

We're **OBSESSED** with women in country music!

## Welcome to Girl Crush Country!

Spring is springing and the girls are still crushing it. And you have less than a week left to get your bonus entries for the This One's For the Girl Crush Fans giveaway to win Apple AirPods, merch from Lainey Wilson and others, and more. Get on that [here before Friday 3/27](#).

For Women's History Month, this week we're talking about Reba McEntire. It was this month in 1975 she first made the trip from Oklahoma to Nashville to record a demo tape at the urging of country singer Red Steagall, who was going to pass it around to record labels. An exec at Polygram/Mercury Records heard it and signed her to her first record deal later that year. Since then, she's sold more 75 million records, put more than 100 songs on *Billboard's* Hot Country Songs chart and hit #1 25 times. She's also added acting and business ownership to her resume, as well as being a coach on *The Voice*. And this week, she'll celebrate her 71st birthday. We are wishing the happiest of days to the Queen!



*Jess Wright, Creator/Host*





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## Tenille Arts

Tenille Arts made history in a number of ways with her first #1 song, "Somebody Like That" back in 2020, but still struggled to get radio and playlist support with her follow-up songs. She joins me in the Girl Crush Country studio this week to talk about that -- how her next release was overshadowed by a male artist with the same song title, how she walks the talk when it comes to supporting women in country music, and how she learned to advocate for herself when it comes to the important career decisions. Plus she tells us about her latest release, "Don't Ruin Flowers" and what's to come in 2026. [Watch the full interview here.](#)

The Tea 



## Lainey Wilson To Perform at the ACMs

Reigning Entertainer and Female Artist, and Artist-Songwriter of the Year (among MANY other awards) Lainey Wilson was one of the first round of performers announced for the 61st ACM Awards, along with Riley Green and Cody Johnson. More performers and the nominees are still to be announced in the coming weeks. The awards will return to a Sunday night time slot and will air live from Las Vegas on May 17th on Prime Video. If you want to see it in person, you can get your tickets [here](#).



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## Jo Dee Messina's First Album in 12 Years

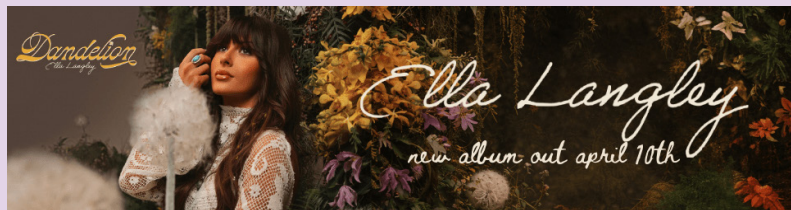
We knew a new album was coming from Jo Dee Messina after she released that new song "Some Bridges" a couple weeks ago. If you haven't heard it yet, it's on the [Girl Crush Country Spotify playlist](#) and it's so good. It has the same vibe as her earlier stuff but still sounds current. We now know that album is coming this summer and is called *Bridges* and will be the first full project she's put out since 2014's *Me*. While most albums reflect a season, Jo Dee says this one is 10 years worth of seasons rolled into one. "It's not about a full transformation," she says. "It's about what I've gone through and how I've gotten through it all. But I'm not done living yet. There's still a lot more to learn." Jo Dee says over the past decade, just like all of us, she has encountered road bumps both minor and heartbreaking: loss, struggle, and sicknesses that might have wrecked someone without glimmers of light to hold onto. Her music. Her children. Her faith. And all of it is woven throughout *Bridges*. You can pre-save it [here](#).



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## Last Call For Bonus Entries

This Friday (3/27) is the last day to get your bonus entries to win the **This One's For the Girl Crush Fans giveaway**, including Apple AirPods, a Girl Crush Country hoodie, and merch from Lainey Wilson, Rissi Palmer, and Allie Colleen. You're already entered by subscribing to this newsletter, but you can get bonus entries for following the socials, subscribing to the YouTube channel, and sharing the unique link when you do all those things [here](#).



## The drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

- Ashley McBryde [Bottle Tells Me So](#)
- Ella Langley [Loving Life Again](#)
- Brooke Lee [Just Because](#)
- Hadlie Jo [Things](#)
- Kelsi Mayne [Can't Sleep](#)
- Taylor Austin Dye [Damn Good Day \(Acoustic\)](#)
- Shaylen [You Smell Like A Cigarette](#)
- Leah Blevins [All Dressed Up \(album\)](#)
- The Montvales [Path of Totality \(album\)](#)
- Julianna Rankin [Little Miss Behavin'](#)
- The Band Loula [Mother's Mother](#)
- Emma Smalley [Killing Time](#)
- Tenille Townes [we could use a little more](#)
- Julia Cole [At My Wedding](#)
- Hannah Jane Lewis [Riding in Cars with Boys](#)
- Rachael Fahim [Deep End](#)
- Callista Clark [Funny](#)
- Hayley Jensen [Burn It Down](#)
- Anna Dahl [Something for the Boys](#)
- Brandon Jane [Dry Spell](#)
- Mackenzie May [Not Like He Used To](#)

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 week:

Meghan Patrick  
Reba McEntire

## The fits

Show your love for GCC and for women in country music when you buy some swag in the **Girl Crush Country Store!** Choose just the logo or pick a design with some added sass if you roll like that. Every design is available on multiple styles, colors, and items. **NOTE: EVERYTHING IS UP TO 35% OFF THIS WEEK (UNTIL SUNDAY).**



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