



## LEGENDS BONNIE RAITT AND MAVIS STAPLES TOGETHER ON AUSTIN CITY LIMITS

*Episode Airs October 20, 2012, on PBS Stations*

**Austin, TX—October 15, 2012**—Music legends [Bonnie Raitt](#) and [Mavis Staples](#) come together for the first time on [Austin City Limits](#) (ACL) in a powerful new episode airing Saturday, October 20, on PBS ([check local listings for times](#)). The two incredible artists deliver passionate performances and represent a perfect pairing of blues, soul, rock and R&B. Nine-time Grammy winner Bonnie Raitt returns for her third appearance on Austin City Limits, and legendary soul/gospel singer Mavis Staples makes her ACL debut.

The double-header episode features Raitt and Staples each performing separate sets, before teaming up on the ACL stage for an inspired rendition of Randy Newman's "Losing You." "Thanks for coming out to see our soul sisters extravaganza tonight," hails Raitt as the singers join forces for a roof-raising performance of the folk/gospel anthem "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," bringing the audience at the Moody Theater in downtown Austin to its feet.

ACL Executive Producer Terry Lickona says, "What's not to love about Bonnie Raitt and Mavis Staples? Bonnie brings more of the same magic she did on her first appearance 30 years ago. Mavis doesn't have to prove anything, but she delivers the performance of a lifetime, and together they rank as one of ACL's best shows."

A true original, Raitt performs tracks from her critically-acclaimed 2012 release *Slipstream* and a few classics from her remarkable career. "This is worth 40 years on that tour bus, just to feel like this," says a triumphant Bonnie Raitt from the ACL stage. With *Slipstream*, Raitt launched her own record label, Redwing Records, and the chart-topping release marks her return to studio recording after a seven year absence.

Called "one of the world's mightiest gospel pop singers" by *Time Magazine*, Mavis Staples won the first Grammy of her storied career in 2011 for Best Americana Album for her Anti-Records release, *You Are Not Alone*, produced by Wilco's Jeff Tweedy. Her debut appearance on ACL finds the iconic singer at her most powerful, performing soulful renditions of tracks from the universally-acclaimed Grammy-winning release, as well as songs from The Staples Singers-era.

### EPISODE SETLIST

#### Bonnie Raitt

Used to Rule the World  
Down to You  
One Million Miles  
You Can't Fail Me Now  
Thing Called Love

### **Mavis Staples**

Creep Along, Moses  
Wrote a Song For Everyone  
You Are Not Alone  
Freedom Highway  
Losing You (with Bonnie Raitt)  
Will the Circle Be Unbroken (with Bonnie Raitt)

### **Season 38 Current Broadcast Schedule (seven additional episodes/artists to be announced)**

**October 6, 2012 | Radiohead**  
**October 13, 2012 | Bon Iver**  
**October 20, 2012 | Bonnie Raitt with Mavis Staples**  
**October 27, 2012 | The Shins | Dr. Dog**  
**November 3, 2012 | The Civil Wars | Punch Brothers**  
**November 10, 2012 | ACL Presents: Americana Music Festival 2012 (Hosted by Jim Lauderdale and featuring performances by Carolina Chocolate Drops, Richard Thompson, Alabama Shakes, Lifetime Achievement Honoree Bonnie Raitt and more)**

The complete line-up for the full 13-week season, including seven episodes to air beginning January 2012, will be announced at a later date. Check [actv.com](http://actv.com) for additional episode updates.

### **About Austin City Limits**

Austin City Limits (ACL) is a television series on PBS that records and broadcasts original musical performances from exciting new talent and legendary artists of all genres.

Austin City Limits is the longest-running music series in American television history and remains the only TV series to ever be awarded the National Medal of Arts. In 2012, ACL received a rare institutional Peabody Award for excellence and outstanding achievement. The historic KLRU Studio 6A, home to 36 years of ACL concerts, has been designated an official Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Landmark. In 2011, ACL moved to the new venue ACL Live at The Moody Theater in downtown Austin.

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