Swift's 'The Life of a Showgirl' is out now, breaking records

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NEW YORK — Lights, camera, action. Taylor Swift's 12th studio album, "The Life of a Showgirl," has arrived. Are you ready for it?

Swift announced her latest era back in August, when she began teasing the release.

Here's everything you need to know ahead of its drop date: how to stream, which variants exist, and of course, how the album came together. Enjoy the show!

HOW TO LISTEN TO SWIFT'S 'THE LIFE OF A SHOWGIRL"

"The Life of a Showgirl" is streaming on all major platforms, including Spotify, Apple Music and Amazon Music.

Fans were able to pre-save the album ahead of its release on Oct. 3. Pre-saving ensures the new music automatically appears in a fan's library the moment it is available. It is also a way for an artist to promote streams ahead of the drop date.

Spotify announced Friday that Swift's album surpassed six million pre-saves on their platform to become the most pre-saved album in its history. The previous title holder? Her 2024 album "The Tortured Poets Department." "The Life of a Showgirl" also became Spotify's moststreamed album in a single day in 2025 — and in its first 11 hours of release.

Also on Friday, Amazon Music announced "The Life of a Showgirl" broke the record for most streams in its first 24 hours, globally.

digital-download variant of "The Behind the Curtain."



Amy Davis, left, and Jenni Boyer take photos before the official release of Taylor Swift's new album, "The Life of a Showgirl," at the AMC Metreon in San Francisco on Friday.

Life of a Showgirl" available via iTunes, featuring a new cover image and a nearly three-minute "exclusive video from Taylor her-In addition to the many stream-ing options, there will also be a self detailing inspirations behind the album" labeled "A Look

PHYSICAL VARIANTS

Target is once again a major partner with Swift. Their stores are carrying three CD variants, titled as "It's Frightening," "It's Rapturous" and "It's Beautiful" editions. There is also an exclu-

sive vinyl release, "The Crowd Is Your King" edition in "summertime spritz pink shimmer vinyl." Many Target locations will remain open past midnight on the day of release for superfans to pick up in real time.

There are a number of other vinyl variants as well: "The Tiny Bubble in Champagne Collection," which features two vinyl variants described as "under bright lights pearlescent vinyl" and "red lipstick & lace transparent vinyl."

Excavators find \$1M in gold coins from shipwreck along Florida's 'Treasure Coast'

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REPORT FOR AMERICA

Hidden beneath the turquoise waters off a stretch of Florida known as the "Treasure Coast," a team of divers from a shipwreck salvage company have uncovered exactly that a load of long-lost Spanish treasure they estimate is worth \$1 million.

More than 1,000 silver and gold coins thought to be minted in the Spanish colonies of Bolivia, Mexico and Peru were uncovered this summer off Florida's Atlantic coast, 1715 Fleet Queens Jewels LLC announced this week.

It's not the first time the torians and collectors hopwell, treasure.

Centuries ago, a fleet of gold, silver and jewels taken from the New World was sailing back to Spain when a hurricane wrecked the flotilla on July 31, 1715, spilling the treasures into the sea, according to the 1715 Fleet Society.

of dollars in gold coins from the 1715 Fleet have been found by salvagers and treasure hunters in a coastal area stretching from Melbourne to Fort Pierce.

Dates and mint marks are still visible on some of the recently recovered coins, the salvage company said, a benefit for his-

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Diver Levin Shavers shows coins uncovered from a Spanish shipwreck off the Atlantic coast of Florida, 2025.

site has yielded a trove of, ing to glean more from the lost treasure.

"This discovery is not Spanish ships laden with only about the treasure itself, but the stories it tells," Sal Guttuso, director of operations for the salvage company said in a statement. "Each coin is a piece of history, a tangible link to the people who lived, worked, and sailed Over the years, millions during the Golden Age of the Spanish Empire. Finding 1,000 of them in a single recovery is both rare and extraordinary."

Guttuso's team employs dive crews and a fleet of boats and uses underwater metal detection-devices, plus hand-fanning of sand or sand suction to comb the sea floor, according to from the wreck. The suspect was identified as a keep for the public, in a family member of the team contracted by 1715 Fleet ultimately approved by a Queens Jewels LLC to work the site.

Under Florida law, any "treasure trove" or other historic artifacts "abandoned" on state-owned lands or in state waters belong to the state, though excavators can be permitted to carry out "recovery services." The law requires that roughly 20% of the recovered archaeological materials be retained by the state for research collections or public display.

Guttuso told The Associated Press his team develops a detailed inventory of all the artifacts collected each season to be reviewed by the state.

coins stolen by salvagers Florida officials select pany's owners and its subup to 20% of the items to contractors, Guttuso said. "We want to do it right," negotiation process that is Guttuso said. "And it benefits the peo-

ple of Florida. They end up in the museums," he said among the salvage com- of the treasures.

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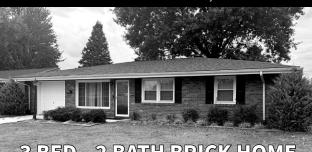
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