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Thicke Rules the Summertime Charts

Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines," with guest vocals from T.I. and Pharrell Williams, is the unofficial song of the summer, selling more than six million MP3 downloads.



Swift Rules the AMAs

Taylor Swift takes home four American Music Awards trophies, including Artist of the Year, for a career total of 15 AMA awards.



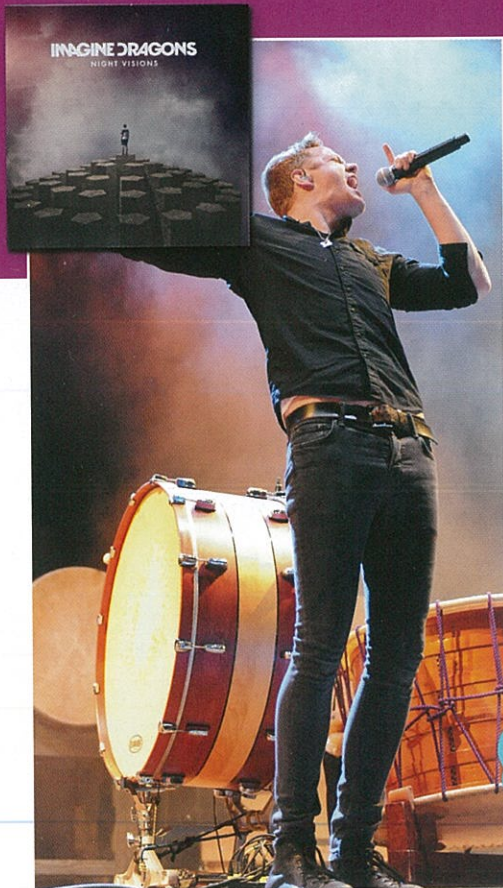
Searching for Jay Z

Google releases a year-end list of most searched songs; Jay Z is the only artist with two songs among the Top 10.



Lorde Lands a Hit with "Royals"

Seventeen-year-old Ella Maria Lani Yelich-O'Connor, better known as Lorde, is the first New Zealand solo artist to have a No. 1 song in the United States.

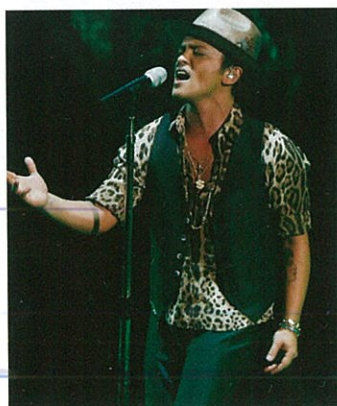


Soundtrack Features Platinum Alt Rockers

The soundtrack for *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* includes "Who We Are" by Imagine Dragons, whose first album *Night Visions* is certified platinum.

One Direction

The band, fondly known to fans as 1D, releases their second album, *Midnight Memories*, and a 3-D concert film, *This Is Us*.



Bruno on the Ball

Singer-songwriter Bruno Mars is tapped to perform in the Super Bowl XLVIII halftime show.



Rapper Recruits for the ACLU

Macklemore releases a video encouraging fans to join the American Civil Liberties Union, a nonpartisan nonprofit that protects free speech and other rights.

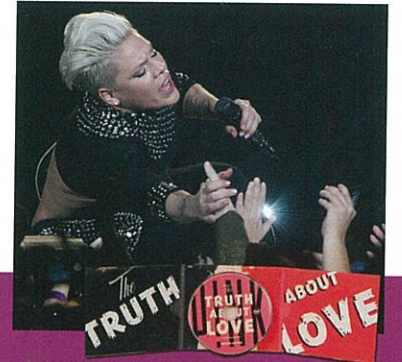
Florida Georgia Line Sees Double at CMA Awards

Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley of Florida Georgia Line take home two trophies for their single, "Cruise," at the Country Music Association Awards.



Redman Receives Six Awards

Singer-songwriter Matt Redman won six 2013 GMA Dove Awards, including Song of the Year and Songwriter of the Year for "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)."



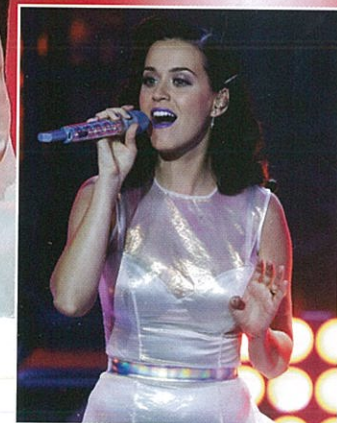
The People Choose Pink

Pink nabs three nominations in the People's Choice Awards. Her album, *The Truth About Love*, reaches No. 1 on the Billboard 200.

Timberlake Tops Twice

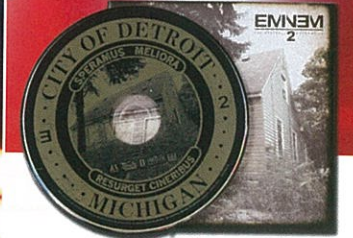
Justin Timberlake's *The 20/20 Experience* — second of 2 album debuts at No. 1 on the charts, his second chart-topping album of the year.

Justin Timberlake



Katy Roars

Katy Perry's power pop song, "Roar," the first single from her fourth album, *Prism*, tops music charts in the United States and eight other countries.



Eminem and Rihanna Pair Up

Eminem invites Rihanna to collaborate on "The Monster," a track that combines his rhymes with her melodic pop hooks.



Most Downloaded Songs of 2013

1. *Thrift Shop* by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
2. *Blurred Lines* by Robin Thicke
3. *Radioactive* by Imagine Dragons
4. *Just Give Me a Reason* by Pink
5. *Can't Hold Us* by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

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