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THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY:

Top Music Podcasts

These five podcasts are currently topping the charts in Apple Podcasts' music category. There's something for everyone, including in-depth interviews with artists, producers, pop-culture enthusiasts, and philanthropists:

"Tony Mantor's: Almost Live ... Nashville" — Tony Mantor's LinkedIn page describes him as an established and successful American singer-songwriter, pianist, and record-charting music producer. He also currently hosts the top-rated music podcast, according to Apple Podcasts. If you subscribe to "Almost Live," you'll be treated to interviews of special guests with great stories to tell, like Andy Kyriacou of the band Modern Romance, Whey Jennings (grandson of Waylon), and Curt Smith of Tears for Fears. (TonyMantor.com)

"The Joe Budden Podcast" — This former rapper of the early 2000s hit "Pump It Up" has carved out a successful career in broadcasting and podcasting. Joe Budden's described as "the Howard Stern of hip-hop" due to his unfiltered style. He shares his podcast with friends and co-hosts who give their opinionated comments on big names in the music industry — both young (Tyga) and iconic (Lionel Richie). He also recaps recent concerts like the Chris Brown and Usher show

at MetLife Stadium and gossips about feuds, like the ongoing one between Drake and Jay-Z. (YouTube.com)

"New Rory & MAL" — These two former co-hosts from "The Joe Budden Podcast" are currently No. 3 on the Apple Podcast Charts, quickly gaining traction on their ex-boss. Recent episodes include discussions on interesting topics, like what the musical lineup should look like for the Democratic National Convention. They also branch out into other pop culture news and what's currently going on in the world of sports. (iHeart.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

"Takin' A Walk Nashville" — Singer-songwriter and Tennessee native Sarah Harralson doesn't just interview country music artists on her popular weekly podcast. She "celebrates every genre of music born from the heart of Music City," from country and Americana to rock, R&B and beyond. Her background as a musician "gives her a unique connection with her guests, creating intimate, candid conversations that go deeper than typical interviews." (iHeart.com)

"Music Saved Me" — This podcast hosted by Lynn Hoffman features musical guests who've all been "personally transformed by the power of sound." Guests include cancer survivor Danielia Cotton and her latest EP, which also includes a heartfelt tribute to the legendary Charley Pride. Hear about John Beltzer's journey with the organization he founded, Songs of Love Foundation, which creates personalized songs for kids who are fighting serious diseases and illnesses. You can also listen to Chad Tepper's testimonial of how music inspired him while he was growing up homeless. (MusicSavedMe.Podbean.com)

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