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# Ring In The New Year With New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash



CBS will host *New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash*

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By Carrie Berk

Welcome 2023 with country music's biggest stars as they unite for an evening of live performances during *New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash* on **CBS** and streaming on **Paramount+**. The special will feature nearly 50 performances from different locations across Nashville, including the main stage in Bicentennial



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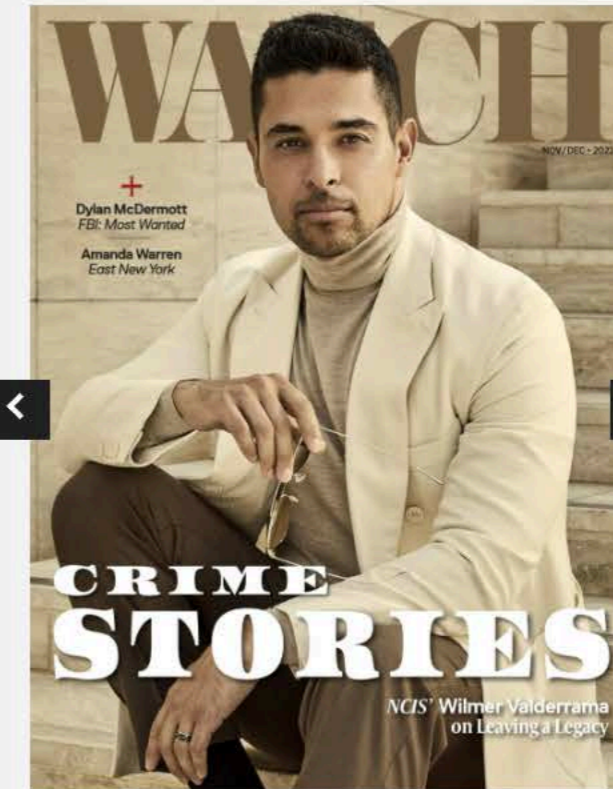
Capitol Mall State Park.

Music City is known for its upbeat, country music-infused New Year's Eve celebration, which draws attendees from across the globe. CBS aired the star-studded *New Year's Eve Live* event for the first time last year, when host Rachel Smith—who will co-host again this year—explained, it's "not just a New Year's Eve party but a TV tour ... of the best places to listen to music in Nashville."

In addition to a countdown to 2023 at midnight ET, the iconic Nashville Music Note Drop, and fireworks at midnight CT, here's a look at the headliners performing during *New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash*.

*New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash* airs Saturday, December 31, from 8 to 10 p.m. ET/PT and 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. ET/PT on CBS. It is also available to stream live and on demand on Paramount+.

## Brooks & Dunn



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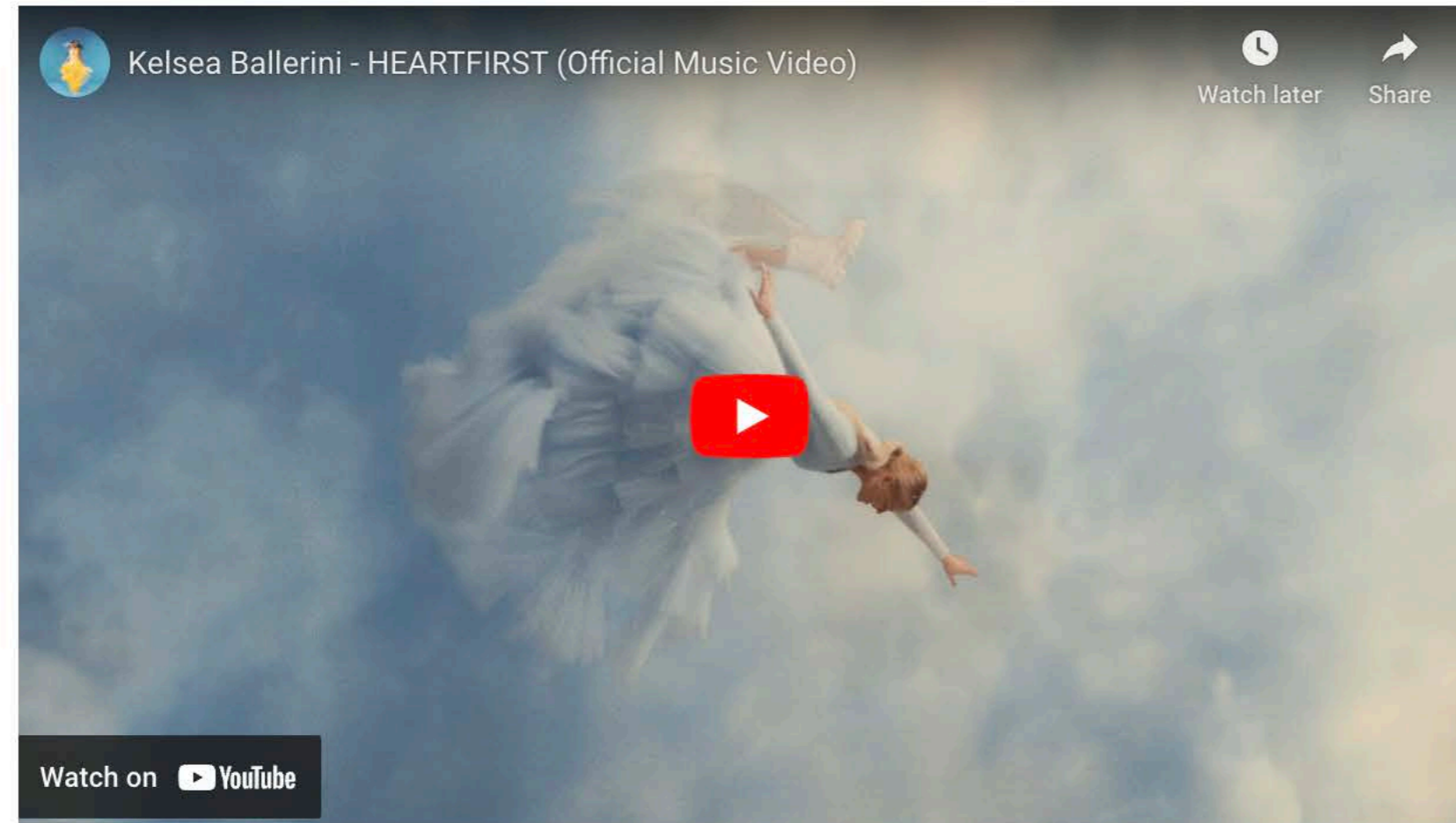
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Country crooners and songwriters Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn—better known as **Brooks & Dunn**—have garnered 20 number one hits since 1991, two GRAMMY awards, and more album sales than any duo in history. In 2019, they were also inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in the “Modern Era Artist” category.

## Kelsea Ballerini



Breakout country pop artist Kelsea Ballerini is the only female country artist to hit No. 1 with her first three consecutive singles from a debut album (*The First Time*, released in 2015). Ballerini has earned two GRAMMY Award nominations, two CMA Awards, and two ACM Awards. Expect to hear her best-known hits along with a few new tunes from her most recent album, *Subject to Change*, released this fall.



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## Little Big Town



The country quartet from Homewood, Alabama, has won four GRAMMY awards, eight ACM Awards, and an American Music Award, to name just a few of the accolades they've accumulated since forming in 1988. Renowned for their four-part harmonies, Karen Fairchild, Kimberly Schlapman, Phillip Sweet, and Jimi Westbrook will perform some of their biggest hits along with new music from their most recent album, *Mr. Sun*.



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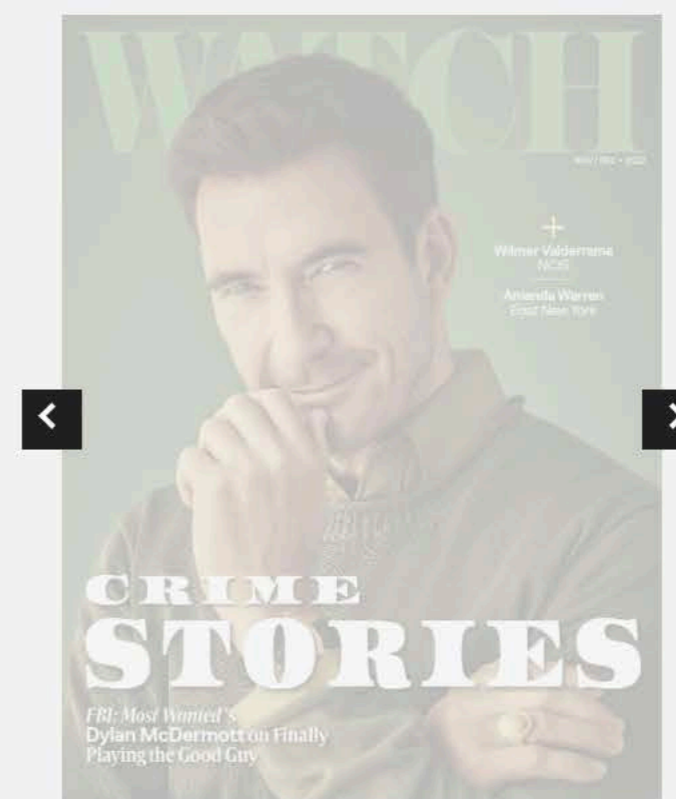
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## Zac Brown Band



The country band led by Zac Brown has sold more than 30 million singles, nine million albums, amassed over 10 billion catalog streams to date, had 16 No. 1 radio singles, and is the second act to top both the Country and Active Rock formats. They are best-known for their hits “**Chicken Fried**,” “**Toes**,” and “**Whatever It Is**”—favorites fans will be hoping to hear come New Year’s Eve.



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Lady A, Bobby Bones, Dierks Bentley, Rachel Smith, Ingrid Andress, and Breland onstage in December 2021 at the first *New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash*

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Lady A, Bobby Bones, Dierks Bentley, Rachel Smith, Ingrid Andress, and Breland onstage in December 2021 at the first *New Year's Eve*

*Live: Nashville's Big Bash*

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Additional performers and hosts for this year's celebration are still to be announced.

Last year's *New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash* peaked at 5.51 million viewers in the midnight hour. Performers included Dierks Bentley, Blake Shelton, Miranda Lambert, and Jimmie Allen, among others. Some artists sang at their own venues, including Luke Bryan's 32 Bridge, Jason Aldean's Kitchen & Rooftop Bar, and Blake Shelton's Ole Red.

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