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4 amazing spirit-lifting soundtracks



FOR WHEN YOU CRAVE CREATIVITY

Don't be intimidated when we say Laura Mvula is a musical genius: Hers are songs you *feel*, with exhilarating beats and gorgeous vocals. In her new album, *The Dreaming Room*, the British singer-songwriter has a jazz-inflected pop sound backed by orchestral instrumentations that, yes, she also wrote (she was classically trained at a British conservatory). Let her genre-defying music wash over you—and inspire you to think bigger and bolder, too.



FOR WHEN YOU'RE IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE

Matters of the heart are always at the core of Dierks Bentley's music, but on his latest album, *Black*, the country star (married 10 years to Cassidy Black—hence the title) gets more personal than ever, covering the ups, downs, and curves of a long-term relationship. Female singers like Maren Morris and Ellie King join in to “make it a conversation between a guy and a girl,” he has said. Put it on with your guy and see where it takes you.



For when you want to dance

Tegan and Sara are like the cool girls in school who turn out to be totally humble and fun. The indie twins' new album, *Love You to Death*, is smart and catchy, but they sing with such honesty (like about that jerk partner who wants to keep your relationship a secret) that you may even get a little emotional as you listen. It's a reminder that you don't need to be “in,” you just need to be you.

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