

Best week:
JOE BONAMASSA

'ROCK' ROLLS

Guitarist/singer Joe Bonamassa has his best week yet on the Billboard charts as his new "Black Rock" album blasts in at No. 39 on the Billboard 200 and No. 1 on Top Blues Albums (see page 44). That gives him a new high on the Billboard 200 and his sixth visit to the penthouse on Top Blues Albums. In turn, Bonamassa now has the third-most No. 1s on the blues tally since the chart launched Sept. 2, 1995. Only Stevie Ray Vaughan (with nine No. 1s) and B.B. King (eight) have more. And with an 11,000-unit start, it's not just Bonamassa's best sales week, but also the best one for any blues album in more than a year. The last time a blues set posted a better sales frame was when the Derek Trucks Band's "Already Free" shifted 18,000 on the Jan. 31, 2009, chart. —Keith Caulfield

GOT THE BLUES

Joe Bonamassa claims the third-most No. 1 blues albums, behind B.B. King and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

