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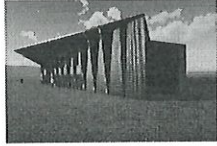
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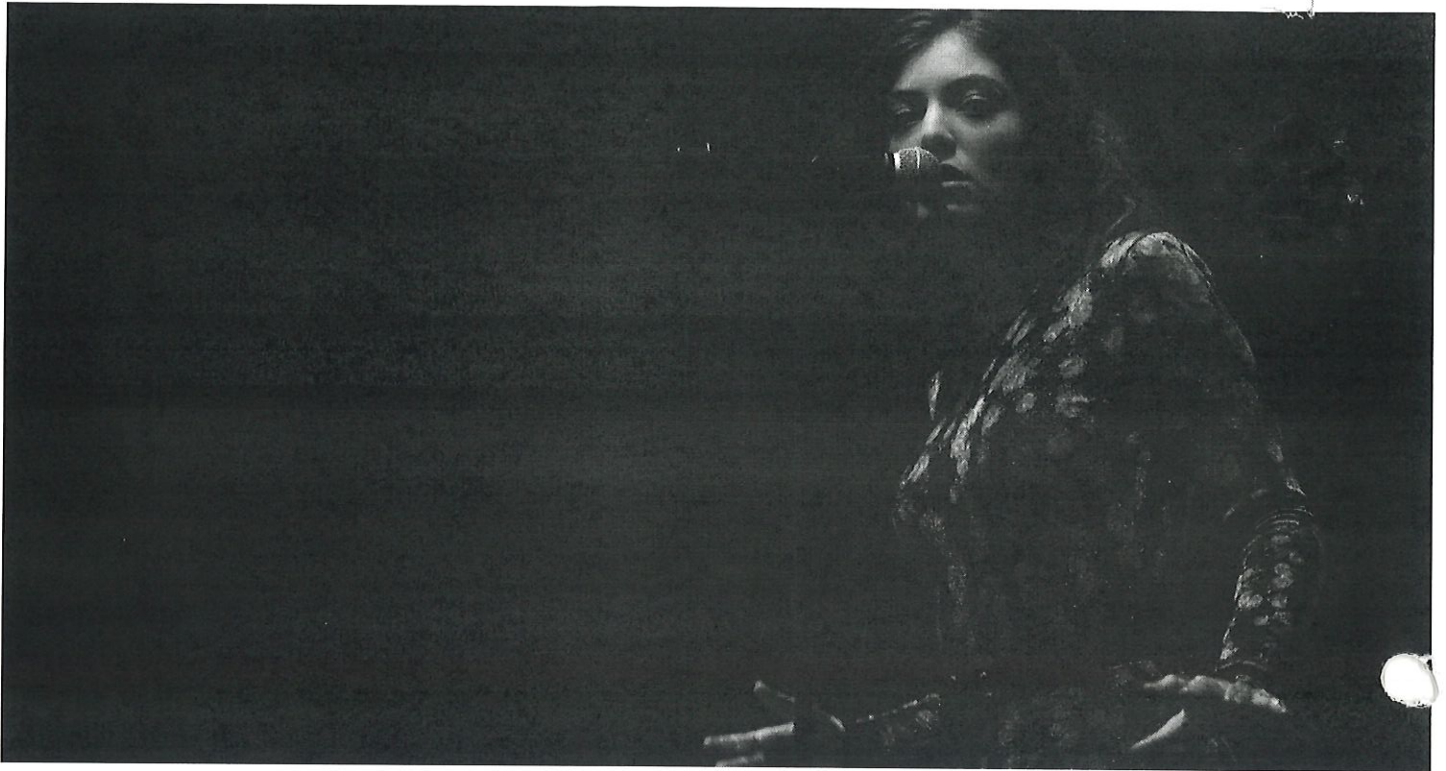
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Lorde is the first New Zealander to top the Billboard Hot 200 Album Chart, reports Billboard.

Her sophomore album, *Melodrama*, entered the chart at place number one making it the top album in the US.

Since its release on June 16 Billboard said the album "earned 109,000 equivalent album units in the week ending June 22, according to Nielsen Music".



IAN GAVAN

Lorde performs on day 2 of the Glastonbury Festival 2017.

Remarkably 82,000 units sold were traditional physical copies.

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The Kiwi singer's mother, Sonya Yelich celebrated her daughter's success on Twitter: "our girl has the #1 album in the US on the Billboard Charts & we just saw her slay Glastonbury - best day!," the post said.


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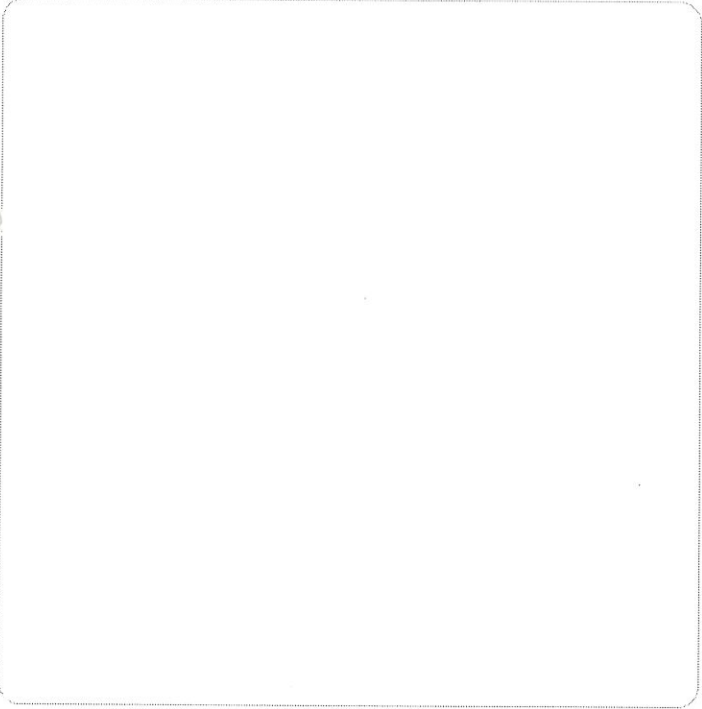
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Lorde's second album, *Melodrama* is top of the US charts.


**Sonja Yelich**
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Her debut album *Pure Heroine* peaked at place three on the charts in 2013 with 129,000 copies sold in its first week.

SHIRLAINE FORREST

Lorde commanding the stage at Glastonbury.

Melodrama had kicked Katy Perry's *Witness* from its perch, with Perry's album doing the same thing a week earlier to Halsey's *Hopeless Fountain Kingdom*.

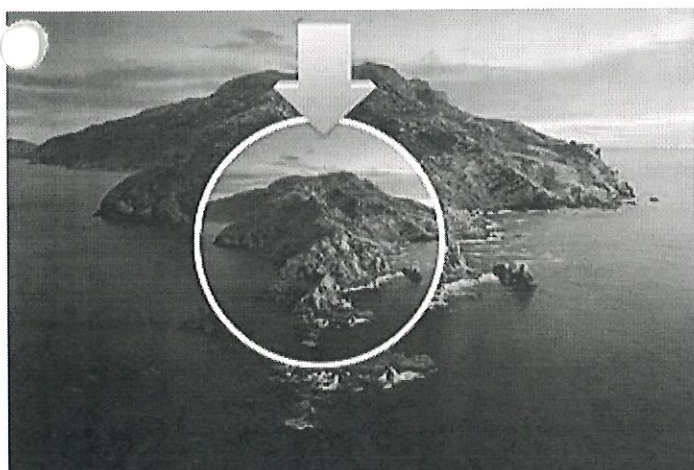
Lorde also performed at the Glastonbury Festival over the weekend for the first time.



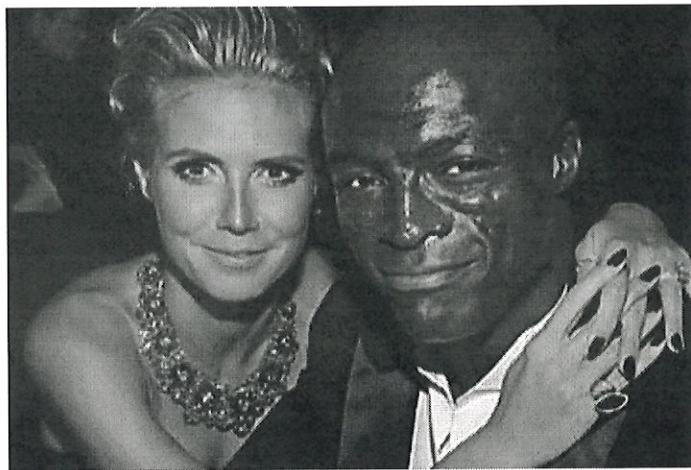
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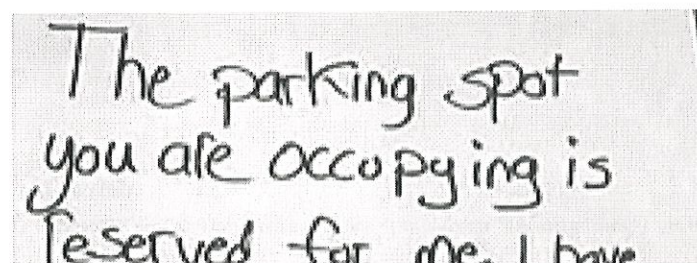
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but have not called for the tow truck... This time. Next time, I

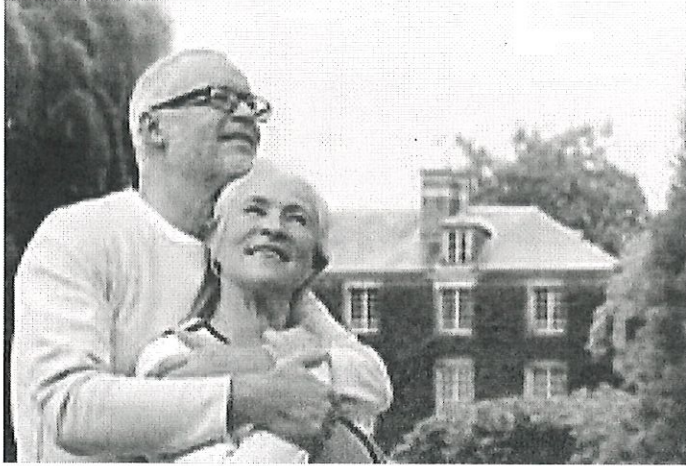
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Asked and answered by yourself. Nice.

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Her dance moves are scary though.

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Sorry just can't cope with the duck faced tortured 20 something look

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Yeah you can by not looking.

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I believe David Bowie said....lorde is the future of music....great song writing on the new album lorde...wow

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Obi Wan

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I hope this finally stops all the tall poppy 'one hit wonder' commenters.

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Brianhere

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Funnily enough, I used to be one of them. Even after hearing Green Light. But I gave the album a listen and yeah she is a lot more dynamic than I originally gave her credit for. She deserves to do well.



I couldn't stand how some compared her to Kimba - not even remotely the same - top of the world!! Good on her - the music and lyrics to this album are wonderful. Go Lorde

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True but both are awesome for what they do.

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It's okay Winston.

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JosephineF

1162 days ago

Wow. I wondered whiter she was going to be a one hit wonder. She is out first proper music superstar. Brill.

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Metallica Fan

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She is awesome, never been into that sort of music but I love her music! A guilty pleasure haha

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It's a fantastic album. Refreshing, well written, and not your standard pop record that spits out carbon copies of every other pop song. You can tell she genuinely poured herself into her music, it wasn't just about making money. So it's fantastic to have done as well as it has.

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bemused

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I'm generally one of those "modern music is rubbish, bring back real pop" old farts, but I reckon Melodrama is absolutely brilliant, and I encourage anyone of the "older generation" to give it a spin. This is music for the current age with real soul, passion and beautifully crafted relatable lyrics. It beats the majority of committee-written 2010s US pop into a cocked hat. Love you Lorde!

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Maxone

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Fantastic stuff Lorde!! And don't listen to the dissenters...

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Saucy123

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NZ so proud of you, bursting with pride!!!!

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Timtintim

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Witness by Katy Perry is the number 1 at the moment.

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CrusHaders4Life

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Not even in the top 10 of Billboard 200 actually bud. She's goneburger m.

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Jedd Clark

1162 days ago

Brilliant, young lady.

Its so refreshing to have someone who is from this part of world who is not only multi talented but, such a great ambassador for little old NZ. Keep making us proud, Lorde. Cheers.

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Clive Bixby

1162 days ago

Lorde is the second born New Zealand artist to top the BillBoard top 200 album charts. Keith Urban was born in New Zealand.

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...the fact that she has never been a rock musician having not even aged 2 grown up in New Zealand and then moving to the US. He can't claim him as a rock musician and he certainly doesn't self promote as one. Lorde on the other hand is homegrown.

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**Fry Bread**

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I think Split Enz was on the charts long before Lorde.

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**Gone Fishing**

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Apart from NZ and Australia Split Enz where unknown to the rest of the world

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**Mark Twang**

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"I Hope I Never" got into the American charts.

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**speights56**

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Pretty sure "I got you" was a number one hit in other countries round the world, no 1 in Canada from memory, also i remember Bette Midler was a fan.

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**twirlywhirly**

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mark... so basically one hit wonder

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**CrusHaders4Life**

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Mark Twang, No, I Got You got to #53 in US Hot 100. That's it. Lorde had six hits incl Royals #1, Team #6 and Greenlight #19.

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**Xeltic33**

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True Colours was their most successful album - #40. Three other albums charted in the top 200. Source: Wikipedia

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**Ian Dalziel**

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That was then, this now. Don't forget OMC (How Bizarre) if we are talking history - but neither OMC or Split Enz went first week in to #1 (in fact Split Enz only got to #53 in the US and #38 in the UK album charts).

Lorde is here and now and doing it her way.

...and doing it well.

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**Bob Mars**

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pretty sure it specifies "top" of the US charts i.e. number one song...

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**JosephineF**

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No New Zealander has ever got anywhere near number 1 on billboard until now. Split Enz did well with "I got u" but never anywhere near this with an album.

Unprecedented. Good on her. On her own terms too.

This album is really good.

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True

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**CrusHaders4Life**

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Well actually Lorde did with PH at #3. But yeah, same diff.

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**CrusHaders4Life**

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Split Enz got two albums in Billboard Top 200 but only as high as about #50. Lorde's two albums reached #3 and #1. Love Split Enz though.

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Mike David

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Fry Bread, yes, Split Enz had a couple of singles on the US charts. The highest was "history never repeats" at number 33. Mark Twang, "I hope I Never" peaked at No. 18 in the Netherlands, 33 in NZ and 18 in Australia.

This is hardly an inspired rebuttal to Lorde's success.

The fact that we are even having this discussion speaks volumes about NZ culture and those who control our cultural conversation and not in a good way.

Luckily Lorde and others are not willing to define their cultural identity on the mediocre achievements of the early 1980s

Thank god for the new generation.

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CrusHaders4Life

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Nah, History Never Repeats never charted in the US Billboard Hot 100, it did though in one of the Billboard Rock categories at #33. Crowded House's Don't Dream It's Over got to #2 on US Hot 100 though. They had five all up I think, that charted in the US Hot 100, one behind Lorde. One of my fave bands.

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Actually Lorde has 7 US Hot 100 hits, not 6 (I forgot Yellow Flicker Beat at #39 which also got a Golden Globe nomination for Mockingjay Pt1).

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