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ARTIST: The Blow Monkeys

RELEASE: Feels Like a New Morning

BACKSTORY: The U.K. sophistipop act, which frontman Dr. Robert resurrected a few years ago, follows up its 2012 double-disc reissues with a brand-new studio album that includes a bonus disc featuring 10 solo-acoustic performances of Blow Monkeys songs.

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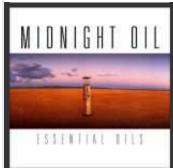


ARTIST: Big Country

RELEASE: The Journey

BACKSTORY: The reconfigured Big Country — with The Alarm's Mike Peters filling in for the late Stuart Adamson and the new addition of original Simple Minds bassist Derek Forbes — this week releases, in the U.S., its first new album in 14 years. The album came out earlier this month in the U.K.

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ARTIST: Midnight Oil

RELEASE: Essential Oils

BACKSTORY: The Aussie rockers this week release, in the U.S., a new 2CD, 36-track best-of that serves as a truly career-spanning overview of the band's catalog, from the group's first album to its last. The album was released in Europe and Australia last year (see full tracklist).