



# Fall Country Music Preview 2015: 25 Essential Albums and Events

From a presumed nail-biter at the CMA Music Awards to a rock icon's big country move, here's what we're most looking forward to in the coming months

## Thomas Rhett's 'Tangled Up' Album



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"Crash and Burn," the lead-off single from 25-year-old Thomas Rhett's forthcoming album *Tangled Up* (out September 25th), sounds a bit like a guy's answer to Taylor Swift's blockbuster hit "Shake It Off." The singer's 2013 debut, *It Goes Like This*, scored a handful of charting singles and plenty of country radio airplay, but the question is, will his sophomore release catapult him from rising country star to crossover pop sensation, à la Miss Swift? Well, if the catchy, feel-good melodies and outsized production of *Tangled Up* tracks like "Vacation" are any indication, he at least has a fighting chance. *D. Patrick Rodgers*