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Ed Sheeran announced for charity gig in Camden



Ed Sheeran is set to perform at a special charity gig in London next summer hosted by Dermot O'Leary. The 26-year-old singer/songwriter, whose grandparents are Irish, will play his biggest hits for 400 lucky fans at the London Irish Centre in Camden, London on June 19, 2018, to help raise money to help transform the lives of vulnerable Irish communities living in the British capital. Speaking ahead of the concert, which fans can enter a competition to win tickets to for a donation of just £10, the 'Galway Girl' hitmaker said: "My Irish heritage is something of which I've always been aware and very proud, so this gig feels like a natural fit. "I love what the London Irish Centre do in terms of being at the heart of Irish culture and community in London, and their plans are really exciting. "I'm hoping that people like Dermot O'Leary, myself, and others can help them to grow. We're all very excited about the summer 2018 show - this is going to be something very special." 'X Factor' host Dermot, who holds dual British and Irish citizenship, commented: "it's a big honor for me to be patron of the London Irish Centre. I'm very proud of my Irish heritage, my parents were part of the post war generation of immigrants who came to London to find a new life, so the London Irish community is one that is very close to my heart. "I'm looking forward to helping the London Irish Centre both promote Irish culture and support vulnerable people." Sean Kennedy, the CEO of the London Irish Centre Charity, added: "We are hugely excited to be announcing this very special event to kick off our annual Christmas appeal. We are deeply grateful to our patron Dermot O'Leary and our newest supporter, global superstar, Ed Sheeran for supporting our work with the Irish in London." Full details of the event will be released early next year.



Zayn Malik registers new song Hurt

Zayn Malik has registered a new song called 'Hurt'. The former One Direction star appears as the owner of the track on a BMI listing, whilst a host of major songwriters and producer BURNS have been credited for their involvement. Among the names are Andrew Watt and Ali Tamposi - who co-wrote Camila Cabello's huge hit 'Havana' - Chloe Angelides who has worked with Selena Gomez and Demi Lovato, and Britney Spears collaborator The DJ Burns. The track when released will follow two mega collaborations from the 24-year-old musician in the form of 'Dusk Till Dawn' with Sia and 'I Don't Wanna Live Forever' with Taylor Swift. Zayn promised fans earlier this year that a tour is "definitely on the cards" for his second album. The 'Pillowtalk' hitmaker didn't head out on the road in promotion of his debut solo record 'Mind of Mine' in 2016, but now he has more material under his belt with the new LP on the way, he's "excited to start rehearsing" his live show. When asked what happened to touring plans for his first album, Zayn said: "We did a few auditions for the band, and we got a band together, but I just wasn't feeling it. The first record, I didn't feel like there was enough material to do a proper show. So I just waved it off until the second album, so I can get the best of both. I think my confidence is definitely improved now, so a tour is definitely on the cards. I'm excited to start rehearsing." The dark-haired hunk was scheduled to perform a few shows last year, including Capital's Summertime Ball in London, which were cancelled after he suffered with crippling anxiety which prevented him from appearing on stage. Zayn has been keeping his cards close to his chest when it comes to his second album and hasn't revealed details of a title or release date, but has admitted he's "kind of finalized it". He said: "This record, I've kind of finalized it. But there's always ideas. Every day I find another song that I'm swapping out with another one. That's why the album date hasn't really come yet. Even though the album is pretty much there, and I have the material, I'm still changing things here and there. It's not necessary in my head when I work on a song whether it's for a new project or whether it's for this."

Mariah Carey's All I Want For Christmas Is You enters Billboard 100 top 10 for first time



Mariah Carey's 'All I Want For Christmas Is You' has made it into the top 10 of the Billboard 100 chart for the first time ever. The festive song was released 23 years ago in 1994, and despite being played on radio stations around the world and streamed globally on Spotify over 217 million times, it never topped charts in the UK or US. The 47-year-old star is overjoyed by the [Billboard] position, which is currently number nine, and says it's the best Christmas present she could have ever wished for. Mariah - who wrote and produced the track with Walter Afanasieff - told Billboard: "This is such an amazing Christmas gift! "As a songwriter, I feel so honored to have this song reach Billboard's [Hot 100] top 10 for the first time. "I honestly never thought we'd be talking about this happening, but I'm so thankful to everyone who embraces this song as part of their holiday tradition. "It truly warms my heart, and I am proud of this song that I wrote basically as a kid on my little Casio keyboard." Last week, the song made it to number two in the Official UK Chart. On Monday it was revealed as Spotify's most streamed Christmas song of all time. Mariah recently said she had no idea she'd be able to build an empire around one single. The 'Hero' singer has been "surprised" by how well the track has stood the test of time, and how it becomes more and more popular each year around the festive period. Asked if she knew the hit would bring her so much success and revenue, she said: "Oh my gosh, no no, never, no. I feel like this is something small compared to the rest of my catalogue. This song just continues to surprise me." Mariah - who has six-year-old twins Moroccan and Monroe with ex-husband Nick Cannon - loves it when she hears how the song has resonated with her fans. She said: "I'm very thankful that people seem to still have an attachment to it. "It makes me feel good when people tell me that it's part of their lives."

Eminem: I was so scatterbrained that people thought I had brain damage

Eminem's mind was once so foggy from drugs that people thought he had brain damage. The 45-year-old rapper - whose real name is Marshall Bruce Mathers III - has opened up about the quality of each of his albums, including 'Relapse' which was written at the end of his rehabilitation for addiction to prescription sleeping medication, and was recorded between the period of 2007 and 2009. The 'Walk On Water' hitmaker said he was so "scatterbrained", he felt like he would have to learn how to rap again. In a candid interview with Vulture magazine, he admitted: "Encore' was mediocre. "And with 'Relapse' - it was the best I could do at that point in time. ['Relapse'] was a funny album for me because I was just starting back rapping after coming out of addiction. "I was so scatterbrained that the people around me thought that I might have given myself brain damage. "I was in this weird fog for months. Like, literally I wasn't making sense: it had been so long since I'd done vocals without a ton of Valium and Vicodin. I almost had to relearn how to rap." The 'Lose Yourself' hitmaker is back with new LP 'Revival', and says whether people like his new music or not, he feels he's the "best at rhyming" he's ever been. However, he admits that he felt there was a lot of pressure to beat the success of 2000's 'The Marshall Mathers LP', which featured the star's biggest hits such as 'Stan' featuring Dido, 'Real Slim Shady' and 'Kim'. Asked if he still has a competitive streak in him, Marshall said: "I am forever chasing 'The Marshall Mathers LP'. "That was the height of what I could do. I just don't have the rage I did back then. "If I did, the music would be the same, and I hope it's changed. "And if I still had that rage it would mean I wouldn't have grown as an artist or a human being. Technically I feel like I'm better at rhyming than I've ever been."



Dickinson's voice 'a bit better' since cancer battle

Bruce Dickinson's vocals are "a little bit better" since he battled cancer. The Iron Maiden frontman underwent a seven-week course of chemotherapy and radiology after a cancerous tumor was discovered at the back of his tongue, and now the "top end" of his voice is "a little bit better" than before his treatment. He said: "Two things are slightly different. One is my saliva, which obviously lubricates your throat a little bit, is a bit less than it used to be. Although, back ten years ago, if I had the same cancer, I wouldn't be making any saliva. "But now, I'm probably 70 percent, which is great. Thanks very much, everybody upstairs. And the other things is that I think that the shape of possibly the back of my tongue, which forms vowel sounds and things like that, might have changed shape slightly, because, obviously, it had a big lump in it, and the lump's gone. "So maybe the surface has changed shape. So I notice a few differences. Funnily enough, the top end of my voice is maybe even a little bit better than it was before." The 59-year-old singer couldn't believe it when he was told the tumor had disappeared. Speaking on Swedish TV show 'Malou Efter Tio', he said: "I was amazed. My cancer was a 3.5cm tumor in my throat and a 2.5cm one in my lymph node, and that was the one that I could feel - that was the sec-



ondary one. "But I did 33 sessions of radiation and nine weeks of chemo at the same time, which is fairly standard therapy for it. And it was gone. "And I said to my oncologist, 'What do you mean it's gone? Where has it gone?' And he said, 'Well, your body just gets rid of it.' A body is an amazing thing."

Rak-Su working with Wyclef Jean again

Rak-Su are set to collaborate with Wyclef Jean again. The popular four piece - made up of childhood friends Mustafa Rahimulla, Ashley Fongho, Jamaal Shurland and Myles Stephenson - have clearly found a winning formula with the Haitian rapper after their 'X Factor' single 'Dimelo', featuring the Fugees star and producer Naughty Boy, shot straight to number one in the iTunes chart within 24 hours of them being crowned winners of the ITV talent show earlier this month. The foursome have now revealed they are helping their pal revive his career, with another hit song in the works. Ashley told the Daily Star newspaper: "Wyclef is someone you grew up watching on The Box and MTV Base, it's just crazy, when you listen to any sort R&B hip-hop you know it's part of the Fugees." Jamaal added: "Wyclef said he really feels our energy, he really feels our vibe. "He said, 'Uncle Wyclef is always here to work on future projects', he just seems to get it, get us. "I'm so excited he is back, and he seems excited about us, so it just works." Meanwhile, the group recently hinted they could be collaborating with fellow 'X Factor' stars

Little Mix. They received advice from the girl group who won the competition in 2011, and would love the chance to team up with them on a track. Speaking about the tips they got from Leigh-Anne Pinnoch from the 'Shout Out To My Ex' group, they said: "The Girls from Little Mix have actually been really helpful. There's not been a great deal of interaction. I think you bumped into Leigh-Anne [Pinnoch] once, didn't you?! yeah, I bumped into her and she was just saying just kinda trust the process. There can be a lot going on but just keep your head down and keep working hard." The lads have set their sights high on collaborators for the future, with the likes of Jay-Z, Frank Ocean and Camila Cabello on their wish-list. When asked who they'd like to duet with, the foursome told music show 'BeBox': "There are so many artists we'd like to work with, in the future. "All the people we kinda grew up listening to and that our tastes have been molded by like Usher, Babyface, Jay-Z, Skepta, Frank Ocean, Camilla Cabello. I mean she's good init, Little Mix there's actually so many."



Rowland addresses Destiny's Child reunion rumors

Kelly Rowland has silenced rumors Destiny's Child are set for a reunion. The 36-year-old singer has claimed she has "no idea" about any plans for the 'Say My Name' girl group - which was more commonly known for featuring Beyonce, Michelle Williams and Kelly - to join forces again at Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in April 2018, which is set to be headlined by the 'Lemonade' hitmaker. Speaking to PEOPLE, she said: "I have no idea about any of that." And the 'Motivation' artist has revealed she even took it upon herself to speak with fans about the rumor. She continued: "I just asked a fan about that. They were like because it's just cool." Kelly has revealed during her conversation the American hitmakers were described as "legends", which is a title the star "gladly accepts", although she insists that does not mean the trio, nor any previous members of the band, will reform. She added: "They used the L word and said legends. I mean, I gladly accept that very much but it's nothing that we recently talked about." This news comes after Beyonce, 36, recently shared a photograph of her wearing an AC/DC t-shirt on social media, but covered the AC section with her hair to only show DC, which is the abbreviation of the band's name. Beyonce's post coincided with an upload Kelly posted in which she teased what her Super Bowl outfit will be, and simply posted a bee emoji alongside the upload, which is a nod to the 'Halo' singer's nickname. Alongside the two clues came a post from former member LaTavia Jackson, who shared an old photo of the original Destiny's Child members, while LeToya Tucket teased she was working on a secret project. Although Kelly has shut down those rumors, she has revealed she will be releasing more solo music in the New Year. She said: "2018 new music. What I'm excited about [fans] most to hear is probably stories I've never told on this album. I haven't released a record in five years."

