



AUSTIN CITY LIMITS ANNOUNCES SEASON 41 BROADCAST SCHEDULE
New Season Premieres October 3rd with All-Star Hall of Fame Special

New Episodes Featuring Courtney Barnett, Gary Clark Jr., Don Henley, Sturgill Simpson, James Taylor, The War on Drugs, TV On The Radio, Asleep at the Wheel and Cassandra Wilson

Austin, TX—August 25, 2015—The television music series [Austin City Limits](#) (ACL) follows four decades as a music institution with more unforgettable performances as it gets ready to write its next illustrious chapter. Providing viewers with a front-row seat to the best in live music, ACL unveils Season 41's stellar line-up of legendary artists, trend-setting innovators and many highly-anticipated debuts. 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://video.pbs.org/program/austin-city-limits/> immediately following the initial broadcast. Select tapings are also live streamed to enable music fans everywhere to experience the performances as they happen, live and unedited. Viewers can visit acltv.com for news regarding future tapings, episode schedules and live stream updates. The show's official hashtag is [#acltv](#).

The program returns on **October 3rd** with the **2015 ACL Hall of Fame Special**, a special hour showcasing unique collaborations and tributes from this year's induction ceremony and celebration, held June 18, 2015. Artists **Lyle Lovett, Dwight Yoakam, Vince Gill, Gillian Welch, Jason Isbell** and more perform in honor of the newest class of inductees: Asleep at the Wheel, Guy Clark, Flaco Jiménez, Loretta Lynn and Townes Van Zandt.

The upcoming season is filled with musical highlights, as a number of acts make their long-awaited ACL debuts. Grammy-winning jazz vocalist **Cassandra Wilson** appears for the first time in a dazzling hour featuring the songs of Billie Holiday. Music legend **Don Henley** makes his ACL debut, armed with his first solo release in 15 years. Iconic singer-songwriter **James Taylor** is also set to make his Austin City Limits debut in a career-spanning, hour long showcase that will feature songs from his latest release, his first collection of original music in 13 years.

Country music's range is exemplified in a double-bill with modern country rebel **Sturgill Simpson** making his full set debut and Western swing veterans **Asleep at the Wheel** returning for their 11th appearance. Asleep at the Wheel, newly-minted ACL Hall of Fame

members, are joined by guest stars **The Avett Brothers** and **Amos Lee** in a special tribute to forebear Bob Wills, the original Texas Playboy.

Hometown hero **Gary Clark Jr.**, now a Grammy-winning global sensation, returns to the program for his second headline appearance, in support of a highly-anticipated new release. A number of genre-bending rock acts make their ACL debuts this year: indie rock breakout star **Courtney Barnett** showcases her compelling live set, while left-of-the-dial faves **The War on Drugs** and **TV On The Radio** split an episode, both gracing the ACL stage for the first time.

"With our 40th anniversary in our rearview mirror, we're back to doing what we do best: showcasing awesome music whether it's classic or contemporary, familiar or groundbreaking," says ACL executive producer Terry Lickona. "As usual, we'll give our viewers the chance to rediscover old favorites or discover new artists who are making their own mark."

Season 41 Fall Broadcast Schedule (additional episodes to be announced)

October 3	2015 Hall of Fame Special
October 10	Cassandra Wilson
October 17	Sturgill Simpson / Asleep at the Wheel
October 24	Don Henley
October 31	Gary Clark Jr. / Courtney Barnett
November 7	TV On The Radio / The War on Drugs
November 14	James Taylor
November 21	ACL Presents: Americana Music Festival 2015

The complete line-up for the full 14-week season, including seven new episodes to air beginning January 2016, will be announced at a later date. Check the news section of acltv.com for additional episode updates.

For the fifth consecutive year, the producers of Austin City Limits, in conjunction with High 5 Productions, and the Americana Music Association, are proud to present a special ACL Presents—featuring the best music performances from this year's Americana Music Association Honors and Awards Ceremony held September 16th at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN.

About Austin City Limits

ACL offers viewers unparalleled access to featured acts 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 Moody Theater in downtown Austin. ACL 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. Since its inception in 1974, the groundbreaking music series has become an institution that's helped secure Austin's reputation as the Live Music Capital of the World. 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. ACL received a rare institutional Peabody Award for excellence and outstanding achievement in 2012.

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