

# BILLBOARD'S HEATSEEKERS ALBUM CHART

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS. ON CHART	ARTIST	TITLE
1	2	6	<b>SOULDECISION</b> MCA 112361 (11.98/17.98)	<b>NO. 1</b> NO ONE DOES IT BETTER
2	1	6	<b>DONNIE MCCLURKIN</b> VERITY 43150 (10.98/16.98)	LIVE IN LONDON AND MORE...
3	5	12	<b>DAVID GRAY</b> ATO 21539 (16.98 CD)	WHITE LADDER
4	4	11	<b>THE UNION UNDERGROUND</b> PORTRAIT/COLUMBIA 67778*/CRG (7.98 EQ/11.98)	...AN EDUCATION IN REBELLION
5	<b>NEW</b>		<b>ALEJANDRO SANZ</b> WEA LATINA 85052 (16.98 CD)	EL ALMA AL AIRE
6	3	20	<b>NICKELBACK</b> ROADRUNNER 8586 (8.98/13.98)	THE STATE
7	<b>NEW</b>		<b>MIKE KENEALLY &amp; BEER FOR DOLPHINS</b> EXOWAX 2404 (17.98 CD)	DANCING
8	<b>NEW</b>		<b>NEW FOUND GLORY</b> DRIVE-THRU 112338/MCA (8.98/12.98)	NEW FOUND GLORY
9	<b>NEW</b>		<b>AFI</b> NITRO 15835* (14.98 CD)	THE ART OF DROWNING
10	<b>NEW</b>		<b>PHIFE DAWG</b> GROOVE ATTACK 068*/LANDSPEED (11.98/16.98)	VENTILATION : DA LP
11	14	4	<b>LUDACRIS</b> DISTURBING THA PEACE 911 (10.98/16.98)	LUDACRIS PRESENTS: INCOGNITO
12	8	3	<b>DJ SKRIBBLE</b> BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC 83343/AG (17.98 CD)	ESSENTIAL DANCE 2000
13	<b>NEW</b>		<b>GOOD CHARLOTTE</b> DAYLIGHT 61452/EPIC (11.98 EQ/17.98)	GOOD CHARLOTTE
14	9	5	<b>STACIE ORRICO</b> FOREFRONT 25253 (11.98/15.98)	GENUINE
15	7	14	<b>NINA GORDON</b> WARNER BROS. 47746 (11.98/17.98)	TONIGHT AND THE REST OF MY LIFE
16	16	3	<b>COLD</b> FLIP/GEFFEN 490726/INTERSCOPE (8.98/12.98)	13 WAYS TO BLEED ON STAGE
17	10	4	<b>NO QUESTION</b> PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL/RUFFNATION 47750/WARNER BROS. (11.98/17.98)	NO QUESTION
18	17	61	<b>BRAD PAISLEY</b> ● ARISTA NASHVILLE 18871/RLG (10.98/16.98)	WHO NEEDS PICTURES
19	13	22	<b>KEITH URBAN</b> CAPITOL (NASHVILLE) 97591 (10.98/16.98)	KEITH URBAN
20	11	3	<b>VAST</b> ELEKTRA 62511/EEG (17.98 CD)	MUSIC FOR PEOPLE
21	34	13	<b>NICOLE C. MULLEN</b> WORD 63548/EPIC (11.98 EQ/16.98)	NICOLE C. MULLEN
22	<b>NEW</b>		<b>HOOVERPHONIC</b> EPIC 62209 (17.98 EQ CD)	THE MAGNIFICENT TREE
23	32	9	<b>RACHAEL LAMPA</b> WORD 61068/EPIC (11.98 EQ/16.98)	LIVE FOR YOU
24	22	25	<b>METHRONE</b> CLATOWN 27567/CAPITOL (10.98/16.98)	MY LIFE
25	12	6	<b>MAJOR FIGGAS</b> RUFFNATION 47749*/WARNER BROS. (11.98/17.98)	FIGGAS 4 LIFE

The Heatseekers chart lists the best-selling titles by new and developing artists, defined as those who have never appeared in the top 100 of The Billboard 200 chart. When an album reaches this level, the album and the artist's subsequent albums are immediately ineligible to appear on the Heatseekers chart. All albums are available on cassette and CD. \*Asterisk indicates vinyl LP is available. ○ Albums with the greatest sales gains. © 2000, Billboard/BPI Communications.

26	<b>NEW</b>		<b>ALLISON MOORER</b> MCA NASHVILLE 170114 (8.98/12.98)	THE HARDEST PART
27	25	2	<b>KURT CARR &amp; THE KURT CARR SINGERS</b> GOSPO CENTRIC 490747/INTERSCOPE (10.98/15.98)	AWESOME WONDER
28	18	7	<b>RODNEY CARRINGTON</b> CAPITOL (NASHVILLE) 24827 (10.98/17.98)	MORNING WOOD
29	15	18	<b>SHAKIRA</b> SONY DISCOS 83775 (10.98 EQ/16.98)	MTV UNPLUGGED
30	20	17	<b>RASCAL FLATTS</b> LYRIC STREET 165011/HOLLYWOOD (8.98/12.98)	RASCAL FLATTS
31	24	3	<b>AT THE DRIVE-IN</b> GRAND ROYAL 49999*/VIRGIN (9.98 CD)	RELATIONSHIP OF COMMAND
32	<b>NEW</b>		<b>KRISTINE W</b> RCA 67908 (16.98 CD)	STRONGER
33	40	7	<b>ZOEGIRL</b> SPARROW 51734 (15.98 CD)	ZOEGIRL
34	<b>NEW</b>		<b>SWITCHFOOT</b> RE:THINK 51736/SPARROW (15.98 CD)	LEARNING TO BREATHE
35	21	25	<b>S CLUB 7</b> POLYDOR 543103/INTERSCOPE (11.98/17.98)	S CLUB 7
36	23	5	<b>MUDVAYNE</b> NO NAME 63821/EPIC (17.98 EQ CD)	L.D. 50
37	33	13	<b>PHIL VASSAR</b> ARISTA NASHVILLE 18891/RLG (10.98/16.98)	PHIL VASSAR
38	27	14	<b>TAPROOT</b> VELVET HAMMER/ATLANTIC 83341/AG (7.98/11.98)	GIFT
39	26	17	<b>BT</b> NETTWERK 30154 (12.98 CD)	MOVEMENT IN STILL LIFE
40	46	8	<b>MARK SCHULTZ</b> MYRRH/WORD 63839/EPIC (11.98 EQ/16.98)	MARK SCHULTZ
41	39	16	<b>HOKU</b> GEFFEN 490646/INTERSCOPE (11.98/17.98)	HOKU
42	29	6	<b>DAR WILLIAMS</b> RAZOR & TIE 82856 (17.98 CD)	THE GREEN WORLD
43	<b>NEW</b>		<b>DJ TAUCHER</b> WEBSTER HALL NYC 17 (16.98 CD)	LIVE AT WEBSTER HALL NYC
44	36	78	<b>STATIC-X</b> ● WARNER BROS. 47271 (10.98/16.98)	WISCONSIN DEATH TRIP
45	31	3	<b>EVAN AND JARON</b> COLUMBIA 69937/CRG (11.98 EQ/17.98)	EVAN AND JARON
46	47	2	<b>CONJUNTO PRIMAVERA</b> FONOVISA 10118 (8.98/12.98)	EL RECADO
47	35	5	<b>RICARDO ARJONA</b> SONY DISCOS 84014 (10.98 EQ/16.98)	GALERIA CARIBE
48	<b>NEW</b>		<b>RENEE FLEMING</b> DECCA 467049 (16.98 CD)	RENEE FLEMING
49	28	7	<b>OPM</b> ATLANTIC 83369/AG (11.98/17.98)	MENACE TO SOBRIETY
50	37	4	<b>SHIRLEY CAESAR</b> MYRRH/WORD 61071/EPIC (11.98 EQ/17.98)	YOU CAN MAKE IT

## POPULAR UPRIISINGS

BILLBOARD'S WEEKLY COVERAGE OF HOT PROSPECTS FOR THE HEATSEEKERS CHART • BY CARLA HAY

**SHANE'S WORLD:** Country singer **Shane McAnally** is off to a promising start prior to the release of his self-titled debut album, due Oct. 24 on Curb Records. Three songs from the album



**Musical Eccentrics.** World music group Ex-Centric Sound System combines African rhythms with electronic beats. The band's current album is "Electric VoodooLand" (Loud Records). Group leader Yossi Fine says, "World music is like raw diamonds. There's a connection music has with people." Ex-Centric Sound System plays the WOMEX World Music Festival Oct. 20 in Berlin.

have already been hits on the Hot Country Singles & Tracks chart: "Say Anything" (No. 41), "Are Your Eyes Still Blue" (No. 31), and "Run Away" (No. 50). The

video for "Say Anything" has experienced airplay on CMT. The singer—who hails from Mineral Wells, Texas—has been on a promotional tour of radio stations. He worked with songwriter **Rich Herring** and producer **Brian Ahern** (Emmylou Harris, Anne Murray) on the album.

McAnally says, "The sides we cut with Brian and Rich are amazing. It's not because of my vocals or because of the songs. It's because of the combination we all brought to the record."

**BONAMASSA'S BLUES:** Blues/rock guitarist **Joe Bonamassa** has been singled out as a prodigy musician in the same vein as **Jonny Lang** and **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**. Bonamassa (who was also known as **Smokin' Joe Bonamassa**) was just 16 years old in 1994 when he was in the band **Bloodline**, which featured **Berry Oakley Jr.**, son of the late **Allman Brothers Band** bassist. Bloodline recorded a 1994 album on EMI Records and toured extensively before the members went their



**The 'Spirit' Of Simmonds.** Swedish R&B singer Stephen Simmonds has made his U.S. debut with the Priority Records album "Spirit Tales," which he calls "a spiritual journey." The video for the album's first single, "I Can't Do That," has been getting played on BET.

separate ways.

Now Bonamassa steps into the spotlight as a solo artist and singer with the album "A New Day Yesterday," set for release Oct. 24 on Okeh/550 Music/EPIC Records. The set was produced by **Tom Dowd** and includes guest performances from **Gregg Allman**, **Rick Derringer**, and **Leslie West**.

Bonamassa is currently on a U.S. tour, with dates that include Nov. 8 in Glenside, Pa.; Nov. 10 in Boston; Nov. 14 in New York; and Nov. 18 in Norfolk, Va.

**RISING GOSPEL SINGER:** R&B/gospel singer **Damita** is on a select U.S. tour in support of her self-titled album on Atlantic Records. The Detroit-based singer happens to be the wife of gospel singer **Deitrick Haddon**, and she

wrote much of the soaring music on her album. Damita tour dates include Oct. 22 in Los Angeles; Oct. 29 in Irvine, Calif.; and Nov. 5 in San Francisco.

**SARAH'S HERE:** Canadian rock singer **Sarah Harmer** has been touring

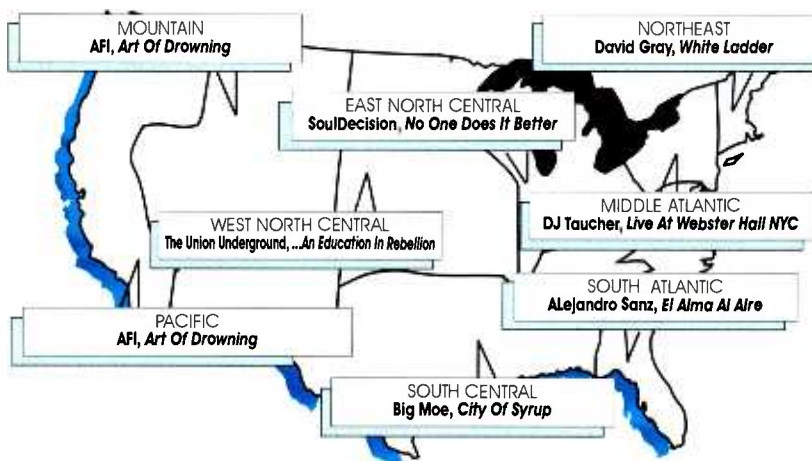
behind her album "You Were Here" (Zoë/Rounder), which has been getting positive reviews. The album was pre-



**Up The Creek.** Country singer **Alison Krauss** was so impressed when she discovered bluegrass-influenced band **Nickel Creek** that she produced the band's self-titled album on Sugar Hill Records. The album reaches No. 18 this issue on the West North Central chart. Nickel Creek, which originated from San Diego, makes music that's "complex yet tasteful," says fiddler **Sara Watkins**. The band is currently on a U.S. tour that will continue through next year.

viously released on Harmer's independent Cold Snap Records. Upcoming tour dates include Oct. 27 in Buffalo, N.Y.; Oct. 29 in Chicago; and Oct. 30 in Minneapolis.

### REGIONAL HEATSEEKERS NO. 1s



### THE REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Rotating top 10 lists of best-selling titles by new and developing artists.

WEST NORTH CENTRAL	MIDDLE ATLANTIC
1. The Union Underground ...An Education In Rebellion	1. DJ Taucher Live At Webster Hall NYC
2. SoulDecision No One Does It Better	2. New Found Glory New Found Glory
3. Nickelback The State	3. Good Charlotte Good Charlotte
4. Cold 13 Ways To Bleed On Stage	4. DJ Skribble Essential Dance 2000
5. Nina Gordon Tonight And The Rest Of My Life	5. David Gray White Ladder
6. Rodney Carrington Morning Wood	6. Phife Dawg Ventilation : Da LP
7. David Gray White Ladder	7. Louie DeVito N.Y.C. Underground Party 2
8. Rascal Flatts Rascal Flatts	8. Renee Fleming Renee Fleming
9. Brad Paisley Who Needs Pictures	9. Donnie McClurkin Live In London And More...
10. G.B. Leighton Acapulco Night	10. Kristine W Stronger