

Award-Winning British Country Artist Bee Smith Signs Nashville Publishing Deal With Thornton Cline Music

Acclaimed singer-songwriter brings established songwriting recognition and international chart success to publishing partnership with Thornton Cline Music.

NASHVILLE, TN, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- British country singer-songwriter Bee Smith has signed an exclusive transatlantic publishing agreement with Thornton Cline Music, the Nashville-based publishing company founded by Grammy-nominated songwriter, Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee, and publisher Thornton Cline.

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Smith has built a growing profile through her work as a songwriter and vocalist, earning recognition from organizations including the International Singer-Songwriters Association (ISSA), Josie Music Awards and

World Songwriting Awards. In 2025, she was named International Female Songwriter of the Year by ISSA, alongside multiple award nominations and finalist placements. Across 2025 and 2026, Smith has received nine Josie Music Awards nominations across songwriting, vocal performance, song, vocal collaboration and fan-voted categories.

Her recent collaboration with Texas country artist Chris Chitsey has brought further international momentum. Their recording of “Summer Before The Fall,” co-written by Bee Smith and Thornton Cline, reached number one on the World Indie Music Chart and has remained at number one across multiple consecutive weeks. The single has also charted alongside major artists including Shaboozey, Jelly Roll, Jo Dee Messina and Zach Top on the L.A.-based New Music Weekly Country Indie Radio and Digital charts, as well as CDX country charts, while receiving U.S. and international radio exposure. The release has secured two Josie Music Awards nominations and won the World Songwriting Award for Best Music Collaboration.

The official music video for “Summer Before The Fall” has surpassed 150,000 views and has received further exposure through platforms including VEVO, Mood Media, The Country Network, Heartland and the ACN Country Network.

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The new publishing relationship will support Smith's continued songwriting and catalogue development as she expands her professional work between the UK and the United States.

Smith is also continuing to develop her U.S. country music collaborations, with a forthcoming duet with Chitsey planned for worldwide radio release.

"I'm incredibly honored to join the Clinetel Music family," Bee said. "They are passionate about great songwriting, and I'm so grateful for their belief in me. I can't wait to see what we create together."

The publishing agreement represents a significant new step in Smith's international career, bringing her songwriting catalogue into the Nashville music industry while continuing to build on the recognition and chart success she has achieved across the UK, Europe and United States.

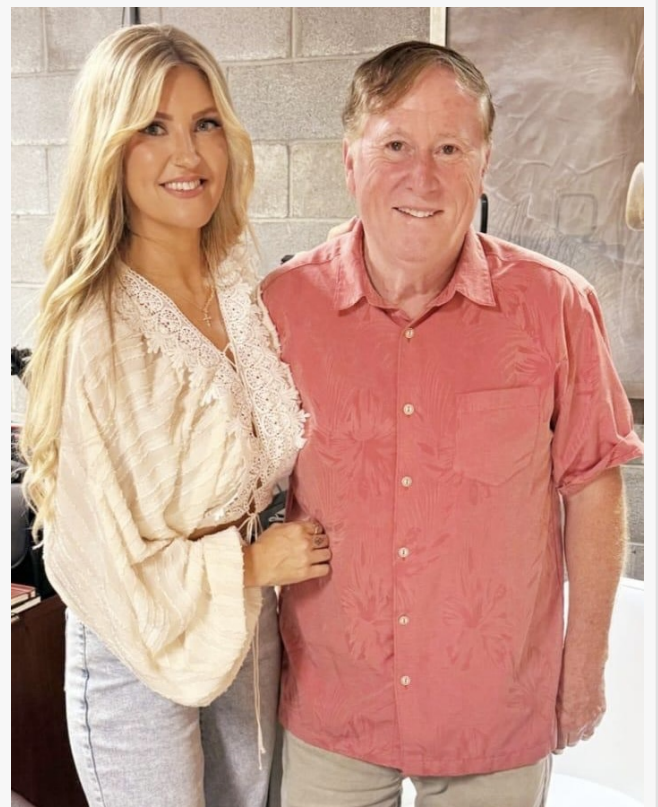
About Bee Smith

Bee Smith is an award-winning British country singer-songwriter and vocalist whose work has received international recognition. Her songwriting achievements include 2025 International Female Songwriter of the Year honors from ISSA, multiple Josie Music Awards nominations, recognition from the World Songwriting Awards and being named a finalist for Vocalist at the Intercontinental Music Awards. Her recent recording with Chris Chitsey, "Summer Before The Fall," reached number one on the World Indie Music Chart and has generated international country-radio, chart and media attention. The collaboration also earned the World Songwriting Award for Best Music Collaboration.

Check out Bee Smith at her official website: [Beesmithmusic.com](https://beesmithmusic.com)

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Award-winning British country artist, Bee Smith pictured with Thornton Cline, CEO of Clinetel Music

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