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2016 proved to be an amazing year for the artists spotlighted on last year's Artists To Watch list. Maren Morris nabbed four Grammy nominations and the CMA for New Artist of the Year, Granger Smith had his first number one at country radio and seems poised to repeat that feat with single number two, and Mitch Rossell spent most of the year opening for Garth Brooks. Kane Brown scored the biggest debut album for any country artist this year, Brothers Osborne won the CMA for Duo of the Year, Tucker Beathard's "Rock On" was one of this year's biggest smashes, and almost every other artist had their best professional year ever.

Luckily for country fans, the new talent parade isn't ending anytime soon! The ten newcomers below stand poised to rival—and perhaps even surpass—the feats of last year's artists. Here, ranked from 10 to 1, are this year's Top 10 Country Artists To Watch and the songs you need to check out right now!

4. Bailey Bryan // "Own It"

You'll be hearing a LOT about Bailey Bryan in 2017, starting with the Grammy Awards: she's nominated as one of three "Artist of Tomorrow" picks. She was chosen by Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott for the honor. Speaking of famous friends, she's also the only artist on this year's Ones To Watch list to be a label mate of Fetty Wap, via her deal with 300 Entertainment/Warner Nashville. A video for her debut single "Own It" will be released early next year. Another fun fact? Her hometown of Sequim, Washington is the lavender-farming capital of the world.