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Since the dawn of this country, men and women have been tying strings to hollow-bodied objects, putting on their finest clothes, and singing stories of love and heartbreak, hardship and triumph. Here, we pay homage to country and Americana music by getting all dressed up with 15 OF OUR FAVORITE STORYTELLERS—a mix of unimpeachable O.G.'s and rising young legends-to-be.



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**Jason Isbell,
Amanda
Shires,
and their
daughter,
Mercy**

FAMILY BAND
For fans of American roots rock, Jason Isbell leaving the Drive-By Truckers in 2007 felt like Syd Barrett leaving Pink Floyd. But Isbell soon evolved into the king of Americana, a hardscrabble songwriter and stellar bandleader. As you might guess, the Isbell-Shires family lives on the road—Amanda plays fiddle and sings in Jason's band and is currently recording her sixth solo album. "You get to a certain point," Isbell says, "where if you're on a tour bus and not in a van, you are as much of a rock star as you ever need to be."


ESSENTIAL ALBUMS
His 2013 solo breakthrough about getting sober, *Southeastern*. Her wickedly poetic *Down Fell the Doves* from the same year.

OPPOSITE PAGE
coat \$4,180
shirt \$750
Prada
hat, his own

ON HER
jacket and pants
Brandon Maxwell

THIS PAGE
jacket and pants
Stella McCartney
dress, her own




MERCY LIKES WHEN I
SING 'PANCHO AND LEFTY.'
SHE LIKES WHEN HER
MOM SINGS 'MUTINEER.'