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FLUME'S 'NEVER BE LIKE YOU (FEAT KAI)' #1 IN TRIPLE J'S 2016 HOTTEST 100

2016's Hottest 100 saw a record number of votes placed. At over 2.2 million it was up a whopping 7.6% on last year. Of that staggering figure, there was one song which rose above the rest to claim the top spot – [Flume's 'Never Be Like You \(feat Kai\)'](#).

triple j's Music Director **Richard Kingsmill** says of the song "It's rare that a song released back in January will end up in the Hottest 100, let alone at the very top, but 'Never Be Like You' just kept growing. Collaborating with Canadian singer Kai, Flume could have crafted a fairly straight love song. The melody line alone was strong and the lyrics were heartfelt without being clichéd. But by adding that surprising rhythm track with some pretty abrasive percussion, then throwing those swirling synths on top, he produced a song that only got more powerful over repeated listens."

If one act musically dominated 2016, it was **Flume**. He's had a blockbuster 2016 and it all started with the lead single from his highly anticipated second album, *Skin*. Released in January, 'Never Be Like You' not only kicked off the Aussie producer's banner year but sustained his success throughout it. Collaborating with Canadian singer Kai, Flume breaks new ground with melody and songcraft while pushing his future-thinking electronic production into the mainstream. Framing a stirring vocal performance with an ear-dazzling array of stuttering synths and percussive sparks, 'Never Be Like You' is at once heartbreakingly intimate yet big enough to become a Platinum-minted festival-sized anthem. It was the clear #1 song in this year's Hottest 100 and a benchmark song in music production today.

Now let's look at the rest of the **2016 Hottest 100** in **infographic** form where you can see a few trends appear...

- This is the fourth consecutive year an Australian artist has taken out #1. That's the longest streak of Aussie artists at the top.
- The success of women in the business end of the Hottest 100 is worth celebrating. Ladies appeared in seven songs in the Top 10, including solo artists **Amy Shark** and **Tash Sultana**, joined by feature artists **Kai**, **Montaigne**, **Vera Blue**, **Tove Lo** and **Elliphant** all contributing key vocals to their tracks.
- Meanwhile, 34 songs were from acts with at least one woman: 14 female solo artists, 12 female guest vocals, 7 bands with female members and one all-female band.
- Do you believe in life after LAV? **DMA'S** Like A Version cover of **Cher's** 'Believe' earned the highest charting Like A Version in the countdown's history, surpassing **Chet Faker's** Sonia Dada LAV (#21 2014). However, it's not the highest ranking cover – that record still belongs to **Boy & Bear's** 'Fall At Your Feet' (#5 2010).
- **Violent Soho** have the most songs in the countdown, with five entries. **Flume** follows close behind with four songs.
- Give it up for **Illy**, this is his eighth consecutive appearance in a Hottest 100, just behind record holders **Dave Grohl** (various bands over 9 years) and **The Living End's** decade long streak lasting from 1997 to 2006.
- 14 artists in the countdown don't even have an album out, including **Amy Shark**, **Tash Sultana**, **Peking Duk**, **Mura Masa**, **Gretta Ray**, **Ali Barter**, **Sofi Tukker**, **Maggie Rogers**, **L D R U**, **Golden Features**, **Vera Blue**, **Elk Road**, plus **Chance The Rapper** and **Desiigner** (who've only released mixtapes).
- **Radiohead** are the only artist to appear both in this year's countdown (#79 'Burn The Witch') and the first ever annual Hottest 100 in 1993 (#2 'Creep').

Thanks to everyone who donated to our Hottest 100 charity partner, **AIME**. By the end of the countdown we'd raised a massive **\$230K!** Plus you can still donate or grab an [exclusive AIME x triple j tee here](#). Your donation will help 10,000 Indigenous kids through high school and into university, training and employment by 2018.

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6-9am Fri 27 Jan: Ben & Liam announce the winner of triple j's Golden Ticket on triple j.

10am Sat 28 Jan: Hear all your favourite songs again as we replay the Hottest 100 on triple j.

12pm Sat 28 Jan: Tune in to the classic 1996 Hottest 100 on Double J.

10am Sun 29 Jan: Find out who made it into the Hottest #200-101 on triple j.

Plus you can pre order [triple j's Hottest 100 Volume 24 CD](#).

Attached: Hi res image of Flume + list of 2016 Hottest 100 songs + Hottest 100 2016 infographic + Hottest 100 vol 24 CD cover image.

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