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Detailed  
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### Blake Shelton

**Label:** Warner Bros.

**Current Single:** "The Baby"

**Current Album:** *The Dreamer* (coming Feb. 4)

**Current Video:** "The Baby"

**Current Producer:** Bobby Braddock

**Hometown:** Ada, Okla.

**Management:** Hallmark Direction

**Booking:** William Morris Agency

**Recent Hits:** "Austin," "Ol' Red" and "The Baby"

**Awards:** *Music Row's* 2001 Critic's Pick, *R&R's* 2001 Breakthrough Artist, *Billboard's* New Country Artist 2001

**RIAA Certs:** self-titled debut (Gold)

**Birthdate:** June 18, 1976

**Outside Interests:** Hunting

**Musical Influences:** Earl Thomas Conley, Travis Tritt, Hank Williams Jr., Dan Seal

**Favorite Record:** *Earl Thomas Conley's Greatest Hits* (1985)

Blake Shelton's new album, *The Dreamer*, has already spawned the hit "The Baby." Shelton says of *The Dreamer*, "I certainly can hear a difference when I listen to the first record and then this one. I've got a lot more confidence in my singing than I did the first time around. Plus, I've been on the road non-stop for a couple of years, and the more you work on a muscle, the stronger it gets."

He adds, "When people buy my album or buy a concert ticket, I want them to think that they got their money's worth. I owe that to the kids who are out there driving around getting excited about country music. That's all."



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