

Austin City Limits Showcases Explosive Sets From Miranda Lambert and Jeff Bridges

New Episode to Air November 5th, 2011, on PBS Stations (check local listings)

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 3, 2011-- <u>Austin City Limits (ACL)</u>, the legendary live music television series, continues its groundbreaking 37th season on PBS stations nationwide this Saturday, Nov. 5th, with a double-barreled musical barrage from country megastar <u>Miranda Lambert</u> and critically -acclaimed songwriter and film icon <u>Jeff Bridges</u>.

Singer-songwriter sensation Miranda Lambert is a small-town girl with a larger-than-life voice and talent to burn. Her clever and courageous take on Country has catapulted the barnstorming beauty to the top of the charts for the better part of a decade, earning her the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award for 2009's *Revolution* and the CMA's Vocalist of the Year award in 2010. She's continued to fearlessly push those musical boundaries while staying true to her roots on her new release, *Four The Record*, showing off a tenacious spirit and some enviable songwriting chops.

"It was truly impressive to see how much Miranda has grown as an artist in the 5 years since she made her first ACL appearance," said Terry Lickona, Executive Producer. "There's nothing sugar-coated about her or her music, and to me she ranks with the likes of Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn when it comes to her pull-no-punches honesty that connects so well with her fans."

Lambert's ACL performance highlights this dynamic defiance, from take-no-prisoners renditions of empowering, high-energy hit singles like "Kerosene" and "Baggage Claim" to the love ballad "More Like Her". When her two lovely counterparts in Pistol Annies join her on stage, the set takes a seductive twist with the dangerously catchy "Hell On Heels".

Miranda Lambert episode song list includes:

- "Kerosene"
- "More Like Her"
- "Baggage Claim"
- "Hell on Heels" with Pistol Annies
- "Sin For a Sin"
- "Gunpowder and Lead"

The multi-talented Jeff Bridges took the ACL stage with a saddle pack of world-weary wisdom, a perfect counter-balance to Lambert's youthful swagger. Bridges continued exploring his considerable musical abilities after winning an Academy Award for Best Actor in 2009 for his portrayal of a troubled country singer in "Crazy Heart", resulting in his recent self-titled full-length. The album – a collaboration with famed producer and songwriter T-Bone Burnett – is the perfect soundtrack to a life lived without reservations.

"I never thought I'd see 'The Dude' take the stage at Austin City Limits," said Terry Lickona. "There are plenty of Hollywood movie stars who fancy themselves as rock & rollers who have wanted to perform on ACL, but Jeff Bridges is really the only one (so far) who has the cred and the chops to pull it off. He's a consummate pro, and he said he took his performance on Austin City Limits as seriously as anything he's ever done."

Bridges tackles his ACL set with grit and humble humor, kicking things off with the country-fried honky tonk of "Fallin' and Flying.". He slows things down for a spell on the lingering two-step of "Everything But Love", but it doesn't take long to build back up to a breakneck pace on the raucous autobiography "Somebody Else". The band's closing number, "What A Little Love Can Do," ties things off on a hopeful note, a testimony from a rascal following his heart and making some darn good music.

Jeff Bridges episode song list includes:

- "Fallin' and Flyin'"
- "Everything But Love"
- "Somebody Else"
- "The Quest"
- "Maybe I Missed the Point"
- "What A Little Bit Of Love Can Do"

The 37th season of ACL marks the first season filmed entirely in the show's new venue <u>ACL Live at The Moody Theater</u>, a full-time music venue and state-of the-art production facility. Check local listings for air times and tune-in for another great episode of Austin City Limits.

For more information on the new season of Austin City Limits, future tapings and more, follow us on Twitter, Facebook and our blog.

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS SEASON 37 CURRENT BROADCAST SCHEDULE

(Check local listings for exact dates and times.

Additional broadcast schedule to be announced shortly.)

October 1, 2011	Mumford & Sons / Flogging Molly
October 8, 2011	Raphael Saadiq / Black Joe Lewis & The Honeybears
October 15, 2011	Widespread Panic
October 22, 2011	The Decemberists / Gillian Welch
October 29, 2011	Steve Miller Band / Preservation Hall Jazz Band
November 5, 2011	Miranda Lambert / Jeff Bridges
November 12, 2011	Randy Newman

November 19, 2011 ACL Presents: Americana Music Festival

About Austin City Limits:

Austin City Limits (ACL) is a public television series 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. The historic KLRU Studio 6A, home to 36 years of ACL concerts, has been designated an official Rock & Roll Landmark. In 2011, ACL moved to the new venue ACL Live at The Moody Theater in downtown Austin. The show continues to air weekly on PBS stations nationwide and episodes are made available online.

ACL is produced by KLRU-TV and funding is provided in part by AMD, Budweiser, the Austin Convention Center Department and its newest supporter, Dell. Additional funding is provided by the Friends of Austin City Limits.

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