



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

Welcome to Girl Crush Country!



Jess Wright, Creator/Host

It's the end of Women's History Month, but not the end of us waving the flag for women in country music. There are still way too many women you need to meet or learn more about!

Speaking of which, I want to thank everyone who signed up for this newsletter during the This One's For the Girl Crush Fans giveaway. We got a lot of new subscribers, some new followers on the socials and YouTube channel, and some good visibility for the platform, which was really the goal: the more visible we are, the more visible the women in country music will be when we feature them. And as promised, here's the winner, chosen by random drawing, of the Apple AirPods, Girl Crush Country hoodie, and merch from Lainey Wilson, Rissi Palmer, and Allie Colleen: **Carrie Smith of Conway, NH** -- Carrie, check your email for a separate note!

It's not too late to help us grow our platform, even if there aren't prizes for it. Sharing this newsletter and posts from our socials (linked at the bottom) and encouraging your country music-loving friends to subscribe and follow is a big help.

Now, I had originally intended to only do the spotlights on women in country music history during this month, but I've gotten so much positive feedback on it, I've decided to keep doing it. So, here's one for this week:

On April 12, 1978, our Matron Saint of Girl Crush Country Dolly Parton became the second woman to ever win Entertainer of the Year at the ACM Awards. And despite a phenomenal career that followed, it was one of only 13 ACMs she ever won. She also won the CMA for Entertainer the same year, one of only nine awards from that organization. She's also won 11 GRAMMYS, stars on the Hollywood and Nashville Walks of Fame, she was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 1969, the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1986, the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1999, and the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in 2022. And that doesn't even begin to cover all the well-deserved awards and accolades she's received. And she hasn't taken her success lightly. In fact, she's used it to make her community and our country a better place, which is what earned her the top spot on our list of Girl Crushes.



girl talks



FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

Jada Cato

Jada Cato, a.k.a "The Cosmic Cowgirl," is this week's guest, and I swear she does it *all*. We chat about her many side hustles, from directing theater in Birmingham to coordinating intimacy for Netflix, but also about the extra challenges Nashville presents for a queer woman of color in country music, and how she navigates her way around them with grace. Be prepared for some heavy moments but also some laughs when you [watch the full interview here](#).

The Tea



NEWS

Ella Langley's Best New Artist Win

There was only one female country winner at last week's iHeart Music Awards, and it's not surprising that it was Ella Langley (although an argument could be made that Lainey Wilson was robbed of the Country Artist of the Year trophy but that's for another day). Ella took home the Best New Artist (Country) award and while she said sitting between Taylor Swift and Miley Cyrus for most of the show had her at a loss for words, she did say, "thank you to my family for not yelling at me too loud when I practiced everything in my room for too long." Relatable. Oh yeah, and Ella has now spent a 4th week on top of the all genre *Billboard* Hot 100, dethroning Taylor Swift for the longest run by a female country singer. Ok, queen, we see you.



News

Band As One Nashville A Huge Success

Last week, the 2nd annual Band As One Nashville Concert for the Cure: Trisha Yearwood & Friends event raised a staggering \$850,000 for the fight against breast cancer. Trisha Yearwood hosted the all-star lineup at the Opry House that included performances from Reba McEntire, The Band Loula, Ashley McBryde, our Girl Crush Rissi Palmer, Hailey Whitters and more. They're not done raising money, though. Trisha and Reba are auctioning off a commemorative Band As One Nashville denim jacket they've autographed, and the auction also includes some other exclusive autographed items. [Get in on that here.](#)



The drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

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- Kalsey Kulyk Her Rodeo EP [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Hannah Dasher Scattered, Smothered, & Covered EP [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Ashley Cooke xs [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
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- Tigirlily Gold Country & Midwestern [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Abbey Cone That's Showbiz Baby [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
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- Baylee Lynn Heart On My Sleeve EP [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Sicily Rose Vivian [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Sophia Zamani Malibu Skies [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Noelle Toland Handmade [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)

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birthday queens

Girl Crushes celebrating birthdays this week:

- Jennifer Wayne (Runaway June)
- Lou Ridley



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