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Welcome to Girl Crush Country!

The best way to follow a "Super" weekend is a super conversation with a longtime girl crush, am I right? But before we get to the good stuff, a quick reminder: the best way to keep this newsletter out of the junk folder is to whitelist us by adding "mail@girlcrushcountry.com" to your email contacts. And if you wanted to share this with a friend or 10 and encourage them to [subscribe](#) too, we'd love you forever (and we're not just saying that because it's Valentine's Day this weekend).



girl talks 



FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

Jamie O'Neal

This week's Girl Crush is Jamie O'Neal, who we've been crushing on for -- if you can believe it -- 25 years since the release of her first album *Shiver* and her first hit "There Is No Arizona."

Jamie talks about how the music business has changed since then -- in good *and* bad ways, and the creative freedom women have in 2026. "Now there's not that disconnect with what we can sing about," she says. "The era we're in now has... kicked down some doors and I think it's a great thing."

And of course, she talks about music -- the stuff she grew up singing, the stuff she's loving from today's artists, and her new album *Gypsum*. [Watch the full interview here.](#)



NEWS

Rissi Palmer's Nashville Celebration

If you watched the [very first episode of Girl Crush Country](#), you heard Rissi Palmer talk about her new EP *Perspectives*, which came out Friday. And she was in Nashville to celebrate the release in a big way. First, as a guest on the legendary WSM's *Coffee, Country & Cody*. Then with a live episode of her own show *Color Me Country with Rissi Palmer* on Apple Music, where she gave a special live performance and was surprised with an appearance by Madeline Edwards and shouts from Miko Marks, Magnolia Rising, Tiera Kennedy, and Denitia (all artists you should know!). She wrapped the night with a performance of her new songs on the *Grand Ole Opry*. Congratulations, Rissi!



News

Ella Langley DOMINATES the Charts

Ella Langley's "Choosin' Texas" has hit the top of *Billboard's* Country Airplay Chart -- her third #1 song, if you're counting. This one is especially impressive because she did it in just 16 weeks -- over the last decade, it takes most chart toppers an average of 30 weeks to get there. Carrie Underwood did it twice in the same amount of time back in 2016 with "Church Bells" and "Heartbeat," and no other women have done it faster since.

"Choosin' Texas" was already at #1 on *Billboard's* Hot Country Songs chart, which tracks airplay, streams, sales, etc. She peaked there after six weeks (the average over the last 10 years is 15 weeks), and has stayed there for 10 weeks and counting.

Oh, and one more: Ella's at #2 on *Billboard's* all genre Hot 100 chart. If she hits #1 there, she will join an elite list. Fewer than 30 country songs have topped that chart, and only five of those were performed by solo women (and then only if you count Taylor Swift when she was transitioning from country to pop).

Obviously, we're cheering her on all the way.



REMINDER

Trisha Yearwood Returns To Band As One

The date has been set for the second annual “Band As One Nashville Concert for the Cure: Trisha Yearwood & Friends” event to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure and look at the girl crushes involved! Trisha was last year’s headliner, and she’s back this year, along with our friend Rissi Palmer, Ashley McBryde, Hailey Whitters, and others. It’s happening March 22 at the Opry House and you can [get your tickets here](#) while they last.



The drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

- Rissi Palmer [Perspectives EP](#)
- KC Johns [Bad Perfume](#)
- Jade Hilton [Carolina Blue](#)
- Hadlie Jo [Mirrors & Smoke](#)
- Megan Moroney [Cloud 9](#)
- Elizabeth Nichols [Sweet Cigarette](#)
- Brit Taylor [Around and Around](#)
- Carter Faith [Fame Is A Gun](#)
- Reba McEntire, Brandy Clark, Lukas Nelson [Trailblazer \(Dreamchaser Version\)](#)
- Hannah Jane Lewis [Consolation Prize](#)
- Rita Wilson [Sound of A Woman](#)
- Ashland Craft & Chase Rice [Mama Don't Pray Like She Used To](#)
- Lakelin Lemmings [Get Around Boy EP](#)
- Kaylee Rose [Everything Comes Back](#)
- Jordana Bryant [Missing You](#)
- Ashley Ryan [52 Sundays](#)
- TANAEYA [SHE'S SO SWEET](#)

Listen to all these songs, plus music from other kickass women on the [Girl Crush Country Playlist here](#).

birthday queens

Girl Crushes celebrating birthdays this month (* indicates in memoriam):

- Kassi Ashton
- Sara Evans
- Kayla Wright
- Anne Wilson
- Dasha

