

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS®

TELEVISION'S LONGEST RUNNING CONCERT SERIES BEGINS SEASON 33 TAPINGS WITH PERFORMANCES BY NORAH JONES, WILCO, FEMI KUTI, ARCADE FIRE AND MORE

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS, America's longest running televised concert series has begun tapings for its 33rd season. The new season will begin airing in early October (on PBS stations nationally) and will feature performances by Norah Jones, Wilco, Arcade Fire, Brad Paisley, Femi Kuti, Regina Spektor and others. See below for the current list of confirmed performers.

"Every season, the show seems to keep reaching new heights," said Terry Lickona, longtime producer for **AUSTIN CITY LIMITS**. "The talent line-up so far for Season 33 speaks volumes about the series' lasting appeal and integrity, and the fact that we're able to attract such an eclectic array of original and innovative artists of every stripe. And there are still a few surprises left to come."

Confirmed concerts for **AUSTIN CITY LIMITS** – Season 33 include:

Norah Jones, Arcade Fire, John Mayer, Femi Kuti, The Decemberists, Wilco, Regina Spektor, Crowded House, Paolo Nutini, a tribute to Blues legend Jimmy Reed with Jimmie Vaughan & Friends, Lucinda Williams, Old Crow Medicine Show, Bloc Party, Brad Paisley, Dierks Bentley, Grupo Fantasma, Explosions in the Sky and Ghostland Observatory. Additional guests will be announced soon.

When it comes to presenting live music to America, **AUSTIN CITY LIMITS** embodies its motto of "Great Music. No Limits." Accomplishing what no other show has done in the history of American television, the series has, for 33 years, presented audiences with the most diverse, accomplished, cutting-edge talent music has to offer. And while other televised concert shows have come and gone, ACL has consistently provided artists the platform of a nationally televised performance, in an intimate concert setting with a straight-ahead format and production style.

Former guests who have graced the stage of **AUSTIN CITY LIMITS** include Ray Charles, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Robert Plant, Roy Orbison, Leonard Cohen, Coldplay, Dolly Parton, Beck, Steve Winwood, Sheryl Crow, Lee Ann Womack, Emmylou Harris, and more.

And speaking of "the stage of **AUSTIN CITY LIMITS**" KLRU-TV, Austin PBS, plans to move the **AUSTIN CITY LIMITS** studio to a new facility designed for the television series.

Beginning in late 2009 or early 2010, ACL tapings will move to the new **AUSTIN CITY LIMITS** Studio Theater. The theater will be located in the heart of downtown Austin, as part of Stratus Properties' Block 21 development, which also includes the Austin Children's Museum, a W Hotel, luxury condos and retail.

Along with the theater, the venue will feature an ACL merchandise store and exhibits focusing on the history of the series and Austin music. The move will allow more fans to participate in tapings while maintaining the intimate environment for which the series is known. Construction is set to begin later this year and ACL expects to celebrate Season 35 in the new theater.

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS is a co-production of KLRU-TV and C3 Presents. Funding for **AUSTIN CITY LIMITS** is provided in part by AT&T, AMD, Budweiser and the Austin Convention Center Department. To learn more about the show and the more than 600 artists who have appeared on it visit www.pbs.org/austin.

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