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**AMERICAN IDOL ANNOUNCES 2018 LIVE TOUR  
Performing Live at Mesa Arts Center July 24**

**THE 40+ CITY SUMMER TOUR FEATURES TOP 7 FINALISTS WITH SPECIAL GUEST SEASON 8  
WINNER KRIS ALLEN**

**(May 7, 2018—Mesa, AZ)** After a monumental return to television in 2018, “American Idol” announces it’s taking the show on the road with the ***American Idol Live! 2018*** tour, spanning three months this summer. The shows will feature this season’s talented Top 7 finalists: **Cade Foehner, Caleb Lee Hutchinson, Catie Turner, Gabby Barrett, Jurnee, Maddie Poppe** and **Michael J. Woodard** with special guest, Season 8 “American Idol” winner, **Kris Allen**. The 40+ city tour includes a stop at **Mesa Arts Center, Tuesday, July 24**. Tickets go on sale to the public beginning Friday, May 11 at 10a.m. local time at [www.AmericanIdolLive.com](http://www.AmericanIdolLive.com).

Joining the tour on select dates is **In Real Life**, winner of ABC’s 2017 summer reality competition show “Boy Band.” In Real Life has released three singles: "Eyes Closed," their current top 40 hit, "Tattoo (How 'Bout You)" and "How Badly," marking their first foray into singing in Spanish.

VIP packages will be available through [VIPNation.com](http://VIPNation.com) giving fans the chance to purchase prime seats and meet and greets with the cast.

Produced by Faculty Productions in conjunction with CORE Media Group, *American Idol Live!* gives fans the unique opportunity to be up close and personal with this season’s Top 7 finalists, including this year’s newly crowned Idol, and brings your favorite television competition directly to you in performances you can’t miss.

“American Idol” airs live coast-to-coast on Sundays at 8e/5p on the ABC Television Network.

*American Idol: Live! 2018* is represented and booked by United Talent Agency.

### **American Idol Live! 2018 Dates**

July 11	Redding, CA	Redding Civic Auditorium
July 12	Central Point, OR	Jackson Co. Fair
July 13	Napa, CA	Uptown Theater
July 16	Denver, CO	Paramount Theater
July 19	Grand Prairie, TX	Verizon Theater at Grand Prairie
July 20	San Antonio, TX	The Tobin Center for Performing Arts
July 21	McAllen, TX	McAllen Performing Arts Center
July 23	Tucson, AZ	Fox Tuscon
July 24	Mesa, AZ	Mesa Arts Center
July 26	San Diego, CA	Copley Hall
July 27	Saratoga, CA	The Mountain Winery
July 29	Las Vegas, NV	Orleans Arena
July 30	Modesto, CA	Gallo Center for the Arts
July 31	Livermore, CA	Wente Vineyards
August 1	San Luis Obispo, CA	Fremont Theatre
August 3	Thousand Oaks, CA	Bank of America Performing Arts Center
August 4	Los Angeles, CA	Orpheum Theatre
August 5	Riverside, CA	Fox Performing Arts Center
August 8	Tulsa, OK	Club Brady
August 9	Kansas City, MO	Uptown Theater
August 10	St. Louis, MO	Fox Theatre
August 12	Baltimore, MD	The Lyric
August 13	Albany, NY	The Palace Theatre
August 14	Upper Darby, PA	Tower Theater
August 16	Westbury, NY	The Space at Westbury
August 17	Morristown, NJ	Mayo Performing Arts Center
August 18	Englewood, NJ	Bergen Performing Arts Center
August 19	Lynn, MA	Lynn Auditorium
August 21	Cincinnati, OH	Taft Theatre
August 22	Indianapolis, IN	Murat Theatre at Old National Centre
August 23	Omaha, NE	Orpheum Theatre
August 24	Sioux Falls, SD	Washington Pavilion
August 27	Salem, OR	Oregon State Fair
August 28	Monroe, WA	Evergreen State Fair
August 30	Billings, MT	Alberta Bair Theater
August 31	Kamas, UT	DeJoria Center
September 2	Deadwood, SD	Deadwood Mountain Grand Casino
September 5	Minneapolis, MN	State Theatre
September 6	Milwaukee, WI	Riverside Theater
September 7	Rosemont, IL	Rosemont Theatre
September 9	Nashville, TN	Ryman Auditorium

September 10	Huber Heights, OH	Rose Music Center
September 12	York, PA	York Fair
September 13	Munhall, PA	Carnegie of Homestead Music Hall
September 14	Red Bank, NJ	Count Basie
September 15	New Bedford, MA	Zeiterion Performing Arts Center
September 16	Washington, DC	Warner Theater

For more information on the tour please click [HERE](#).

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**About American Idol**

“American Idol” is produced by FremantleMedia North America and CORE Media Group’s 19 Entertainment. Executive producers include FremantleMedia North America’s Trish Kinane and Jennifer Mullin, along with executive producer Phil McIntyre representing CORE Media. FremantleMedia International distributes the series worldwide.

**About CORE Media Group**

CORE Media Group is a leading independent media and entertainment company that creates quality programming for linear television and digital platforms. Through partnerships with well-established industry leaders including Sharp Entertainment, as well as B-17 Entertainment and its newly formed digital studio Thumb Candy, the company creates additional multi-platform programming of various genres for audiences nationwide. Through CORE’s 19 Entertainment, it co-produces “American Idol,” the gold standard of music competition programs, and the enduring franchise, “So You Think You Can Dance” (returning on FOX for a 15th season). Other recent television series under the CORE umbrella include “The Wall” for NBC and Sharp Entertainment’s “90 Day Fiancé” franchise for TLC. Additionally, CORE’s 19 Recordings has been a part of the successful music careers of platinum artists Kelly Clarkson, Carrie Underwood, Daughtry and Lauren Alaina, just to name a few.

### **About Faculty Productions**

Faculty Productions, formed by veteran manager and producer Jared Paul in partnership with Live Nation, the world's leading live entertainment company, produces and creates world-class live branded entertainment and concerts in partnership with the world's largest media companies. Faculty Productions is responsible for some of the most successful recent global touring productions including *Dancing with the Stars: Live!* (BBC Worldwide and ABC), *Move Live on Tour* (Derek Hough and Julianne Hough), *America's Got Talent Live!* (Freemantle Media, Syco Entertainment and NBC), *The Sing-Off Live Tour* (Sony Pictures and NBC), *Glee Live! In Concert!* (FOX and Ryan Murphy Productions), *Big Time Rush Big Time Tour* (Nickelodeon/ Sony Music), *Mixtape Festival* (VH1 and Live Nation) and the *Boston Strong Benefit Concert* (ONE FUND and Live Nation). Additionally, Faculty and Paul are also responsible for the creation and execution of the acclaimed immersive pop-up art exhibit HAPPY PLACE, which started in downtown Los Angeles in November of 2017. This fun-filled Pop-up phenomenon is currently open in Los Angeles until May 27 at the L.A. LIVE.

### **About United Talent Agency**

Leading global talent and entertainment company United Talent Agency represents many of the most acclaimed figures across film, television, news, music, sports, theater, fine art, literature, video games, podcasts and other social and digital content. A passionate advocate for artists, creators and innovators, the company also is recognized in the areas of film finance and packaging, branding, licensing and endorsements. UTA is known for its dedicated digital media group helping clients—from A-list talent to Fortune 500 companies—capitalize on a rapidly changing entertainment, media and business landscape. The agency's worldwide presence includes its Los Angeles headquarters and offices in New York, London, Nashville, Miami and Malmö, Sweden.

### **About Mesa Arts Center**

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios and an artist cooperative gallery. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com).

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