

**CMT reveals much-anticipated annual “CMT LISTEN UP” list for 2022**

 *13 rising artists named to year-long campaign*

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**NASHVILLE --** **(December 14, 2021) --** Today, **CMT**revealed its newest lineup of rising artists to watch in its highly-anticipated **2022 CMT LISTEN UP**campaign, which recognizes and supports country music’s most promising newcomers across CMT platforms. The year-long initiative is committed to raising support for these artists via full cross-brand support for their music and videos across **CMT**and **CMT Music**, **CMT Hot 20 Countdown**, **CMT.com** and **@CMT**social platforms, in additional to opportunities across other MTV Entertainment Group brands with live events, the ViacomCBS Times Square NYC Billboard and more.

“Our Class of 2022 class truly represents what the future of country music looks like - wildly talented, diverse newcomers who are all positively impacting our genre with their own very unique style,” shared**Leslie Fram**, SVP of Music & Talent at CMT. “We can’t wait to work with this exciting group of rising artists across CMT’s many initiatives, including Equal Play, while continuing to introduce their music to audiences at CMT and beyond.”

The following 13 artists join CMT’s prestigious 2022 LISTEN UP roster:

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