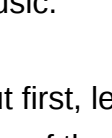




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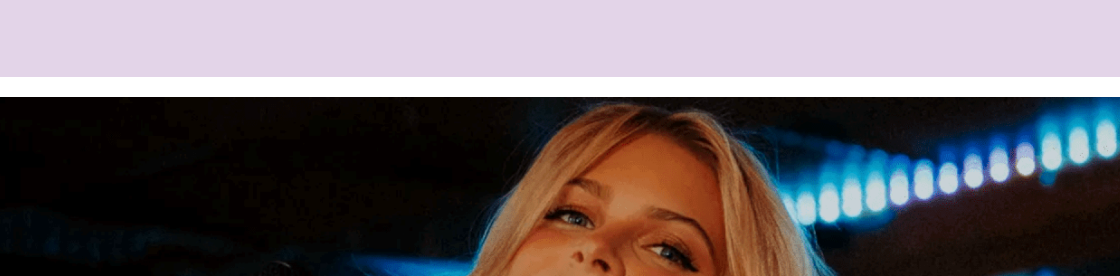
I'm glad you're here! We've got so much good stuff to talk about this week, from CMA Fest to The Highwomen's reunion to our kickass featured Girl Crush Lucie Tiger, who also works hard to elevate the voices of women in country music.

But first, let's look back at a true pioneer. It was 40 years ago today that we lost one of the first (if not *the* first, there's some debate about that) women to record country music: Roba Stanley recorded for Okeh Records in 1924 and 1925, as a solo artist but also as part of her family's Stanley Trio and with fellow artist Bill Patterson. Her recording career ended when she got married and her husband didn't like her performing in public (insert side eye here).

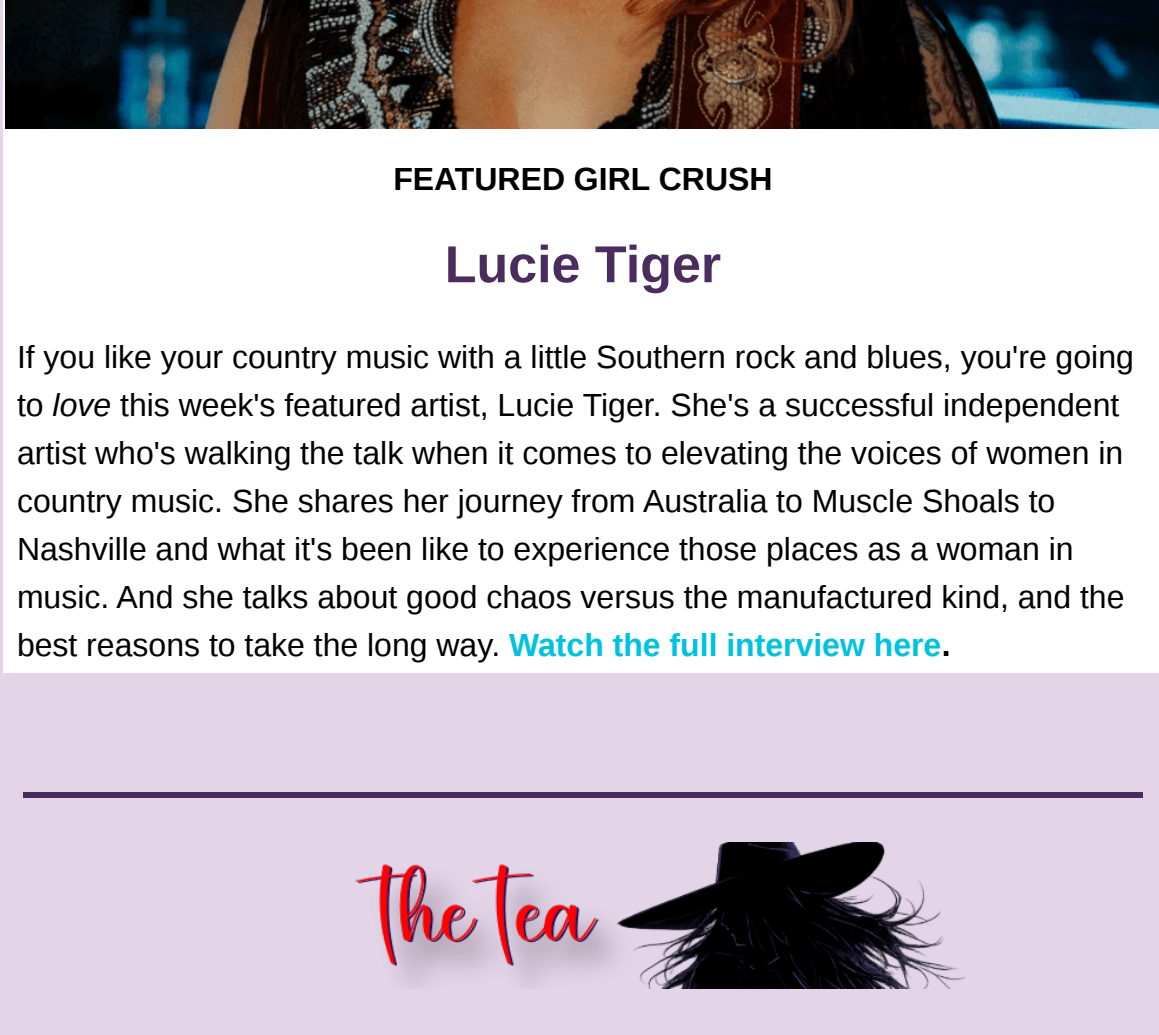
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girl talks



FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

Lucie Tiger

If you like your country music with a little Southern rock and blues, you're going to *love* this week's featured artist, Lucie Tiger. She's a successful independent artist who's walking the talk when it comes to elevating the voices of women in country music. She shares her journey from Australia to Muscle Shoals to Nashville and what it's been like to experience those places as a woman in music. And she talks about good chaos versus the manufactured kind, and the best reasons to take the long way. [Watch the full interview here.](#)

The tea



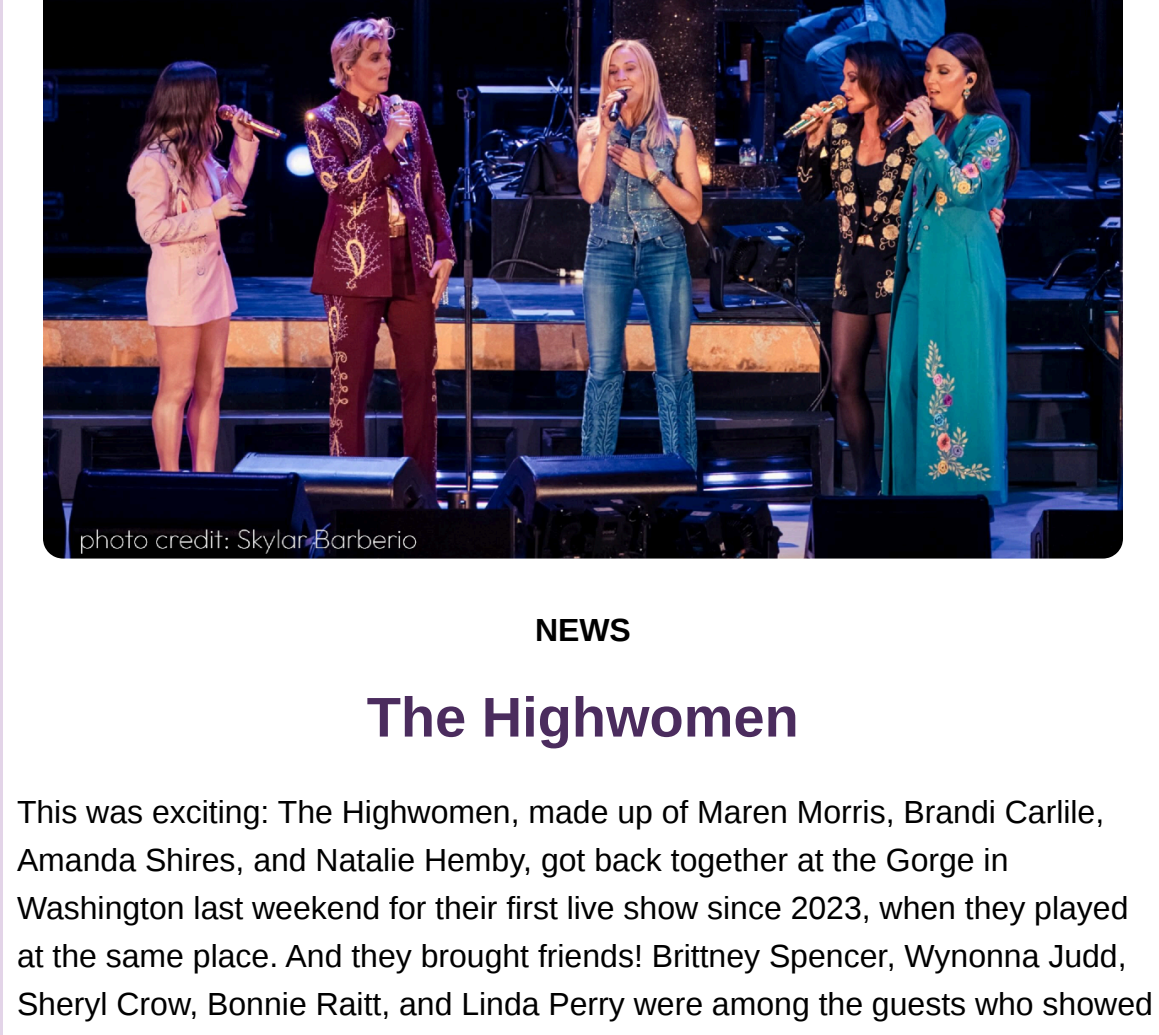
NEWS

CMA Fest Hits Nashville

Arguably the biggest event to hit Nashville every year is CMA Fest (a lot of the locals still call it Fan Fair), and while we don't know final attendance numbers for last week's event, last year brought around 95,000 country music fans to town for the 4-day festival. While the whole party is full of "oh wow" moments, some girl crush highlights include:

- Gretchen Wilson bringing out Ella Langley to sing "Here For the Party" on night one.
- Carly Pearce bringing out a string of surprise guests, including Riley Green, Ricky Skaggs, and Molly Tuttle.
- Lainey Wilson returning to the stage after her own killer set to sing "I Like It, I Love It" with Tim McGraw.
- Girl Crush Rissi Palmer headlined NMAAM's "BEEN Country" celebration of the contributions of Black artists to country music.

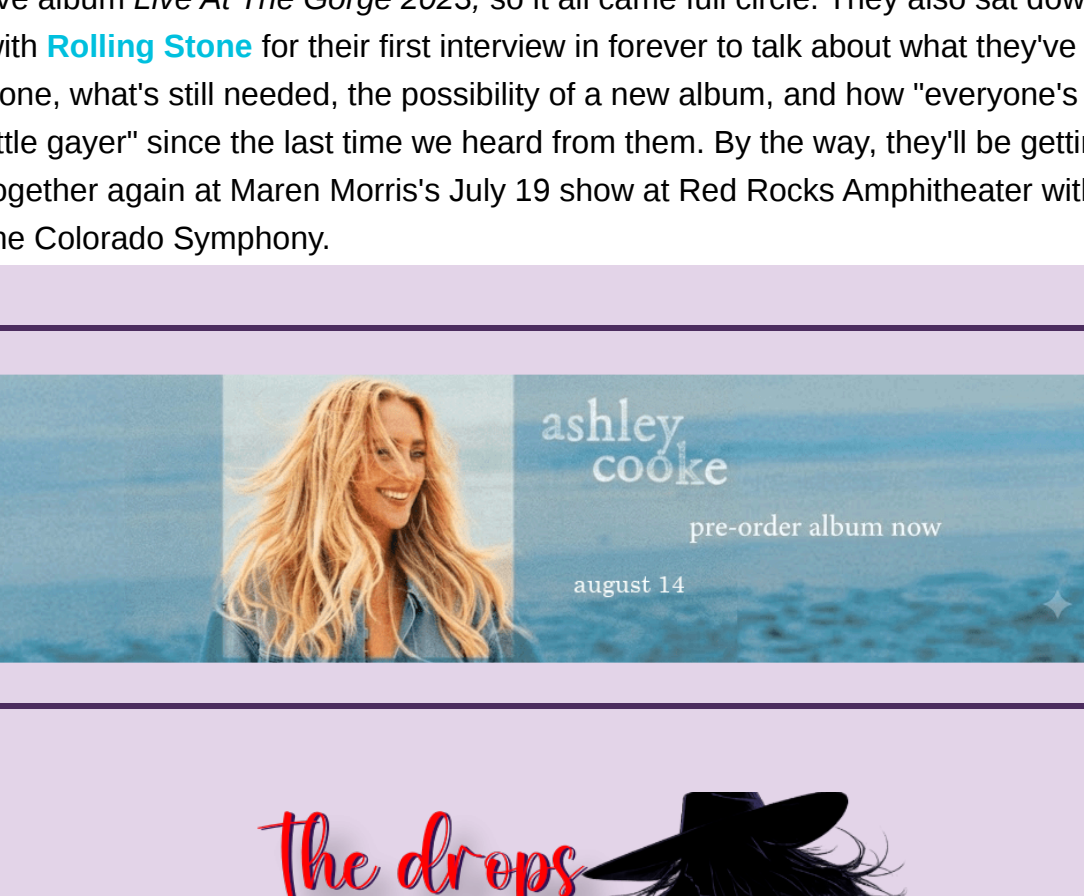
If you weren't able to come to town for CMA Fest, don't worry. You can watch the nightly concerts from the comfort of your home, where the bathroom lines are shorter and the food is more affordable, when they air the festival June 25 on ABC and the next day on Hulu.



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Shania: The Movie

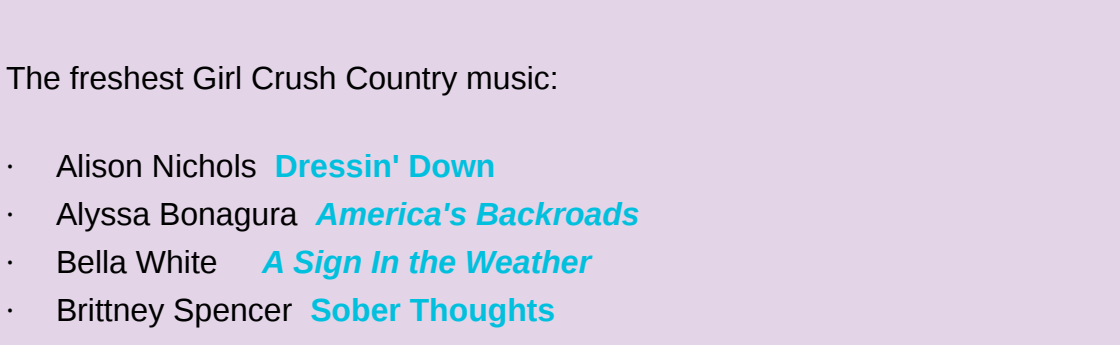
Shania Twain is getting biopic treatment. We don't have much in the way of details yet, but here's what we do know, according to *Deadline*: Shania's producing and *Voicemails for Isabelle* writer and director Leah McKendrick will direct from her own original script. Leah said, "Long before I was making movies, I was shooting Shania music videos in my bedroom. This wild-hearted force of a woman means so much to me - and the world. It is a surreal dream come true to get to bring her trailblazing, gut-punching, awe-inspiring story to the screen (and ride horses and eat pasta in the process!) I am honored. I am humbled. I am READY." No casting or release dates have been revealed yet, but when we know, you'll know. Meanwhile, Shania's next album *Little Miss Twain* drops July 24. To paraphrase her, that does impress us much!



NEWS

The Highwomen

This was exciting: The Highwomen, made up of Maren Morris, Brandi Carlile, Amanda Shires, and Natalie Hemby, got back together at the Gorge in Washington last weekend for their first live show since 2023, when they played at the same place. And they brought friends! Britney Spencer, Wynonna Judd, Sheryl Crow, Bonnie Raitt, and Linda Perry were among the guests who showed up to sing with the Fab Four. The show was, in part, a celebration of their new live album *Live At The Gorge 2023*, so it all came full circle. They also sat down with [Rolling Stone](#) for their first interview in forever to talk about what they've done, what's still needed, the possibility of a new album, and how "everyone's a little gayer" since the last time we heard from them. By the way, they'll be getting together again at Maren Morris's July 19 show at Red Rocks Amphitheater with the Colorado Symphony.



The drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

- Alison Nichols [Dressin' Down](#)
- Alyssa Bonagura [America's Backroads](#)
- Bella White [A Sign In the Weather](#)
- Britney Spencer [Sober Thoughts](#)
- Catie St.Germain [100 Proof EP](#)
- Charlie Marie [Signs](#)
- Gloria Anderson [Run of the Mill](#)
- Heather Russell [Don't Know What You Had](#)
- Jo Dee Messina [Bridges](#)
- Just Jayne [What's His Name?](#)
- Kalsey Kulyk [The Brave](#)
- Laci Kaye Booth [Ethereal Redneck Shit](#)
- Lainey Wilson [Phone, Keys, and Wallet \(feat. John Mayer\)](#)
- Maren Morris [Hard Liquor and Soft Rock](#)
- McCall Chapin [Take Tallahassee](#)
- Neah McMeen [Love Letter EP](#)
- Presley Haile [Busy](#)
- Taylor Swift [I Knew It, I Knew You](#)
- The Band Loula [Hometown In Heaven](#)

Listen to all these songs, plus music from other kickass women, including all our featured guests, on the Girl Crush Country Playlist on [Spotify](#) and on [Pandora](#).

birthday queens

Girl Crushes celebrating birthdays this week:

- Ashley Cooke
- Carter Faith

The fits

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