KANYE WEST PICKS UP TOP SPOT ON ARIA ALBUM CHART ON DEBUT

‘Blurred Lines’ from Robin Thicke enjoys seventh week at peak

Singles:

Top 5:

1. Robin Thicke featuring T.I. and Pharrell ‘Blurred Lines’
2. Passenger ‘Let Her Go’
3. Ricky Martin ‘Come With Me’ (debut)
4. Daft Punk featuring Pharrell Williams ‘Get Lucky’
5. Harrison Craig ‘Unchained Melody’

Chartifacts:

#1: Robin Thicke Feat. T.I. & Pharrell ‘Blurred Lines’ – Week seven at the top of the chart for Robin Thicke. Part of the continued success of the track comes from the fact that Thicke was in town on a promotional visit, including appearing on the finale of The Voice.

#3: Ricky Martin ‘Come With Me’ (debut) – First top five appearance for The Voice judge Martin since ‘She Bangs’ (#3 Oct. 2000). It’s the first track from Martin’s forthcoming album and was produced by Australian duo DNA (Anthony Egizii and David Musumeci) and Ilan Kidron from The Potbelleez. Performed the track on the finale of The Voice.

#7: Delta Goodrem ‘Heart Hypnotic’ (debut) – Fourth single from album ‘Child Of The Universe’ (#2 Nov. 2012) and the third to hit the top ten after ‘Sitting On Top Of The World’ (#2 Apr. 2012) and ‘Wish You Were Here’ (#5 Oct. 2012). Performed the track on the finale of The Voice.

#15: Harrison Craig ‘Unconditional’ (debut) – The Voice winner Craig’s only new entry on the chart this week is his “winner’s” single. He has four tracks in the top 40, including one re-entry (‘You Raise Me Up’ at #32). This time last year, Karise Eden had four tracks in the top five and eight in the top 40.

#16: OneRepublic ‘Counting Stars’ (debut) – This is OneRepublic’s first top 20 appearance since ‘Stop And Stare’ (#11 Mar. 2008). Lead singer Ryan Tedder was a mentor on this season of The Voice and performed this track on the finale. They topped the chart previously with their Timbaland collaboration ‘Apologize’ (#1 Nov. 2007).
#22: Empire Of The Sun ‘Alive’ – A new peak for this track, thanks to a 17 point leap, on the back of the release of the duo’s new album, ‘Ice On The Dune’.

**Albums:**

**Top 5:**

1. Kanye West ‘Yeezus’ (debut)

2. Troy Cassar-Daley & Adam Harvey ‘The Great Country Songbook’ (debut)

3. Empire Of The Sun ‘Ice On The Dune’ (debut)

4. Bernard Fanning ‘Departures’

5. Original Soundtrack ‘The Great Gatsby’

**Chartifacts:**

#1: **Kanye West ‘Yeezus’ (debut)** – The first album from Kanye West to hit number one. ‘Yeezus’ chart success comes from only three days of sales (it was released on Tuesday). West’s sixth studio album is the follow-up to ‘My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy’ (#6 Nov. 2010). Between solo albums, he collaborated with Jay-Z on ‘Watch The Throne’ (#2 Aug. 2011) and released the mixtape ‘Kanye West Presents G.O.O.D. Music Cruel Summer’ (#7 Oct. 2012).

#2: **Troy Cassar-Daley & Adam Harvey ‘The Great Country Songbook’ (debut)** – Both bona fide Australian country music stars in their own right, Cassar-Daley and Harvey have jointly picked up their highest ARIA Albums Chart peaks with this collection of covers. Cassar-Daley’s previous best was with Home (#9 Mar 2012), while Harvey hit #10 with ‘Falling Into Place’ in July 2011.

#3: **Empire Of The Sun ‘Ice On The Dune’ (debut)** – Multi ARIA Award-winning duo’s second album, following on from ‘Walking On A Dream’ (#6 Feb. 2009). Features the single ‘Alive’, which hit a new peak of #22 this week.

#14: **OneRepublic ‘Native’ (debut)** – The week’s highest re-entry. Before this, the album debuted at #26 in mid-May before disappearing the following week. Its resurrection comes thanks to the debut on the singles chart of ‘Counting Stars’ and the band’s performance on The Voice finale.

#17: **Sigur Ros ‘Kveikur’ (debut)** – Fourth top 20 appearance for the Icelandic post-rock group. Their previous two albums – ‘Valtari’ and ‘Meo Suo I Eyrum Vio Spillum Endalaust’ – both peaked at #14.
#23: Paramore ‘Paramore’ – 13 point leap for this former chart-topper.

#24: Lee Kernaghan ‘Beautiful Noise’ – improves 9 places this week, previous high point was #9.


Further top 40 debuts:

#39: The Lonely Island ‘The Wack Album’

Streaming Tracks

Top 5:

1. Robin Thicke featuring T.I. and Pharrell ‘Blurred Lines’
2. Lana Del Ray ‘Young And Beautiful’
3. Daft Punk featuring Pharrell Williams ‘Get Lucky’
4. Passenger ‘Let Her Go’
5. Matt Corby ‘Resolution’

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