



## **Austin City Limits Announces Season 43 Broadcast Schedule**

***New Season Premieres October 7 With All-New Episodes Featuring Ed Sheeran, The Pretenders, Miranda Lambert, Angel Olsen, Zac Brown Band, Norah Jones, The Head and the Heart, Benjamin Booker & more***

***Partnering with Google VR for Daydream Video Series***

**Austin, TX—August 17, 2017**—The iconic PBS series [Austin City Limits](#) (ACL) announces a new season premiering October 7 with an epic hour featuring global superstar Ed Sheeran. With this season, ACL becomes the longest-running music show in television history, providing viewers with a front-row seat to the best in performance for over 40 years, and continues its legendary run showcasing more stars, innovators and highly-anticipated debuts. The series airs weekly on PBS stations nationwide and full episodes are made available online for a limited time at [pbs.org/austincitylimits](https://pbs.org/austincitylimits) immediately following the initial broadcast. The show's official hashtag is [#acltv](#).

*Austin City Limits* returns to PBS on Saturday, October 7 at 9pm ET/8pm CT ([check local listings](#)) with a season premiere featuring UK hitmaker Ed Sheeran in his second appearance on the ACL stage, returning to perform his biggest hits and new gems from his chart-topping third album ÷ (*Divide*). The upcoming Season 43 is filled with musical treats: trailblazing rock band The Pretenders dazzle in their ACL debut with an electrifying, career-spanning performance. Country superstar (and Texas native) Miranda Lambert, in her third appearance, shines in a stunning hour of music while sharing the stories behind her songs. Multi-platinum Southern country-rock act Zac Brown Band make their first ACL visit with a remarkable career-wide hour. The extended line-up features ACL debuts from outstanding newcomers including indie original Angel Olsen and New Orleans blues-rocker Benjamin Booker, while returning Americana favorites Norah Jones and The Head and the Heart bring their latest music to the ACL stage.

In addition to the popular livestreams of select tapings which ACL offers fans worldwide, this season will amplify the show's commitment to delivering exciting new platforms to experience *Austin City Limits'* live performances. *Austin City Limits* is partnering with Google's virtual reality team to create an immersive 10-part Daydream video series, ACL VR, bringing exclusive performance and behind-the-scenes content to viewers everywhere. Stay tuned to [ACL's YouTube Channel](#) this fall for 360° from Ed Sheeran, Zac Brown Band and more from Season 43.

For the seventh 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 13 at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN.

“This season proves once again why both music fans and artists alike consider *Austin City Limits* to be the finest showcase for the best in music today – no matter where it comes from,” says longtime executive producer Terry Lickona. “Artists consider it an honor to step on our stage, and we are honored to capture these performances and bring them to the world – now in more formats than ever before.”

Austin City Limits continues to livestream select performances including a trio of highly-anticipated Season 43 performances: On August 21, in a rare double taping, ACL will livestream acclaimed singer/songwriters Jason Isbell and Amanda Shires and on August 22 indie rock sensation Father John Misty. The tapings are livestreamed worldwide on [ACL's YouTube Channel](#) at 9pm ET/8pm CT. The broadcast episodes of these tapings will air as part of the second half of ACL's Season 43 which kicks off on New Year's Eve. Viewers can visit [acltv.com](#) for news regarding future tapings, episode schedules and live stream updates.

#### **Season 43 Fall Broadcast Schedule (additional episodes to be announced):**

<b>October 7</b>	<b>Ed Sheeran</b>
<b>October 14</b>	<b>The Pretenders</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Zac Brown Band</b>
<b>October 28</b>	<b>Norah Jones/ Angel Olsen</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Miranda Lambert</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>The Head and the Heart/ Benjamin Booker</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>ACL Presents: Americana Music Festival 2017</b>

The complete line-up for the full 14-week season, including eight new episodes to air beginning December 31, 2017, will be announced at a later date. Check the news section of [acltv.com](#) for additional episode updates.

For images and episode information, visit Austin City Limits press room at <http://acltv.com/press-room/>.

#### **About Austin City Limits**

*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, 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.

ACL is produced by KLRU-TV and funding is provided in part by Dell, the Austin Convention Center Department, Shiner Beers and HomeAway.com. Additional funding is provided by the Friends of Austin City Limits. Learn more about *Austin City Limits*, programming and history at [acltv.com](http://acltv.com).

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