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HOT 100 LIVE

UNSIGNED Artists & Bands

70 BEST Career Tips of the Year

TOP 25 New Music Critiques

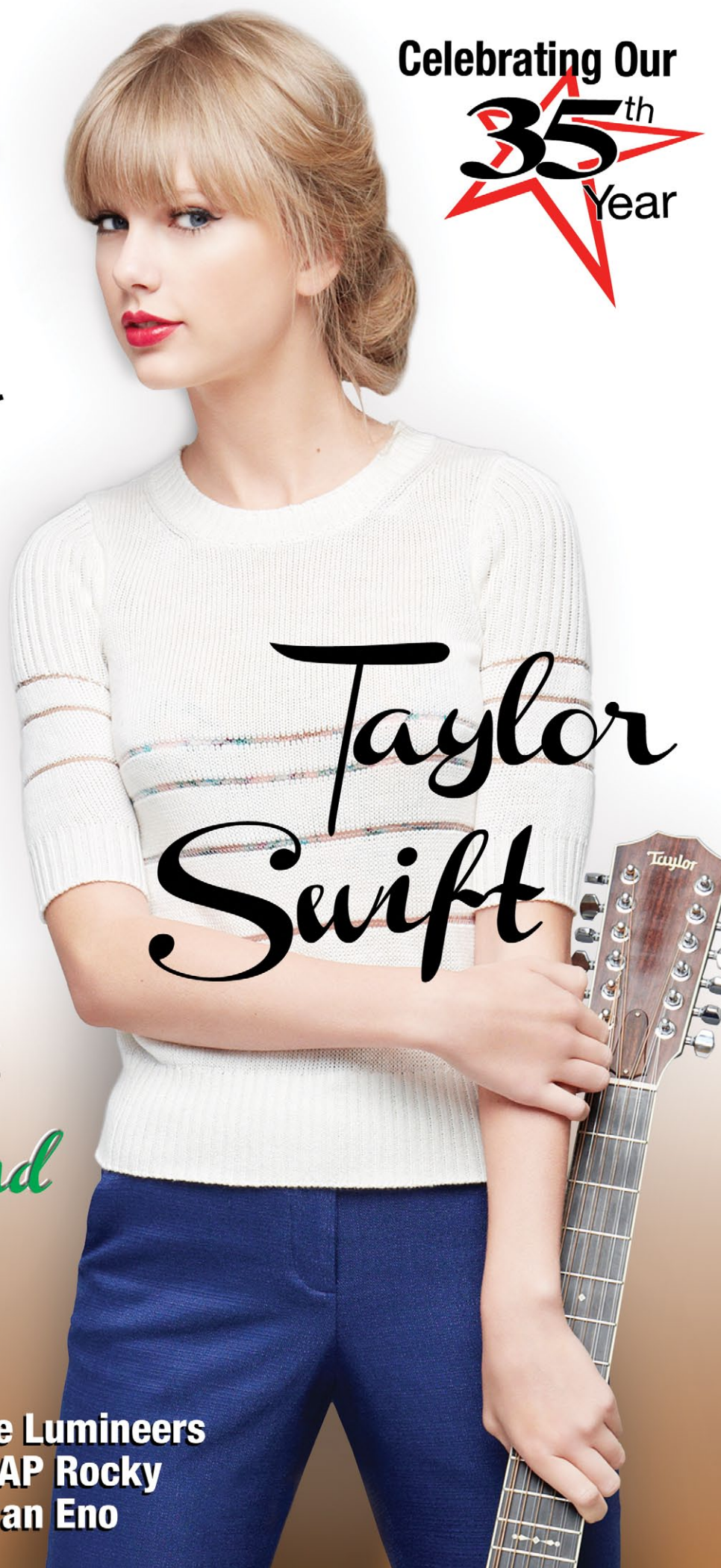
Our Favorite Signings of 2012

Gifts for Under a Grand

ASCAP Expo's One-on-One Sessions



+ The Lumineers
A\$AP Rocky
Brian Eno



Taylor Swift

MUSIC CONNECTION'S

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Artists & Bands

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ARTIST	WEBSITE	STYLE	LOCATION
Alana Lee	alanaleemusic.net	Pop	Anaheim Hills, CA
Alexander Cardinale	xandermusic.com	Singer-Songwriter	Los Angeles, CA
Ali Handal	alihandal.com	Hot Rock	North Hollywood, CA
Aloha Radio	thealoharadio.com	Surf Rock	Orange County, CA
Arlene Kole	arlenekole.com	Singer-Songwriter	Los Angeles, CA
Banshee Bones	bansheebones.bandcamp.com	Progressive Hard Rock	Hollywood, CA
Barry Smolin	mrsmolin.com	Melodramatic Pop	Los Angeles, CA
Belmont Lights	belmontlightsmusic.com	Pop/Rock	San Diego, CA
Bill Trujillo	nicktrujillo.bandcamp.com/album/vegas	Jazz	Las Vegas, NV
Blackmail	reverbnation.com/blackmailtheband1	Rock/R&B	Detroit, MI
The Blind Eyes	blindeyesstl.blogspot.com	Power Pop	St. Louis, MO
Boheme	bohemeartist.com	Pop/Rock/Singer-Songwriter	Los Angeles, CA
Bow Thayer/Trainwreck	bowthayer.com	Rock	Boston, MA
The Boxing Lesson	facebook.com/theboxinglesson	Psychedelic Epic Rock	Austin, TX
Brandon Schott	brandonschott.com	Indie Pop	Glendale, CA
Cala Elaine	reverbnation.com/calaelaine	Indie Rock	Hollywood, CA
Camille Bloom	camillebloom.com	Indie Rock	Seattle, WA
Charlie Rae	charlierae.com	Singer-Songwriter/Folk/Rock	San Diego, CA
Checkpoint Charlie	checkpointcharlie.com	Rock/Alternative	Los Angeles, CA
Cherish Lee	cherishlee.com	Country/Roots	Los Angeles, CA
Cloud	facebook.com/cloudisaband	Pop/Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Connie Lim	connielimmusic.com	Retrotronica	Los Angeles, CA
The Controversy	thecontroversyband.com	Alternative Adult Contemporary	Los Angeles, CA
The Couch	facebook.com/thecouchmusic	Indie Rock	Austin, TX
Coyote Kolb	coyotekolb.com	Roots Rock	Boston, MA
Daniel Robinson	iamdanielrobinson.com	Electro-Pop	Buffalo, NY
Dave Widow/The Lineup	davewidow.com	Funk/Blues/R&B/Rock	Cincinnati, OH
Dead Horses	deadhorses-tst.blogspot.com	Retro Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Deborah Crooks	deborahcrooks.com	Americana	San Francisco, CA
The Dig	thedigmusic.com	Indie Rock	New York, NY
Donner Social	about.me/donnnersocial	Electronica/Pop	New York, NY
Doug Ferony	dougferony.com	Jazz	New York, NY
Drag the River	dragtheriver.com	Alternative/Country	Fort Collins, CO
Droll Brothers	drollbrothers.com	Art Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Elaine Faye	elainefaye.com	Soulful Pop	San Diego, CA
Evolove	evolovetheband.com	Alternative Pop	Los Angeles, CA
Foster Timms	on.fb.me/RFYWhq	Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Gina Zavalis	ginazavalis.com	Adult Contemporary	New York, NY
Glen Martin	foolsforrowan.com	Americana/Indie/Folk/Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Gooding	goodingmusic.com	Americana/Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Hayley Jane and the Primates	hayleyjaneandtheprimates.com	Americana/Folk/Showtunes	Boston, MA
Holly Elle	hollyelle.com	Pop	Nashville, TN
Horizontal Ladies Club	horizontalladiesclub.com	Alternative Pop	Los Angeles, CA
Humbugs	myspace.com/thehumbugs	Power Pop	Minneapolis, MN
Inside Neon	insideneon.com	Metal/Punk	Tokyo, Japan
Jeffrey Deaver's 'XO' Band	jefferydeaverxomusic.com	Country/Pop	Nashville, TN
John Carpenter	myspace.com/johnnycarpenter	Singer-Songwriter	Los Angeles, CA
Johnnie Ferro	reverbnation.com/johnnieferro	Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Joseph Eid	josepheidmusic.com	Singer-Songwriter	Los Angeles, CA
Kat Calvosa	katalvosa.com	Jazz	New York, NY

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MC's annual, eagerly awaited Hot 100 list spotlights the live performers who made us sit up and take notice in 2012. Those involved in determining the results of this year's poll included not only *Music Connection* staff members, but freelance journalists, club bookers and other industry professionals from across the US. To enquire about a live review of your band, be sure to check out *Music Connection's* unique, always-free AMP Social Space; it's for musicians only—no friends or fans.

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ARTIST	WEBSITE	STYLE	LOCATION
Kate Sikora	katesikora.com	Indie Pop	Boonton, NJ
The Kicks	thekicksrock.com	Rock	Nashville, TN
Lady Lamb the Beekeeper	ladylambthebeekeeper.com	Indie Rock	Brooklyn, NY
Laurie Horn	lauriehorn.com	Adult Alternative Rock	Davisburg, MI
Le Paige	lepaigeband.com	Pop/Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Lexa Raquel	lexaraquel.desertsolrecords.com	Pop	Tucson, AZ
Lightspeed	lightspeedmusiconline.com	Modern Rock	Livonia, MI
LNE	lne.me	Pop/Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Lola Spriggs	lolaspriggs.com	Pop	Ottawa, Canada
The Lonelyhearts	thelonelyhearts.net	Singer-Songwriter	Iowa City, IA
Luis Banuelos	luisbanuelos.com	Solo Latin Acoustic	Austin, TX
Martin Leroux	reverbnation.com/martinleroux	Acoustic Pop	Tokyo, Japan
Morgan Fisher	morgan-fisher.com	Ambient	London, UK
Mother Falcon	motherfalconmusic.com	Instrumental Indie Folk	Austin, TX
Mr. Fisher	mrfishermusic.com	Pop	Los Angeles, CA
The MuerTones	reverbnation.com/themuertones	Surf/Instrumental/Americana	Los Angeles, CA
Natania	nataniamusic.com	Pop/Singer-Songwriter	Los Angeles, CA
NOVI	iamnovi.com	Electronic Urban Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Nuroksol	reverbnation.com/nuroksol	R&B	Ann Arbor, MI
Peachcake	peachcake.net	Electro Pop	Phoenix, AZ
Per Se	persetheband.com	Fusion Ensemble	Long Beach, CA
Queen Caveat	queencaveat.com	Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Reasons Be	reasonsbe.com	Pop/Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Rebecca Loebe	rebeccaloebe.com	Folk/Acoustic	Austin, TX
Riddle The Sphinx	riddlethesphinx.com	Pop/Rock	Los Angeles, CA
River Whyless	riverwhyless.tumblr.com	Indie Folk	Boone, NC
Rodello's Machine	rodellosmachine.com	Folk/Rock	San Diego, CA
Sam Sherwin	samsherwin.net	Singer-Songwriter/Indie Rock	Montclair, NJ
The Scorch Sisters	thescorchsisters.com	Blues/Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Sean and Zander	seanandzander.com	Roots Music	Los Angeles, CA
The Shackletons	theshackletons.com/main/indie	Rock	Chambersburg, PA
Shadows Entwined	fb.com/shadowsentwined	Metal	Los Angeles, CA
Shevyn Roberts	shevynroberts.net	Pop	Houston, TX
Sierra West	sierrarocks.com	Folk/Rock	San Diego, CA
Sinicle	facebook.com/sinicle	Metal/Hard Rock	Hollywood, CA
Sink Swim	facebook.com/sinkswimmusic	Alternative Pop/Punk	Thousand Oaks, CA
Skum City	facebook.com/skumcity	Punk	New York, NY
Socratic	socratictheband.com	Pop/Rock	Linden, NJ
Sour Boy Bitter Girl	fb.com/sourboybittergirl?fref=ts	Indie Rock/Folk	Fort Collins, CO
Starvation Camp	starvationcamp.com	World/Reggae	Los Angeles, CA
Tallahassee	tallahasseeband.com	Roots Rock	Providence, RI
TaQuita Thorns	taquitathorns.com	Pop/Soul	San Jose, CA
The ThrowDown Band	throwdownband.net	Blues Rock	Boston, MA
The Towels	thetowelsband.com	Eccentric Rock	Los Angeles, CA
Tyler Bryant/Shakedown	tylerbryantmusic.com	Rock	Nashville, TN
Ugly Kids Club	uglykidsclub.com	Indie Electro	Nashville, TN
Veni Vidi Vicious	venividivicious.jp	Indie Rock	Tokyo, Japan
Vinyl Soul	vinylsoulmusic.com	Latin Soul/R&B	Hollywood, CA
Viscera	facebook.com/viscerathrash	Metal	Hollywood, CA
Wild Child	wildchildsounds.com	Indie Folk	Austin, TX