



Austin City Limits Announces New Tapings for 40th Anniversary Season

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Austin, TX—March 3, 2014—The groundbreaking television music series Austin City Limits (ACL) unveils the first tapings of its upcoming 40th Season, revealing an eclectic line-up of music icons and innovators: **Los Lobos, Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds, Valerie June, Eric Church** and **Thao & The Get Down Stay Down**. ACL celebrates its outstanding legacy this year with the return of beloved ACL artists and some highly anticipated debuts. Broadcast episodes begin airing this fall as part of ACL's Season 40. Select tapings will be live streamed so music lovers everywhere can experience the performances as they happen, live and unedited. Viewers can visit acltv.com for news regarding future tapings, episode schedules and 40th Anniversary updates. As ACL approaches this milestone season, a number of fantastic, show-related events will be announced.

The first taping of the new season features the return of music legends Los Lobos to the ACL stage on April 14th. This enduring and influential East L.A. band celebrate their creative longevity as they share a 40th anniversary with ACL by making their fifth appearance on the PBS showcase. The last time Los Lobos graced the ACL stage was in 2002, and they made their ACL debut back in 1989.

ACL is also thrilled to announce the debut of Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds, taping their episode on July 20th. One of contemporary music's most powerful personalities, the Australian-born singer-songwriter of dark songs and dark voice will take the ACL stage with his longtime band for what promises to be a mesmerizing performance. Tennessee-to-New York transplant Valerie June makes her first appearance on the ACL stage on May 28th, performing songs from her luminous debut, hailed one of "the 50 Best Albums of 2013" by *Rolling Stone*. San Francisco-based folk-rockers Thao & The Get Down Stay Down tape their ACL debut on August 14th. Led by enigmatic singer-songwriter Thao Nguyen, the band has built a devoted following based on their spirited live shows. Breakout country star Eric Church tapes his ACL debut on September 23rd, performing songs from his critically-acclaimed new album *The Outsiders* which debuted at #1 on Billboard's Top 200 and Country charts. *Spin* magazine proclaimed Church "the most exciting, sonically fearless singer in Nashville."

Season 40 upcoming tapings (broadcast episode airdates TBA):

- **Los Lobos | April 14**
- **Valerie June | May 28**
- **Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds | July 20**

- **Thao & The Get Down Stay Down | August 14**
- **Eric Church | September 23**
- More to come: check out acltv.com for updates

ACL wrapped up its current season of new episodes in February and the Peabody Award-winning series continues to broadcast fan-favorite encore episodes weekly until the new season premieres this fall. ACL airs weekly on PBS stations nationwide (check local listings for times) and full episodes are made available online for a limited time at <http://acltv.com/watch/> immediately following the initial broadcast.

ACL gives viewers unparalleled access to featured artists in an intimate setting that provides a platform for artists to deliver inspired, memorable, full-length performances. The program is taped live before a concert audience from the venue ACL Live at The Moody Theater in downtown Austin.

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