

# Six Decades of Music

This past decade was Curb's 6th decade in the music business and it started with the recording of "Love Like Crazy" which is a song Curb publishes that was written and produced by former Curb songwriter and producer Doug Johnson. It became the 1st hit for Curb's new artist Lee Brice who continued for this entire decade with 10 massive hits including-"A Woman Like You", "Hard to Love", "Rumor", "Soul", "I Drive Your Truck", "I Don't Dance", "Drinking Class", "I Hope You're Happy Now", "One of Them Girls", "Memory I Don't Mess With", "Checking In" and "Drinking Buddies".



During this past decade Tim McGraw reached his 35th RIAA Gold and Platinum record with Curb Records. Tim's #1 single, "Felt Good On My Lips" became his 25th Billboard #1 Curb single and "Live Like You Were Dying" became the #1 Mediabase hit single for the last 50 years. Tim also had his 14th #1 album.



Rodney Atkins had his 6th #1 single "Take A Back Road" during this period. Rodney broke the all-time record for the number of weeks on the Billboard Chart, at that time, with his recording "Caught Up In The Country". Rodney received the award from Mediabase for the #1 record for the entire previous decade, "Watching You" which Rodney wrote and Curb published. Rodney and his wife, Rose also had a #1 single on iTunes.



Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Grant Enfinger, Tim Dugger, Ryan Blaney, Mike Curb



Tim Dugger made the Billboard charts with "Buy Me A Bar" and he continued his connection with motorsports. Curb signed Harper Grace who debuted on the charts in 2024. Kelsey Hart started our 7th decade with his Gold record "Life With You". Hannah Ellis debuted 3 singles on Billboard in 2022/23. Mo Pitney's debut album with chart singles "Country" and "Boy And A Girl Thing" also made the Top 10.



Pitney Meyer, Rodney Atkins, Dylan Scott, Mike & Linda Curb, Harper Grace, Lee Brice, Hannah Ellis, Mark Miller of Sawyer Brown, Tim Dugger and Kelsey Hart

In 2024, thanks to the CMA, under the leadership of Sarah Trahern, we celebrated our 60th anniversary with 7000 fans at Ascend Amphitheater, and CMA honored me with the Irving Waugh Award of Excellence. Dylan Scott had 10 records on the Billboard charts including his first #1, "My Girl" in 2017, #1 in 2021 with "Nobody", and #1 in 2022 with "New Truck". In 2023 he hit the top of the charts with "Can't Have Mine", and in 2024/25 with "What He'll Never Have", "Boys Back Home", and "This Town's Been Too Good To Us". 2 of Dylan's songs composed for Curb Publishing won SESAC and ASCAP Song of the Year awards in 2024.





The Righteous Brothers' (featuring Bill Medley) "Unchained Melody" album continues to make history passing the 3 million sales mark.



LeAnn Rimes charted her 44th Billboard single this past decade. In 2020 Curb Records celebrated the 20th anniversary of LeAnn's 4 million selling album from the "Coyote Ugly" soundtrack and LeAnn's smash hit "Can't Fight The Moonlight".



In addition, Ronnie McDowell's "Unchained Melody" album became the top seller of his exciting career.



In 2021 Curb also celebrated the 25th anniversary of "Blue", LeAnn's first single. In 2018 LeAnn received the award for the #1 single by a female in the history of the Billboard Hot 100 for the song "How Do I Live", produced by Wilbur Rimes, Chuck Howard and Mike Curb.

The Four Seasons received another RIAA gold certification as Bob Gaudio's hit Broadway show "The Jersey Boys" introduced a generation of new fans to The Four Seasons.



Wynonna and The Judds each had 38 Billboard chart records; Wynonna having her latest charted album in 2016.



We continued our Sun Records partnership with John and Mary Singleton which included Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Charlie Rich, Howlin' Wolf, Rufus Thomas, BB King, and Little Milton.

The previous decade ended with the 84th Billboard chart record for Hank Williams Jr. ("Red, White and Pink Slip Blues"). Hank was with Curb for over 40 years starting with his first #1 record "All For The Love Of Sunshine", co-produced and co-written by Mike Curb and Harley Hatcher.

Curb Music Publishing published Garth Brooks' recording of "More Than A Memory", which is the only record to ever debut #1 on the Billboard Country chart.

Ray Stevens may be the most talented person in the history of Nashville music. Curb and Buddy Kalb have worked with Ray for several decades and Curb still distributes most of Ray's greatest hits including his 'Comedy Video Classics' DVD which was the first triple platinum music video.



This decade we released a new album celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Curb recording "You Light Up My Life" by Debby Boone which was the first 10 week #1 record in the history of the Billboard Hot 100 chart.





A significant development in this decade occurred in 2016 when Curb purchased Word Entertainment.

At the beginning of this decade, for KING + COUNTRY signed to the Curb/Word label. By the end of the decade the artist had won 4 GRAMMY awards, an American Music Award, 15 Dove awards, 16 #1s, 10 RIAA Gold and Platinum records and over 30 chart records. In 2024 they won a Dove award for the motion picture "Unsung Hero" where Mike Curb was executive producer and partner.

One of the greatest moments of this decade was the signing of We Are Messengers featuring Darren Mulligan. They have charted 12 singles led by, "Point To You", "Wholehearted", "Maybe It's Ok", and "Come What May" which reached #1 in 2022.



Meredith Andrews had 3 #1s, "Strong God", "You Are Not Alone" and "Spirit Of The Living God". Sarah Reeves had 10 chart records including, "Get Your Fight Back" and "More Than Enough" that hit Top 10 in 2024. Meredith and Sarah succeeded with "Make Room" in 2022/23/24.



Francesca Battistelli continued her great Curb/Word recording career with 7 #1 hits.

Selah continued to have inspirational hits this decade placing 12 songs on the charts.



Point of Grace, with 25 #1 records, released their new album in 2023. Dan Bremnes reached the Billboard Top 10 with "Wherever I Go" and had hits with "Hold On" and "Fingertips". The decade ended with the signing of Hannah Kerr who has proven to be the CCM artist of the future. She hit the charts in 2024 with her recording of "Changed".



Natalie Grant celebrated her 20th year with Curb Records and has won 6 Dove awards, 9 GRAMMY nominations and 5 Female Artist of the Year awards. Her hits "You Will Be Found", a duet with Cory Asbury and "Step By Step", a duet with Dolly Parton are from the album "Seasons" that debuted at #1 on the Billboard charts. Plumb has had 31 chart records and MIKESCHAIR has had 18 chart records.



The success of Curb and Word included artists such as Amy Grant and MercyMe. The Osmonds and Sawyer Brown each had over 50 Billboard chart records with Curb.



Mark Miller and Sawyer Brown celebrated their 40th anniversary with an incredible album and single entitled "Desperado Troubadours".

Big Daddy Weave scored their 11th #1 record in 2023 with "Heaven Changes Everything" and re-signed with Curb/Word, and they continue their work with World Vision, fighting poverty and hunger.



Sidewalk Prophets celebrated their first #1 record, "Words I Would Say" at the start of the decade and had 20 more chart hits.

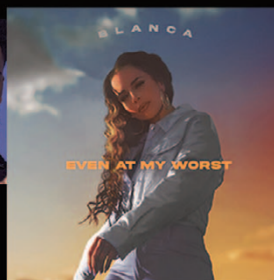


Stars Go Dim had 10 chart records which include "You Are Loved", "Yes He Does" and "Authority".





Curb continued to expand into the Hispanic music market with hits from Blanca with "Something Better", "Even At My Worst", and "New Day". She had 4 prior #1s and a hit record with "Healing", a duet with Dante Bowe.



Melanie Pffirman climbed to the Billboard Top 40 with "Suda" featuring Pitbull which became a hit in Spanish markets throughout the world.

In 2023 Curb signed teenage sensation Owen Rivera who is a vocalist, guitarist, and bilingual artist, produced by Michael Lloyd. Owen's recording of "Cages" is featured in the motion picture "Home Unknown".



Directed by Bryan Stewart and Craig Powers, Wyn Starks exploded in 2023 and was featured on ABC's 'America's Got Talent'. His Top 10 record "Who I Am" hit on 3 separate Billboard charts and "Happy Again" hit the Top 10 in 2024/25.



In recent years Curb's expansion into African American music has resulted in 7 significant hits with Kimberley Locke and the recording by Melinda Doolittle of the compositions of James Wheldon Johnson featuring "Lift Every Voice and Sing", co-produced by M. Curb, D. Cusic, M. Drane and M. Lloyd.



We have had significant successes with our current African American artists, including Steven Malcolm who placed 5 records on the Billboard charts including Top 10 with "Even Louder" and had international success with Shaggy on the record "Fuego".



Larry Gordon, Ty Brasel and Matthews Ntlele continued to grow as songwriters/artists.

"Bongo Party" from the hit soundtrack Wild Angels and Curb's hit production of the Billboard chart success "Apache 65" led to the creation of the Incredible Bongo Band. DJ Kool Herc and Grandmaster Flash used two songs from the band to create the break-to-break sound that laid the foundation for Hip Hop now celebrating its 50th year.



Jay-Way hit the Billboard chart with "On The Rise" and had a hit with "Summertime" with Steven Malcolm and Snoop Dogg.



In 2024 Tony Williams sang the title song "She Has A Name" for the motion picture "Home Unknown".



The 6th decade ended with an incredible accomplishment. The album "Celebrating Fisk-the 150th Anniversary Album" by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, led by Paul Kwami, which Mike Curb co-produced won a GRAMMY. Paul Kwami and Mike Curb each also won a GRAMMY in 2021.





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 ANDRAE CROUCH  
 O'LANDA DRAPER & THE ASSOCIATES  
 FAIRFIELD FOUR  
 AL GREEN  
 GENERATION J  
 GEORGE HUFF  
 TROY JOHNSON  
 BABBIE MASON  
 MIGHTY CLOUDS OF JOY  
 DONNIE MCCLURKIN  
 DEREK MINOR  
 NICOLE C. MULLEN  
 NEW DIRECTION  
 LEON PATILLO  
 REED'S TEMPLE CHOIR  
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