroyd

(Stephen Ackroyd, DIY) Apple Music really has changed the way we listen to music, hasn't it? (i.e. we've got 1D on the DIY office stereo)

# @AlisonMoyet

(Alison Moyet, artist)
No right to appropriate
the grief of a stranger
with such familiarity but
oh, how my heart aches
for Nick Cave & Susie
& Earl at their loss.

### @Poptastic

(A&R site)
It's past 7pm and
@BBCR1 just played 3
pop songs in a row. I'm
very pleased with this
post-Zane era.

# @WillardAhdritz

(Willard Ahdritz, Kobalt)
All friends take the time
to read rethink music
berklee report!
Don't skip all classes
to create great music
#ilikeit

# records of the week

# Jenne H

From RotD Music Editor Lee Thompson



# Radio This Oceanic Feeling

Cherry Red Records

Single & Album: July 17

This Oceanic Feeling is a trio of musicians with an enviable pedigree to die for. Cheshire-born singer Chris Braide moved to LA in 2009 and has since written and produced huge tracks for superstars such as David Guetta and Sia. Beyonce, Lana Del Rey and Paloma Faith. Bass guitarist Lee Pomeroy has worked with pop royalty including Take That as well as ELO last year at their incredible Hyde Park gig and drummer Ash Soan has performed with Lily plus countless other artists. Together they've produced an album Universal Mind featuring this excellent track that showcases all of their talents, skills and experience into one perfectly crafted song, slickly polished and immediate on your very first play. With a nod to Roxy Music's smooth 1980 classic Oh Yeah (On The Radio), this has a timeless quality to it and feels built to last. Optimistic and positive in tone, it must've been hard for Chris to hang on to this to record for himself and the group as we bet acts would've been queuing up to get this first, given half a chance. This is a rock solid gem.



# **Pieces CHIMES**

unsigned
August 10

This hot energetic pop dance track from CHIMES is a debut single filled with promise and positive energy. It's notched up over 430k streams in the past fortnight for the duo from Kent comprising of music producer Draper and songwriter-vocalist Paul Aiden. They first collaborated last year with a mutual goal of creating massive-sounding, internationally appealing, credible commercial hits and the first fruits of their work was a house banger called Silvia which is available as a free download and appeared on the Killing Moon New Moons: Volume III compilation a few months ago. It led to praise and support from BBC Introducing, DIY Magazine and Breaking More Waves, which in turn led to remix work for Prides and Chalene Soraia. Next up is a headline live show at Koko in London on July 24 and Kendall Calling on the Jagerhaus Stage on August 1. Occupying the same musical space that's currently inhabited by superstars like Calvin Harris and David Guetta may seem like a really tall order, but CHIMES do it with style and assuredness. You'll be grinning from ear to ear when you hear this.



# Rodeo Clowns Ella On The Run

Skruffy Records

July 31

If you were fortunate enough to catch Swedish pop favourite Tove Stryke's sold-out gig at Hoxton Bar and Grill in April, support act Ella On The Run impressed many early gig-goers too. This London-based alt pop artist began her recording career in the States after studying music at the prestigious Berklee College of Music. In LA, she then hooked up with producer and co-writer Matthew Bang (a former engineer at Interscope whose credits include the worldwide smash If We Ever Meet Again for Timbaland & Katy Perry) and Swedish producer Lukasz to create this moody slice of minimalist electro synthpop from her latest War Of Words EP. Support for her music to date has come from the likes of Clash, Spindle, Huffington Post, Kaltblut, Candid Magazine and BBC Radio London Introducing and watch out for more live dates still to come over the rest of the summer. Dealing lyrically with the subject of relationship ups and downs, it's a cool and defiant track filled with strength and hope for the future whilst displaying vulnerability as things break down.

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"Cast away your inhibitions. let yourself go and prepare to party to this infectious little banger."

# **Red Lips** Aggro Santos (ft. Andreea Banica)

**FOD Records** 

September 11

Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil but raised in south London, Aggro Santos returns with a fun. samba-influenced track that's filled with feel-good latino carnival vibes. It's four years now since his last taste of chart success when his duet Like U Like with Girls Aloud star Kimberley Walsh scored them a UK Top 10 hit but this deserves to put him back with added fresh confidence. Based around the familiar trumpet hook from the track Guaglione by Cuban bandleader Perez Prado, which famously became a massive favourite after being synced on a Guinness TV commercial, it also features the vocal chorus hook from MTV Europe Music Award winner Andreea Banica, who's a huge star in Serbia, Bulgaria and her native Romania. Production comes from Danny Kirsch, mixed by Lu Diaz (who also worked his magic for Pitbull, Beyonce and Shakira) and there are remixes from Dave Aude, Steve Smart, Super Stylers and Razor N' Guid. Cast away your inhibitions, let yourself go and prepare to party to this infectious little banger.

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# news

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In the news

**Neil Young** is removing his music from streaming services, blaming poor sound quality, saying "It's not good enough to sell or rent". (Facebook, Guardian)

A lawyer for **Pharrell Williams**, **Robin Thicke** and rapper **T.I.** says they will appeal a verdict and ruling that found they improperly copied Marvin Gaye's music for Blurred Lines. (Billboard)

The judge overseeing the lawsuit brought by the Marvin Gave family against Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams over Blurred Lines has denied a bid for a new trial and granted a request for an ongoing royalty rate of 50% of songwriter and publishing revenues. (Billboard) The judge also agreed with the Gaye family's argument that T.I. and the labels behind the song— UMG, Interscope, and Star Trak Entertainment—should be held liable for copyright infringement. Thicke and Williams are expected to take the dispute to an appeals court.

Manager Scooter Braun, speaking alongside Taylor Swift manager Scott Borchetta at a conference, said of Apple Music's launch "Everyone was fighting that fight. There was a huge fight going on behind the scenes. I think that Taylor pushed it over the edge". (Fortune)

UK body Creative Content UK is preparing to launch an education programme aimed at convincing 16-24 year-olds to get their music and media from legal sources rather than unlicensed filesharing or streaming sites. (RotD)

The Bestival co-promoters have launched **House of Bestival**, bringing together an event consultancy with creative production and prop hire under one roof. (RotD)

Berklee College of Music's Rethink Music initiative has published a new report "Fair Music: Transparency And Money Flows In The Music Industry". (Billboard) The 29-page report points to a systemic failure in many areas of the music industry to embrace "new" technologies that would give artists and their managers a clear picture of who is listening to what and how much they are owed for it.

FAC critises Sony for ignoring artists' interests and welcomes timely industry transparency report from Berklee. (RotD)

New club venture **Phonox** will soon be opening its doors on the former site of Brixton's Plan B. (Crack) Phonox is being established by Andy Peyton, the director of XOYO and The Nest.

Income from music placed in popular British TV programmes, films, adverts and video games rose 6.4% in 2014, generating revenues of £20m for labels, the BPI has revealed. (RotD, Independent) Queen were the most synched act of 2014.

Ninja Tune founders
Matt Black and Jonathan
More (aka Coldcut) and
label manager Peter
Quicke will receive the
Innovator Award at the
AIM Independent Music
Awards on 8 September.
(RotD)

The founders of **The Pirate Bay** were acquitted by a
Belgian court of charges
alleging criminal copyright
infringement and abuse of
electronic communications.
(TechCrunch)

The MMF and FAC are encouraging artists to support the #FairPlayFairPay campaign to ensure all performers get paid from US radio as well as fair market rates on other platforms.

(MMF)

The BBC has told its producers and DJs not to play music by Neil Young. the Doors, Journey or Bonnie Raitt - or any cover versions of their songs, or tracks sampling them. The acts have withdrawn from MCPS, meaning the BBC has no means of paying the artists for broadcast of their music, and so it cannot play their music without breaching copyright. (Guardian) The four acts are all represented by one publisher, Sharandall Music. which was set up by Wixen Music two years ago.

The aligned single **global release day** for new music takes effect from today. (RotD, RotD)

In the first half of 2015 in the US, audio-only listening generated 58.6bn streams, an increase of 74.2% on last year, according to data from SoundScan. Video streams, which accounted for 76.6bn view-listens, increased 109.2%. (Billboard) CD sales were down 10%, to 56.6m, while vinyl grew by 38.4%, to 5.6m. Download track sales fell to 531.6m units, a 10.4% drop. Digital album sales were 53.7m.

The BPI, UK Youth and Global-backed initiative, The Big Music Project, has been shortlisted to win the Arts Category of this year's National Lottery Awards and is seeking your vote. (RotD)

**David Byrne** talks with DC Congress members about getting paid for radio plays. (Billboard)

# media watch

# **Digital**

- ▶ Apple has launched its latest iPod touch featuring an 8 megapixel iSight camera, FaceTime high-definition camera and the same A8 chip that is used in iPhone 6. It also has a software update that enables Apple Music. (Billboard)
- Flipagram, a social-media app startup that lets users create and share short photo-video segments set to music, has cut deals for rights to 30-second previews of millions of songs with the majors, Merlin and publishers. (Variety)
- ➤ YouTube video-to-download converters have been around for years, but Flvto takes it to the extreme by enabling 99 video downloads simultaneously. (DMN)
- ▶ Following a storm of online horror stories that tell of lost tracks, altered tag data, changing album art, and more corruption, **Apple** has released an update to **iTunes** that it hopes will address the issues with iTunes Match and the new Apple Music service. (Forbes)

- ▶ YouTube CEO confirms their music subscription service is relaunching 'later this year'. (BusinessInsider) "YouTube has an impressive collection of music. It's a little bit different than Apple/Spotify. The music is different and the purpose is different. We have music videos... being able to see your favourite artist play a song... it's magical."
- AppleInsider claims Apple's iPod touch range will have new colours and a more powerful processor available after Thursday. (AppleInsider)
- Spotify's Music Map lets users listen to local tastes from around the world.
  (NextWeb)
- A listing for a video producer on **Apple**'s job board, will be charged with leading "all music related video projects for Apple Music & iTunes", suggesting they may be looking to produce more videos in-house. (NextWeb)

- US government antitrust regulators are looking into claims about whether Apple's treatment of rival streaming music apps is illegal under antitrust law, according to sources. (Reuters)
- StreamSquid allows users to stream music for free, using legal services such as YouTube and SoundCloud as a backbone. (TorrentFreak)
- A writer and potential purchaser highlights a disconnect between Apple's global broadcasting model and the old approach of fixed release windows. People want to buy the album but they just can't yet. (NextWeb)
- Users have been able to explore **Apple Music** for more than a week now, but there is still the best part of three months until the Californian company knows how many people are willing to pay for its service. Should Spotify be worried? (Telegraph)

# Radio, Television, Publishing and PR

- ▶ Ed Vaizey MP, Minister of State for Culture and the Digital Economy is set to announce that 70% of new cars now come with **digital radio** as standard. (RadioToday)
- Absolute Radio is to launch on FM in the West Midlands, replacing Planet Rock on 105.2 from September 7. (RadioToday)
- made available to download on smartphones and tablets for the first time. (Guardian) The vast majority of programming from across the BBC's stations will be available for 30 days after broadcast. (Mail, Guardian)
- Director General of the BBC Lord Hall will defend costly shows like **The Voice** today, insisting it is part of the Corporation's job to entertain. (Telegraph)

- ▶ The final paid-for issue of NME's weekly magazine will be a bumper commemorative special, and will be available for an extended on-sale period from 29 July. (RotD) The new free weekly magazine starts on 18 August.
- It's radio, but not as we know it. How will the medium adapt to online threats such as Apple's new Beats 1 service, asks Stephen Armstrong.
- (Times Stephen Armstrong)
- Calvin Harris, Disclosure, Rudimental, Duke Dumont, Faithless and Kolsch join the line-up for Radio 1's 20th anniversary in Ibiza over the 31 July-2 August weekend. (RotD)
- Nigel Smith is joining
  The Guardian as an
  Entertainment Writer.
- ➤ The BBC could be forced to scrap commercially popular programmes such as The Voice as the government prepares "root-and-branch" reforms for the corporation.
- (Times)

- George Osborne accuses the BBC of imperialism; certainly its urge to smother rivals now threatens the national press, but with funding cuts looming, some of its services are vulnerable. Tim Rayment examines what could go. (Sunday Times)
- NME is partnering with

  Kyodo Tokyo a concert

  promotions and live events

  company to launch

  www.nme-jp.com as well as

  a series of live NME-branded

  music events in Japan.

  (RotD)
- ▶ IPC is to make the NME, last of the weekly music press, a free sheet, says Charles Shaar Murray. (FT)
- Ministry of Sound has joined Global Radio's Digital Audio Exchange (Dax), making it the 140th music publisher to join the programmatic ad platform. (Campaign)

# the word on...

# Rachel Sermanni **Tied To The Moon**

Label Middle Of Nowhere UK Release date 10/07/2015 **US Release date 24/07/2015** ADM Rating: 7.4



### 8.0 | The Observer

A captivating follow-up to her 2012 debut, Under Mountains, offering a richer, darker take on the soft folk of that record

Read Review

# 8.0 | The 405

There is no grandstanding on this record. There is no bombast or flamboyance or eccentricity. Instead, there is song crafting of an exceptional variety as Sermanni delivers ten solid sonas

Read Review

A beautiful record, so full of intricacies that it continues to reward with every listen, allowing you to lose yourself in its stories

8.0 | The Line Of Best Fit

# 8.0 | Mojo

Read Review

Minimal, murky, magnificent. Print edition only

# 7.0 | Uncut

There's something of the teenage Laura Marking about Rachel Sermanni. Print edition only

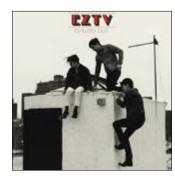
### 7.0 I NME

Skips between the fiery and the fragile, pitching the striking yet sinister screes of 'Ferryman' against the predatory, bass-y blues of 'Run'

Read Review

# **EZTV Calling Out**

**Label** Captured Tracks UK Release date 10/07/2015 **US Release date** 10/07/2015 ADM Rating: 7.1



# 8.0 | Exclaim

The record feels a little long. but every song is worthy of inclusion, as each fits and flows smoothly

Read Review

# 8.0 | No Ripcord

A record that insists on utilizing brevity with daisyglazed melodies that fall a little more on the serene side than the highly-charged kick of your typical power pop release Read Review

### 8.0 | All Music

Low on drama but high on seemingly effortless jangle pop brilliance, Calling Out feels like a long-lost classic and an exciting discovery Read Review

# 7.5 | Consequence Of Sound

It's a sprawling effort made for weary drives alone on the highway on humid summer nights. The shimmering guitar hooks don't obscure a personal crisis — they make it bearable

Read Review

# 7.0 | music OMH

A confident début that will doubtless please lovers of hooky, carefully crafted quitar pop Read Review

### 7.0 | Gig Soup

The songs seem simple (and they are, as is their charm), but they also contain some interesting elements which are woven through the album Read Review

### 6.0 | Q

Not a bad shout if you're looking for something calm and unruffled to soundtrack the summer.

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# gigs

Recommended London gigs

### Friday

OC Duncan. The Lexington N1

### Monday

• Fine Print. Sebright Arms E2

### Tuesday

Gold Dust! Present: Kyko + **Lawrence Taylor** + Cloves. Hoxton Bar & Kitchen N1 • Georgia. Electrowerkz

### Wednesday

EC1

Robert J Hunter.

The George Tavern E1

### **Thursday**

O Darwin Deez + Oscar, Village Underground FC2

The Pains of Being Pure at Heart. The Garage N1

# comment



- o If the video games industry is having such a good time of it, Thomas Quillfeldt asks: what can the recorded music business learn from games? (RotD)
- "If people pay 10 bucks a month for service A and it doesn't have a release they want because it's windowed on service B, as an industry we're kind of shooting the value proposition in the foot a little bit", says a Google Play Music executive. (Time)
- The music industry should explore blockchain technology used in cryptocurrencies to ensure musicians are paid fairly for streams and sales of their work, according to a report (featured here yesterday) published by the US-based **Rethink Music** initiative.

  (Guardian)

- Artists should reclaim their independence and ensure their music benefits the people who really believe in it, not soulless streaming companies trying to take you for everything you've got. (DailyDot)
- Is streaming good for music? (BBC World Service)
- The finger's on the selfdestruct button. The ugly truth about Apple, Google, Spotify, and the rest of the music streaming universe. (Medium -Anil Prasad)
- 51% of concert goers buy tickets to shows of artists they discovered through streaming, according to a new study by EventBrite. (TechCrunch)
- The amount of money that PRS For Music spent on operating costs grew by £7.8m in 2014 – despite the cash it passed to publishers and songwriters falling £16.2m. (MBW)

- How Facebook could operate in the music video area. (TechCrunch) A new categorisation system for videos includes "Music" as a dedicated option.
- Dealing directly with artists and helping them express their vision might be the ultimate form of curation for Apple. (VentureBeat)
- What happens when music apps die? (Medium)
- Is transparency the music industry's next battle? (NPR)
- Metallica's Lars Ulrich says streaming is 'good' but music is getting 'blander'. (NME)
- Why the official UK charts have moved. (HuffPo - Martin Talbot, Official Charts Company)

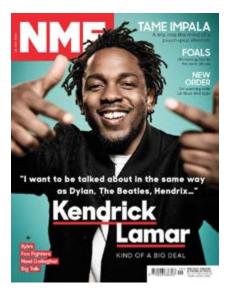
- When the iTunes store first arose, in 2003, it did well by classical music and other genres outside the pop hegemony. The new Apple cares less. "Music, it seems, is a trusty app that has some usability issues, and is due for an upgrade." (NewYorker)
- Analysing Beats 1's first week: Most-played songs and every show's tracklist. (Billboard)
- Can SoundCloud be the Facebook of music? (Bloomberg)
- Hi-res streaming will soon be the standard, says 7digital CCO Pete Downton. (WhatHiFi)
- No music Tuesday: What listeners should expect from the new Friday album street date in the US. (Flavorwire)
- Is the music industry sleepwalking into disaster? (Darren Hemmings)

- Are plagiarised YouTube videos helping fuel Facebook's astonishing video growth? (Slate)
- Peak efficiency in live music booking will be the industry's underrated, bench-warming buzzerbeater. (Medium)
- Noel Gallagher on new global release date for albums: 'The world's gone f--king mad'. (NME)
- What are the economics of organising a festival? From artists, to catering and waste management, sometimes the costs are so high they'll leave organisers crying in the portable loos. (Guardian2 Eamonn Forde)
- Why is it that shutting down Megaupload.com increased digital movies revenues, but blocking access to The Pirate Bay in the UK did not increase legal consumption? (BrettDanaher)

- The RIAA has responded to the Berklee College of Music's "Fair Music" report, including writing "all of us in the music ecosystem should be working together to improve industry data and infrastructure so that everyone artists, songwriters, labels and publishers can be paid promptly and accurately." (Billboard)
- Can the US build an antitrust case against Apple Music? (Fortune)

# covers

The covers of the current music magazines











# business



- Music sales in Germany increased sales by 4.4% in 2015's first half compared to 2014, according to a report by Germany's Federal Music Industry Association. (Billboard) Streaming grew 87%, downloads grew 3.2%, while the CD market declined a modest 3.3%.
- Ticket purchasing platform
   Ticketfly has closed a
   \$50m funding round.
   (Billboard)
- In the US, Coachella grossed \$84m in ticket sales from a total of 198,000 tickets sold. (Billboard)
- HMV has agreed a deal to open 15 shops across the Middle East and is also in talks about separate deals to expand into Australia, China, and India. (Telegraph)
- Distiller Music Group has appointed Chloe Gold as Head of Marketing. (RotD) She was previously a Product Manager at [PIAS] Cooperative.

- its right to structure its deals in such a way that might disadvantage artists, as part of its lawsuit with 19 Recordings. (HollywoodReporter)
  Taking equity in Spotify, keeping advertising income and not sharing the spoils of piracy lawsuits is all proper, according to new court papers by the record giant.
- BMG has appointed Peter Stack as Executive Vice President Global Catalogue Recording. (RotD) BMG acquired the company Stack founded, Union Square Music, seven months ago.
- Toscafund has forged a merger of the Akazoo streaming business owned by InternetQ, the listed mobile marketing company, and R&R Music, a high-tech music technology business run by Eric Nicoli, the former EMI Chief Executive. (FT, Times) Akazoo has 1.1m paying subscribers, mainly in eastern Europe and Southeast Asia.

# news



- A new US chart supplier, BuzzAngle Music, has entered the market with its sights firmly set on Nielsen, calling the established provider "stale and ineffective" in 2015. (P1)
- Polydor and Machine Management made sure that Years & Years were one of the flagship bands for the first ever New Music Friday at the end of last week through a prime ad break takeover on Channel 4 during 8 Out Of 10 Cats. (P1)
- BMG's acquisition of Minder Music last week was the latest move in a bid to make real strides in the dance market. (P2)
- London based Distiller
   Music Group has appointed
   Chloe Gold as its new Head
   of Marketing. (P2)
- Union Square Music Founder and BMG Exec Peter Stack is banking on a big resurgence in the catalogue market as rights revert back to top level artists. (P3)

- The NMPA's decision to sell its mechanical rights affiliate Harry Fox Agency to SESAC has been dubbed a "game changer" in the way publishing rights will be licensed in future in the US – and it could also influence future regulation on PROs. (P4)
- International Solutions has launched its music marketing and promotions services in Australia and New Zealand with the appointment of Victoria Ciesiolka as territory manager. (P4)
- On The Radar: Spring King. (P9)
- Big Interview: Ninja Tune/ Counter Records. (P10-12)
- Special: Ed Sheeran. (P15-27)
- Analysis: Q2 2015 Sales (P28-30)
- Profile: The LA Sync Mission (P33)
- Viewpoint: Andrew
   Wilkinson discusses ways
   the live sector can avoid
   complacency (P34

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The least banal stories from the week's pop press

- Iconic Earls Court music venue The Troubador, where Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan played, is up for sale after neighbours' noise complaints. (Standard)
- Hacker Adi Lederman has been jailed for 14 months after breaching servers used by Madonna's team and leaking music by the star. (Telegraph)
- Songwriter Roy C
  Bennett has died,
  leaving behind a legacy
  of credits that include
  work for Frank Sinatra,
  Elvis Presley, Louis
  Armstrong and more.
  (Billboard)
- The Who have stated that their Glastonbury headline set was "sabotaged", while claiming that they stepped in to replace Prince on the festival line-up. (NME)

- A 36-year-old man has been found dead at the T in the Park festival. (BBC)
- Deep Purple guitarist Ritchie Blackmore says he is owed £750,000 for his part in creating the band's hits and is locked in a legal battle for royalties and legal costs. (Mail)
- ▶ 50 Cent has declared himself bankrupt, reporting debts and assets in the range of £6.5million to £32million. (Times)
- Richie Hawtin receives an honorary doctorate of the University Of Huddersfield for outstanding contribution to the world of musictechnology. (RotD)
- Nelson, Annie
  Nightingale and Nick
  Grimshaw are amongst
  the celebrities to have
  signed a letter to David
  Cameron demanding
  he protects the BBC.
  (Mirror)

# chart life



### AMAZING RADIO

### A List

Boxed In False Alarm C Duncan Garden

Cairobi Gristly Words

Clean Cut Kid Vitamin C

Day Wave Drag

Formation Hangin Ghostpoet

Sorry My Love, It's You Not Me Highasakite

Keep That Letter Safe

Hooton Tennis Club Kathleen Sat On The Arm Of Her Favourite Chair

Lianne La Havas What You Don't Do

Shura White Light

**Swim Deep** One Great Song And I Could Change The World

The Districts Chlorine

Vukovi Boy George

Walking Shapes Winter Fell

### **B** List

14th Cover You

Azekel Mad About The Boy

Broncho It's On

Citizen Cement

Coquin Migale SOCOTRA (Radio Edit)

**Django Django**Shake and Tremble

Edward R Wolves and the

Water

### Frances Grow

Georgia Nothing Solutions
Gulf Ocean

Jimi Charles Moody

Blue Honey

Joe Hertz Ashes ft Liv

Loyle Carner Tierney Terrace

Outfit Framed

Raury Devils Whisper

Rivver Am I Ok (feat Milk & Bone)

Sundara Karma Flame

The Arcs Stay In My Corner

The Parrots I'm Not Alone
Tobias Jesso Jr Without You

Toro Y Moi Buffalo

### C List

Ambassadeurs Looking At You Ft C Duncan

**CENTREFOLDS** 

You, Me & Debauchery

**Demob Happy** Wash It Down

Eaves Dove In Your Mouth

Elliot Moss Slip

Frankie & The Heartstrings Think Yourself Lucky

Gwilym Gold Triumph

Kingsley Chapman and The Murder Lovers

Klyne Paralyzed

Lisbon Khaleesi

PINES All You Need

Postiljonen Wait

Postiljonen walt

Sunflower Bean I Hear Voices

Tom Misch Sunshine

Torres Cowboy Guilt

# **Specialist Spot Plays**

Elvis Perkins Hogus Pogus

**George Fitzgerald** Knife To The Heart

Kathryn Joseph The Bird

Laura Clock Slowly

N.A.S.A Iko feat Lizzo

Slime Hot Dog

Key

Non-Mover

Move Up

New Addition

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- Various Artists NOW That's What I Call Music! 91
- Iron Maiden Book Of Souls
- Jason Isbell Something More Than Free
- Lamb of God VII: Sturm Und Drang
- Jess Glynne I Cry When I Laugh
- Various Artists This Is Acoustic
- Led Zeppelin CODA (Deluxe CD Edition)
- Led Zeppelin Presence (Deluxe CD Edition)
- Disturbed Immortalized (Deluxe Version)
- 10 Editors In Dream

- Birdy Wings (Acoustic)
- 2 Sigala Easy Love
- Kygo feat. Parson James Stole The Show
- Felix Jaehn feat. Jasmine Thompson Ain't Nobody (Loves Me Better)
- The Weeknd Can't Feel My Face 5
- Disclosure feat. Gregory Porter Holding On
- The Chemical Brothers feat, Q-Tip Go
- John Newman Come And Get It
- Charlie Puth feat. Meghan Trainor Marvin Gaye
- 10 Shaggy feat. Mohombi, Faydee & Costi I Need Your Love

- Selena Gomez feat. A\$AP Rocky Good For You
- Demi Lovato Cool For The Summer
- Meek Mill feat. Chris Brown & Nicki Minaj All Eves On You
- Fetty Wap feat. Remy Boyz 679
- DJ Khaled feat. Chris Brown & Lil Wayne & Big Sean How Many Times
- R. City feat. Adam Levine Locked Away
- Tori Kelly Should've Been Us
- Halsev Mad World
- Meek Mill feat. Drake R.I.C.O.
- 10 Beck Dreams

Monday	Samantha Crain
	Under Branch & Thorn & Tree
Tuesday	DJ Yoda presents Breakfast Of Champions
Wednesday	Chemical Brothers Born In The Echoes
Thursday	Joy Division Substance
Friday	Elvis Presley Elvis Presley (classic)

**Broken Hands** Meteor

Seven Davis Jnr Good Vibes

Monday	Rachel Platten Fight Song
Tuesday	Conrad Sewell Hold Me Up
Wednesday	Jack Garratt Weathered
Thursday	Selena Gomez feat A\$AP Rocky
	Good For You
Friday	Calvin Harris featuring Disciples
	How Deep Is Your Love
Saturday	Meek Mill featuring Nicki Minaj &
	Chris Brown All Eyes On You
Sunday	5 Seconds Of Summer She's Kinda
Annie Mac	Para One & The South African
	Youth Choir Elevation

Huw Stephens Hippo Campus Suicide Saturday

5 Seconds Of Summer She's Kinda Hot Calvin Harris & Disciples How Deep Is Your Love Charlie Puth featuring Meghan Trainor	C List C List
Marvin Gaye	C List
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Jack Garratt Weathered	C List
Jess Glynne Don't Be So Hard On Yourself	C List
Julio Bashmore featuring Sam Dew	
This Could Be Us	C List
Lianne La Havas What You Don't Do	C List
Selena Gomez featuring A\$AP Rocky	
Good For You	C List
Tazer x Tink Wet Dollars	C List
Melé Ambience	NMWT
The Internet featuring Kaytranada Girl	NMWT
BDY PRTS Cold Shoulder BBC Intro	ducina
BB1_1 K16 Gold Ghodider BB6 intro	adding

Rod Stewart Love Is	A List
Adam Lambert Ghost Town	B List
Lianne Le Havas What You Don't Do	B List
Rachel Platten Fight Song	B List
Tobias Jesso Jr. Without You	B List
Birdy Wings	C List
Reuben James Richards We'll Always Be Together	C List

Ghostpoet Sorry My Love, It's You Not Me Albert Hammond Jr. Born Slippy Boxed In False Alarm FFS Call Girl Marika Hackman Next Year	A List B List B List B List B List
Modest Mouse The Ground Walks With Time In A Box De Lux Oh Man The Future Thundercat Them Changes	B List C List C List

- Little Mix Black Magic
- Years & Years Shine
- Lost Frequencies Are You With Me
- Sam Feldt Show Me Love
- Avicii Waiting For Love
- David Zowie House Every Weekend
- Tinie Tempah Not Letting Go
- James Bay Let It Go
- Fifth Harmony Worth It 9
- 10 Birdy Wings

- The Weeknd Can't Feel My Face
- Omi Cheerleader
- Rachel Platten Fight Song
- Silento Watch Me
- Fetty Wap 679
- The Weeknd The Hills
- Selena Gomez Good For You
- Andy Grammer Honey, I'm Good
- Major Lazer Lean On
- 10 WALK THE MOON Shut Up And Dance

- Meghan Trainor Like I'm Gonna Lose You
- Lost Frequencies Are You With Me
- Galantis Peanut Butter Jelly
- Robin Schulz Headlights
- Rachel Platten Fight Song
- Travie McCov Golden
- The Weeknd Can't Feel My Face
- Major Lazer Powerful
- Silento Watch Me
- WALK THE MOON Shut Up And Dance

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- Mac Demarco
- Protomartyr 2
- 3 Toro Y Moi
- Maximum Balloon Feat Karen O & Tunde Adebimpe
- SHOPPING

source: music.guardian.co.uk/newbands

Friday Amason

Playlist for week commencing 15 July

Afrojack feat. Mike Taylor Summerthing Sigma feat. Ella Henderson Glitterball

- Major Lazer Lean On
- Lost Frequencies Are You With Me
- Jason Derulo Want To Want Me
- Omi Cheerleader
- Tinie Tempah Not Letting Go
- Fetty Wap Trap Queen
- Wiz Khalifa See You Again
- Chris Brown Five More Hours
- Walk The Moon Shut Up And Dance
- 10 Jack U Where Are U Now

Years & Years Gold Lion Babe Impossible Monday FIDLAR West Coast Tuesday Wednesday Lethal Bizzle Playground

- Thundercat, Flying Lotus, Kasami Washington Them Changes
- Klyne Paralyzed
- Joe Stone, Montell Jordan The Party (This Is How We Do It)
- The Libertines Gunga Din
- Beach House Sparks
- The Score Oh My Love
- Krept & Konan, Jeremih Freak of the Week
- AC/DC Thunderstruck
- Hayley Kiyoko Girls Like Girls
- AC/DC Back in Black

- Wolf Alice Bros
- La Priest Learning To Love
- RHODES Close Your Eyes
- Oscar Beautiful Words
- Gengahr Heroine

Jess Glynne Don't Be So Hard On Yourself

### Various Artists

Nina Revisited - A Tribute To Nina Simone

source: www.popjustice.com

July 9, 215 Eden XO Torn/Don't Stop Believin'

July 10, 2015 Little Boots Real Girl

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# **New releases**

	RADIO 1 PLAYLIST	RADIO 2 PLAYLIST	CAPITAL	SHAZAM TAGGING	RotD CHART PREDICTION
THIS WEEK - FRIDAY 17 JULY					
John Newman Come & Get It	Α	Α	PLAYLIST	#28 [PRE REL #8]	Top 10
Calvin Harris & Disciples How Deep Is Your Love	С				Top 10
5 Seconds Of Summer She's Kinda Hot	С				Top 20
Dappy 100 (Built For This)					Top 50
Maverick Sabre Walk Into The Sun		В			Top 50
Kokiri Turn Back Time (Retrospect)					Top 100
SRTW We Were Young					Top 100
NEXT WEEK - FRIDAY 24 JULY					
Sigma ft. Ella Henderson Gliterball	В		PLAYLIST	#32 [PRE REL #11]	Top 10
XYConstant Silverlined				#78	Top 30
Aston Merrygold Get Stupid				#97	Top 30
Foxes Body Talk	В			#62	Top 40
Tourist ft. Josef Salvat/Niia Holding On					Top 75
Jax Jones Yeah Yeah Yeah				#189	Top 75
Slinger Caribou Sundays					Top 100
Mele Ambience	INMWT			#125	Top 100
TWO WEEKS - FRIDAY 31 JULY					
Joe Stone ft. Montell Jordan					
The Party (This Is How We)	В		PLAYLIST	#36 [PRE REL #12]	Top 10
THREE WEEKS - FRIDAY 7 AUGUST					
Charlie Puth ft. Meghan Trainor Marvin Gaye	С	Α	PLAYLIST	#29 [PRE REL #9]	Top 3
Afrojack ft. Mike Taylor SummerThing!			PLAYLIST		Top 10
Maroon 5 This Summer's Gonna Hurt				#141	Top 20
Rachel Platten Fight Song		В		#129	Top 20
Carly Rae Jepsen Run Away With Me					Top 20
Sarah Harding Threads					Top 40
Otto Knows Next To Me			PLAYLIST	#83	Top 40
Jeremih ft. Flo Rida Tonight Belongs To U!					Top 40
Tazer X Tink Wet Dollars	С			#75	Top 40
SoulCircuit ft. Maverick Sabre Rolling With Me (I Got Love)					Top 50
Arches ft. Karen Harding New Love				#127	Top 75
Grades King				#89	Top 75
Show N Prove ft Benny Banks FACT					Top 75
Carnage I Like Tuh					Top 100

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	RADIO 1	RADIO 2 PLAYLIST	CAPITAL	SHAZAM TAGGING	RotD CHART PREDICTION
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FOUR WEEKS - FRIDAY 14 AUGUST					
Jess Glynne Don't Be So Hard On Yourself	С	ROTW	PLAYLIST	#69	Top 3
Tough Love ft. Ginuwine Pony (Jump On It)				#39 [PRE REL #13]	Top 10
Martin Solveig & GTA Intoxicated				#54 [PRE REL #18]	Top 30
Denney Low Frequency				#130	Top 30
Azari & III Reckless (With Your Love)					Top 75
Lovebirds ft. Stee Downes Want You In My Soul					Top 75
Kove ft. Moko Hurts					Top 100
Vaults Cry No More [EP]					Top 100
FIVE WEEKS - FRIDAY 21 AUGUST					
Felix Jaehn ft. Jasmine Thompson Ain't Nobody (Loves Me Better)			PLAYLIST	#14 [PRE REL #4]	Top 5
Ella Eyre Good Times			TEATEIOT	#14 [1 1\L 1\LL#4]	Top 20
Sage The Gemini/Nick Jonas Good Thing					Top 40
Nero Two Minds				#96	Top 50
Angel ft. Fuse ODG Leyla				#00	Top 75
Hayden James Something About You					Top 100
Kelvin Jones Call You Home					Top 100
SIX WEEKS - FRIDAY 28 AUGUST					
Silento Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)				#55 [PRE REL #19]	Top 3
Demi Lovato Cool For The Summer					Top 10
L'Tric This Feeling					Top 10
Melissa Steel ft. Wretch 32 You Love Me					Top 30
Stylo G ft. Gyptian My Number					Top 40
Nick Brewer ft. Bibi Bourelly Talk To Me				#100	Top 50
Alexa Goddard We Broke The Sky					Top 75
Lion Babe Impossible					Top 75
SEVEN WEEKS - FRIDAY 4 SEPT					
Sigala Easy Love			PLAYLIST	#7 [PRE REL #2]	#1
AlunaGeorge/DJ Snake You Know You Like It			PLAYLIST	#41 [PRE REL #14]	Top 20
Natalie La Rose/Fetty Wap All Around The World				#84	Top 20
James Morrison title TBC					Top 20
Leona Lewis Power					Top 40
Fuse ODG Top Of My Charts					Top 40
American Authors Go Big Or Go Home					Top 50
Klingande ft Broken Back Riva (Restart The Ga	me)				Top 100



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# **New releases continued**

	RADIO 1 PLAYLIST	RADIO 2 PLAYLIST	CAPITAL	SHAZAM TAGGING	RotD CHART PREDICTION
EIGHT WEEKS - FRIDAY 11 SEPT					
Ella Eyre Swing Low Sweet Chariot					Top 10
Kwabs Cheating On Me					Top 50
NINE WEEKS - FRIDAY 18 SEPT					
Feder ft. Lyse Goodbye				#131	Top 20
TEN WEEKS - FRIDAY 25 SEPT					
Lost Frequencies ft. Janieck Devy Reality					Top 10
The Six (Don't Go) Running					Top 75

# Labels' share

SI	POTIFY SINGLES WORLDWIDE		i	TUNES SINGLES WORLDWIDE		i	TUNES SINGLES UK	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Republic Interscope Geffen A&M RCA Columbia Def Jam Capitol Atlantic Warner Bros. Warner Music UK Roc Nation	Streams 7,641,698 5,392,362 2,471,192 2,424,292 1,861,611 1,567,040 1,270,750 1,046,916 987,792 837,376	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Republic Warner Bros. Atlantic Interscope Geffen A&M Epic Columbia RCA Capitol Def Jam Capitol Nashville	Titles 38 19 14 14 13 11 10 8 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Atlantic Republic RCA Sony Music Columbia Island Polydoy Warner Bros. Virgin Interscope	Titles 17 13 10 9 9 7 7 6 6
SI	HAZAM SINGLES WORLDWIDE		i'	TUNES ALBUMS WORLDWIDE		i	TUNES ALBUMS UK	
01	THERE SINGLES WORLDWIDE	Titles			Titles			Titles
1	Republic	13	1	Republic	25	1	Sony Music	15
2	Atlantic	13	2	Interscope Geffen A&M	18	2	Island	8
3	Interscope Geffen A&M	10	3	Columbia	18	3	Virgin	8
4	Epic	7	4	Warner Bros.	13	4	Ministry Of Sound	/
5	Warner Bros.	6	5 6	Atlantic RCA	12 11	5 6	Mercury NOW Compilations	7
7	RCA Columbia	5	7	Capitol	11	7	UMG	6
/ 8	Capitol Nashville	5 5	8	Epic	9	8	Atlantic	6
9	300 Entertainment	3	9	Capitol Nashville	8	9	Interscope	6
10	Def Jam	3	10	Hollywood	4	10		5