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## Breaking Big: 4 new artists to hear now



### Bailey Bryan

**Who:** This 19-year-old singer-songwriter from rural Washington began commuting to Music City in high school when she landed her first publishing deal, but scoliosis-correcting back surgery three years ago offered her the material she needed for her introductory tune, “Own It”: “I spent three months out of school,” she recalls, “I was missing out on everything! And I lost 15 pounds and I grew two inches; I didn’t feel like myself.” The results of that soul-searching are all found on the cotton-candy sweet anthem. “For me, the song was really just things that I needed to hear,” she says.

**Claim to Fame:** Bryan, who counts the Dixie Chicks and Taylor Swift as her biggest country music influences, created one of the industry’s first vertical music videos, perfect for iPhone and Snapchat — which is to say, perfect for her peers. “I liked the idea of using social media in a positive way,” she says of what guided the Green Shoe Studio production. “The song is essentially about accepting and expressing yourself and social media has become such a place to get who you are across [to people]. I wanted do that in a way that’s real and encouraging to other people.”

**What’s Next:** The singer just got to helm the fabled Ryman Auditorium stage in Nashville for the first time — she’s been opening for Dan + Shay on their winter trek — but she’s spending all her off-time in the studio. “I think it’s going to be an EP first, but you may want to double-check that,” she says, laughing. “We have a lot of music that covers a lot of time; we’re using songs I wrote when I was 15. I love music because I think it can be used to make other people feel understood. That’s my goal with writing songs.”

**Key Track:** There’s only one track on Bryan’s Spotify profile, but you’ll have no problem keying the repeat button all afternoon. —Madison VainWelcome to EditPad.org - your online plain text editor. Enter or paste your text here. To download and save it, click on the button below.

Bailey Bryan - Own It (Official Video)

