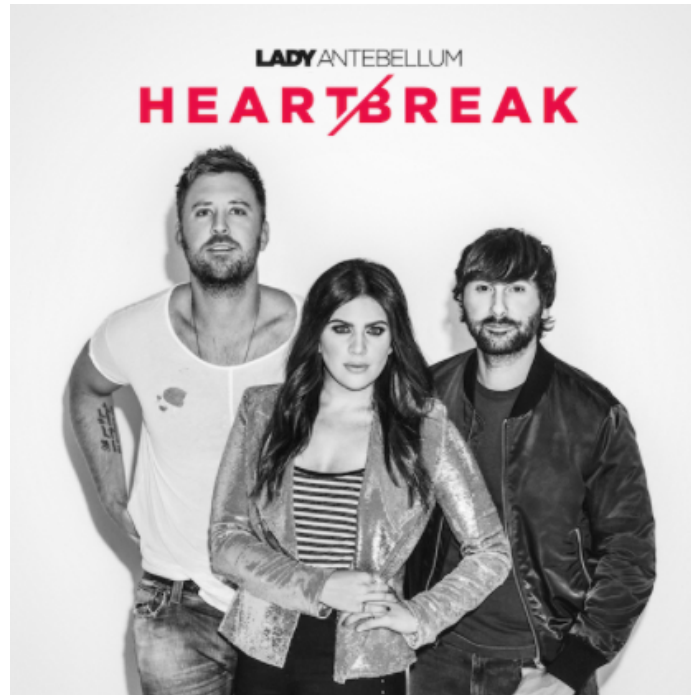


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All The Best Country Albums Of 2017, Ranked



Lady Antebellum have been commercially successful but creatively stagnant for the last five years; it's no coincidence that Charles Kelley and Hillary Scott both took time away to make solo albums before Heart Break. The more important decision for the trio, however, might have been recruiting the songwriter and producer busbee, who has one of the hottest hands in Nashville right now, to oversee the group's latest effort. The resulting album faltered commercially, without a top five country single, but was better for it, with the blasting brass from lead single "You Look Good" signaling a willingness to remake their old formula.—E.L.t