



Dierks Bentley Celebrates 13th No. 1, “Say You Do”

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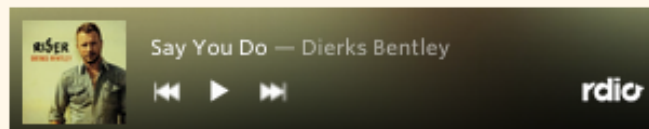


(From left) “Say You Do” songwriters Shane McAnally, Trevor Rosen and Matthew Ramsey with Dierks Bentley

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CMA Music Fest may have wrapped, but the party continued at ASCAP on Monday (June 15) as friends, family and industry executives gathered to celebrate the No. 1 success of “Say You Do,” Dierks Bentley’s 13th *Billboard* chart-topping hit and the first one he didn’t have a hand in writing.

“As a songwriter who is also a singer, you have a great respect for a hit song,” Dierks said. “I felt so honored when ‘Say You Do’ was pitched to me as a potential song for this record [*Riser*]. These guys are such great songwriters. I’m really thankful we found it and that they trusted me with this song.”



Written by Old Dominion bandmates Matthew Ramsey and Trevor Rosen with hit songwriter/producer Shane McAnally, "Say You Do" marks Matt's first No. 1 as a songwriter, Trevor's second and Shane's 11th.

"My granddad, who I wish was here, once told me that no one will work harder at this than you—except your wife," Matt said. He turned to his wife after becoming emotional and took a minute to regain this composure, then added, "Thank you."

After thanking their family, friends and bandmates, the songwriters turned to Dierks. "Dierks is a fantastic songwriter who he easily could have written this whole album himself," Trevor said. "It means a lot to the songwriters in this town that you cut other people's songs. Thank you for giving this song a chance."

For Dierks, who kicked off his Sounds of Summer Tour with Kip Moore, Maddie & Tae and Canaan Smith earlier this month, performing "Say You Do" on the road has been extra special. "When you hold the microphone out there and people sing every word, it's just an unbelievable feeling," Dierks said. "'Say You Do' is just a good country song that will stand the test of time."

