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Jay-Z Preps New Album, Announced London Show

Jay-Z fans are in for a real treat over the next few days - on both sides of the Atlantic. The Blueprint 3 is the upcoming eleventh studio album rapper Jay-Z, and is set for release in the US on Friday 11 September, and in the UK on Monday 14 September. The new album comes 8 years after the release of the first Blueprint album.

Fans in the US can stay tuned to TV Channel FUSE on 11 September to see Jay-Z perform live from Madison Square Garden for a live concert to benefit the New York Police & Fire Widows' & Children's fund. More info at [Jay-Z Live From Madison Square Garden](#).

Fans in the UK can see Jay-Z at Camden's Roundhouse on Thursday 17th September. Tickets seem to have already sold out, so your best bet to get there maybe via [Seatwave.com](#). The rapper is also playing alongside Coldplay and will appear with them in the UK on 12 September at Old Trafford Cricket Ground in Manchester, before touring with them in Glasgow and London.

Exciting times indeed for Jay-Z fans.

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Rihanna Assult - Brown receives five years probation and 180 days labour

US singer Chris Brown has been sentenced to 180 days' community labour and five years' probation for assaulting pop star Rihanna. The case concluded yesterday with Chris Brown pleading guilty of beating Rihanna, his former girlfriend, before the Grammy awards in Los Angeles in February.

According to [ABC News](#) there were two prior incidents involving physical violence between the pair. Brown must also stay at least 100 yards from Rihanna for the next five years, unless they attending music industry events.

In more positive news [Jay-Z has joined forces with Rihanna for his new music video](#). Click on for the video:

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Follow Britney, Meet Britney, Win Tickets!

[Britney Spears](#) is in New York City this week as part of her Circus tour. To celebrate, fans in NYC can win the opportunity to meet Britney and get front row tickets for her Madison Square Garden concert.

To win? Simply follow [Britney's Twitter feed](#) and [Z100](#) to catch the clues as to her location. Then simply be the first to track her down and she'll give you the tickets. Here at [Pop-Music.com](#), we've got a page full of Britney Spears News and a feed of her tweets - simply visit [Britney Spears @ Pop-Music.com](#) to get the scoop! Good luck with the competition and enjoy the performance if you are going!

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Billy Ray Cyrus speaks out on Miley's Poll-Dancing Routine

Billy Ray Cyrus has come to the defence of his daughter Miley Cyrus over the dance routine she performed at the 2009 Teen Choice Awards. You can read the full details over at [Access Hollywood](#), but basically the performance gets a thumbs up from her Dad.

Read on to watch the performance and add your own comments...

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Black Eyed Peas break US Chart record

Congratulations are being sent out to The Black Eyed Peas today! They have broken US records by hanging on the top spot of the US Singles chart for 20 consecutive weeks! 20 weeks ago they climbed to the top with Boom Boom Pow, which clung to number one for 12 weeks. Their follow-up, I Gotta Feeling, then took over the number one position, giving the Peas a record-breaking 20 weeks on the chart. Previously, the record for being on the top of the charts was held by Usher, who had hits Yeah! and Burn rule the charts for 19 weeks in 2004.

For more info visit the [Black Eyed Peas official website](#).

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Shania Twain To Be 'American Idol' Judge

According to [people.com](#), the lovely Country singer Shania Twain has been lined up to take Paula Abdul's place on the [American Idol](#) judging team in Chicago on August 30/31. It should be good news for Shania fans who haven't seen her for a while - she hasn't released any new material since 1992 when Up! was released as a double album, with three different discs?pop (a red CD), country (a green CD), and Indian film music (a blue CD). However, her record company [recently denied](#) that any new releases were imminent, so the appearance on [American Idol](#) might be all fans can hope for this year.

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Jennifer Lopez Back from Japan - Straight To Topshop

The Daily Mail reports that [J Lo returned back from a weekend break in Japan with 11 bags!](#) Not so many given her diva status you would think? But no, this was for a weekend break with her manager Benny Medina for some promotional work. Check the photos [here](#).

Anyway, Wednesday night J Lo was back in NYC to give her support to Kate Moss on the opening of the first Top Shop store in the US. [A hug and a kiss from J Lo to Kate Moss](#). The store opens in New York's SoHo? neighbourhood today, and Kate Moss fans can meet their idol at the opening from 11am.

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Calling All Britney Fans - Get Remixing!

[BritneySpears.com](#) is launching the official Britney Spears Circus remix contest today. If you have a favorite track on Circus that you'd like to remix, then get creative, record your remixes, and then upload the MP3s! The best will be featured right on [BritneySpears.com](#) for all to hear. The competition ends April 24 at 12pm PST.

Here's the link to get you going:

[Circus Remix Contest](#)

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Paul McCartney NY Secret Show 13 June (Tomorrow!)

Fans of Paul McCartney who are in or around New York City tomorrow will get a special chance to see him perform in a very special show. Paul will be performing Wednesday night (June 13th) at the Highline Ballroom in New York City to celebrate the release of his new album 'Memory Almost Full'. Doors for the show will open at 7pm but you'll need to make sure you have your unique access wristband before you head out! Here's two ways you can get to see this special event:

- 1) Limited number of free wristbands are available June 13th from 12.30pm (EDT) at the Highline Ballroom box office only. First come, first serve.
- 2) 5 pairs of tickets are to be given away through [PaulMcCartney.com](#). Simply click on the "News" section of the website and submit your contact details before noon on 13 June.

Best of luck and enjoy the show!

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Kelly Clarkson Admits She's Never Been In Love

It might seem super hard to believe it, but pretty pop princess Kelly Clarkson has admitted that she's never been in love. The 25 year-old Idol winner spills all in this month's issue of Elle Magazine in the US, where she is featured on the cover. She said "I know people probably think I've been heartbroken, because of the stuff I've sung and written. I love my friends and family. But I have never said the words 'I love you' to anyone in a romantic relationship. Ever. I am very old-school, conservative in my thinking when it comes to relationships. Love is something you work at. It doesn't come easily. There are going to be bad days. You are going to have to work at loving someone when they are being an idiot. People think they're just going to meet the perfect guy. Don't be ridiculous."

Poor old Kelly has been going through a rough time recently. There's been a [run in with Clive Davis over her upcoming CD](#), "My December", where he allegedly made an offer of \$10 million if Kelly ditched five of her songs for more radio-friendly. In the meantime, expect to see Kelly in a city near you as she travels across the US this summer as part of her tour.

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