

# POP FLASH.



Ariana Grande is a workhorse. In the last two trips around the sun, she's faithfully released a massive pop album each year, combining the fruits of *Sweetener* and *Thank U Next* into one global arena tour show that catapulted her to a new level as a pop star. And while some of us assumed that after two huge albums she'd rest on her laurels a bit, Grande just confirmed that simply won't be the case earlier this month. "Can't wait to give u my album this month," she [casually](#) tweeted last week, announcing what will be the pop event of the year like it was nothing big.

Now, more details have emerged about the timeline — and lead single — for her sixth album. The first song, "Positions," is due in just a few days, and the full album looks to follow a week after that, on Friday, October 29. As the election approaches just a few days after the record, fans speculate whether the singer will tackle political material on the album, or stick to her signature rundown of her romantic life. We'll definitely get a taste of the new record this Friday, so stay tuned for that single drop. The streak she's been on lately, it's possible this song will go straight to No. 1. And that's a great position to be in.

— Caitlin White, Uproxx Pop Critic, on the news that [Ariana Grande is releasing a new album this month](#)

**NUMBER ONE STUNNERS**



## 24KGOLDN + IANN DIOR

Since the world has been on lockdown for the last seven months, the *Billboard* charts have been wildly unpredictable. From Roddy Ricch, to Cardi B, to Travis Scott, rap and hip-hop have been dominating while everyone is stuck indoors. This week, a relative newcomer has hit the number one spot, as 24kGoldn's "Mood" featuring Iann Dior managed to unseat Cardi and her "WAP." With its golden, bouncy melody and popularity on Tik Tok, this song was bound to hit the top of the chart. If it has staying power remains to be seen, but to my ears, this sounds like a viral hit in the making.

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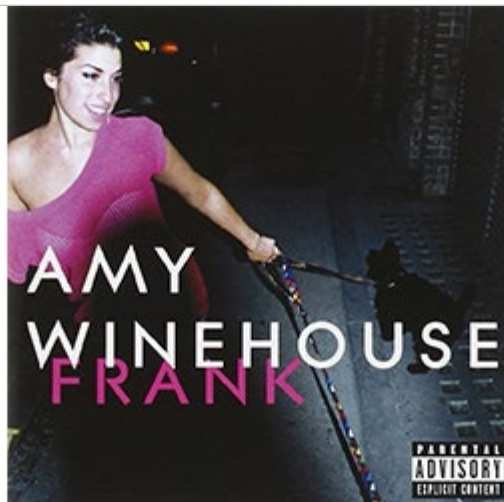
## YDE

YDE is a 17-year-old Australia-born, half-Filipino singer who was blowing up with roles on Netflix shows and Nickelodeon series before her songwriting career began to get hot. Meeting hitmaker Justin Tranter at a random session in 2019 led to a relationship between the two that has gone beyond collaborator all the way to mentor and label partnership. Her latest single, “Stopped Buying Diamonds,” is a sendup of baby boomer values from a spitfire star who is eager to help usher in a new generation of pop. If it sounds this good, the future can’t come quickly enough.

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## REMEMBER WHEN

**'FRANK' by AMY WINEHOUSE**



On this day in 2003, a legend was quietly releasing her debut album. *Frank*, the first record from gone-too-soon legend Amy Winehouse, received positive reviews and helped put the star on the map, even if it was her follow-up album, *Back To Black*, in 2006, that turned her into an

icon. After her tragic death in 2011, the singer's legacy has only grown, and today on the anniversary of her debut's release is a great time to throw the album on and listen to her do what she did best.

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## LOVE LETTERS



## CLAUD

As the first signee to Phoebe Bridgers' new imprint on Dead Oceans, Saddest Factory, there's already been plenty of expectations placed on Claud's shoulders. Luckily, the 21-year-old shrugs off the pressure with ease, seamlessly transitioning from their previous moniker, Toast, and

embracing the mononym Claud moving forward. Regardless of what name this talented artist is recording under, their music is layered and intimate. Their latest single “Gold” is no different, a bouncy bit of melancholia accompanied by a colorful video depicting a charm school gone wrong. With a major co-sign from Phoebe and a new label deal, it looks like Claud will be an indie-pop force into 2021 and beyond.

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