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'LIVE'S 'AMERICAN IDOL' ENCORE' RETURNS TO 'LIVE WITH KELLY AND RYAN'

'Live''s Annual Viewer Poll Will Bring Back a Favorite 'Idol' Finalist for a Special Daytime Encore Performance on Friday, May 28

'American Idol' Finale Airs Sunday, May 23, on ABC

ABC's iconic music competition "American Idol" is racing toward its season finale, with just five contestants still in the running to be named America's next singing sensation.

Ultimately, one "American Idol" winner will be crowned during the grand finale airing on Sunday, May 23, on ABC. But "Idol" fans can play a part in bringing back a favorite finalist for an additional national TV appearance: a special encore performance on "Live with Kelly and Ryan" via "Live's 'American Idol' Encore."

"Live's 'American Idol' Encore" will return Monday, May 24, allowing viewers to choose one of the eliminated Top Ten finalists to perform on "Live." From Monday, May 24, at 9:00 a.m. until Tuesday, May 25, at 9:00 a.m. EDT, viewers will get to weigh in, via an online poll, about which finalist they would most like to see return to national television. On Wednesday, May 26, hosts Kelly Ripa and Ryan Seacrest will announce which of the eliminated "Idol" singers has been selected to appear on "Live" on Friday, May 28.

Further details and the link to the online poll will be available on the "Live" website, <u>KellyandRyan.com</u>, on Monday, May 24.

The 2021 "American Idol" Top 10 are as follows:

Chayce Beckham, Apple Valley, Calif. Casey Bishop, Estero, Fla. Cassandra Coleman, Columbia, Tenn. Deshawn Goncalves, Cleveland, Ohio Arthur Gunn, Wichita, Kan. Caleb Kennedy, Roebuck, S.C. Grace Kinstler, Chicago, Ill. Hunter Metts, Franklin, Tenn. Willie Spence, Douglas, Ga. Alyssa Wray, Perryville, Kentucky

About "Live with Kelly and Ryan"

"Live with Kelly and Ryan" is distributed in national syndication by Disney Media & Entertainment Distribution. The show is produced by WABC-TV in New York and executive produced by Michael Gelman, Kelly Ripa and Ryan Seacrest. Visit "Live" on the web (KellyandRyan.com), Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and SnapChat (@LiveKellyRyan).

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