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ABC GIVES AUDIENCES A FIRST LOOK AT THE MILESTONE SEASON PREMIERE OF 'AMERICAN IDOL' AIRING SUNDAY, FEB. 27



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Music industry legends and all-star judges Luke Bryan, Katy Perry and Lionel Richie, along with Emmy[®]-winning producer and host Ryan Seacrest, return to help discover America's next singing sensation for "American Idol"'s fifth season on ABC and 20th season overall on **SUNDAY**, **FEB. 27** (8:00-10:00 p.m. EST), on ABC.

Last season, ABC's "American Idol" ranked as the No. 1 series in its two-hour time period for the second year in a row among Adults 18-49. In addition, "American Idol" finished among the Top 5 unscripted series last season with Total Viewers (No. 4).

"American Idol" is produced by Fremantle and Industrial Media's 19 Entertainment. Executive producers include Megan Wolflick, also serving as showrunner, and Fremantle's Jennifer Mullin and Trish Kinane, with Eli Holzman and Aaron Saidman serving as executive producers for 19 Entertainment. Fremantle distributes the series worldwide.

About ABC Entertainment

ABC Entertainment's compelling programming includes "Grey's Anatomy," the longest-running medical drama in primetime television; ratings juggernaut "The Bachelor" franchise; riveting dramas "Big Sky," "The Good Doctor," "A Million Little Things," "The Rookie," "Station 19" and the new female powerhouse series, "Queens"; trailblazing comedies "black-ish," "The Conners," "The Goldbergs," "Home Economics" and "The Wonder Years," ABC's strongest comedy debut in two years; the popular Summer Fun & Games programming block, including "The \$100,000 Pyramid," "Holey Moley" and "Press Your Luck"; star-making sensation "American Idol"; reality phenomenon "Shark Tank"; family favorites "America's Funniest Home Videos," "Celebrity Family Feud," "Celebrity Wheel of Fortune," "The Chase," "Dancing with the Stars," "Supermarket Sweep" and "To Tell the Truth"; "General Hospital," which has aired for more than 55 years on the network; and late-night talk show "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"; as well as the critically acclaimed, Emmy® Awardwinning "Live in Front of a Studio Audience" specials. The network also boasts some of television's most prestigious awards shows, including "The Oscars®," "The CMA Awards" and the "American Music Awards."

ABC programming can also be viewed on demand and on Hulu.

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