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ABC WILL ROCK YOU WITH LATEST ITERATION OF THE HIT 'SINGALONG' FRANCHISE, 'THE QUEEN FAMILY SINGALONG,' AIRING THURSDAY, NOV. 4, ON ABC

DARREN CRISS JOINS AS MUSICAL MASTER OF CEREMONIES FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE LEGENDARY ROCK BAND QUEEN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Adam Lambert, Alessia Cara, Derek Hough, Fall Out Boy, Jimmie Allen, JoJo Siwa, OneRepublic, Orianthi, Pentatonix and Alexander Jean Set to Perform

> Cast From Disney's 'The Lion King' and 'Aladdin' on Broadway and Special Guests Miss Piggy and Animal Join the Party





Credit: Amanda Demme

This is real life, not just fantasy! Today, ABC announced "The Queen Family Singalong," the fourth installment of its successful "Singalong" franchise, with Emmy® Award-winning actor and singersongwriter Darren Criss set to host, airing **THURSDAY**, **NOV. 4** (8:00-9:00 p.m. EDT). With this special, one-night-only event, ABC is inviting friends and family from around the country to gather in their living rooms, crank up the volume and rock out for an hour of killer Queen hits, performed by musical artists the whole family knows and loves.

"The Queen Family Singalong" performances include the following:

Adam Lambert – "The Show Must Go On" Derek Hough featuring Alexander Jean – "Another One Bites the Dust" Fall Out Boy – "Under Pressure" Jimmie Allen featuring Miss Piggy – "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" JoJo Siwa and Orianthi – "We Will Rock You" OneRepublic – "We Are the Champions" Pentatonix – "Somebody to Love"

Additional performances to be announced at a later date.

In a celebration of Broadway's reopening, Disney Theatrical Production's Broadway cast members from "The Lion King" and "Aladdin" will come together to perform a showstopping version of "Don't Stop Me Now." Performers include Milo Alosi, Tia Altinay, Lissa DeGuzman, Bonita Hamilton, Mduduzi Madela, Brandon McCall, Michael James Scott and Adrienne Walker.

"The Disney Family Singalong" premiered in April 2020 as TV's highest-rated show among Adults 18-49 on any network on any night since ABC's 2020 broadcast of "The Oscars[®]." The three editions of "The Disney Family Singalong" drew in a combined 29.9 million Total Viewers after 35 days of delayed viewing on linear and digital platforms.

"The Queen Family Singalong" is produced by Done+Dusted. Executive producers include Patrizia Di Maria, RJ Durell, Nick Florez, Hamish Hamilton, Raj Kapoor and Katy Mullan.

About Queen

Sterling songcraft, virtuoso musicality, outrageous glamour, and colossal spectacle: Queen has over five decades continued to find new fans and hold an indelible influence on generations of music makers. Despite the loss of lead singer and songwriting partner Freddie Mercury 30 years ago, Queen's electrifying artistry continues to shake stadiums, galvanize arenas and enthrall audiences worldwide.

The statistics are simply staggering: sales in the hundreds of millions, streams in the billions, an unprecedented string of number one albums and top-charting singles, induction into the Rock and

Roll Hall of Fame, The Songwriters Hall of Fame, MTV Global Icon Award, and songs enshrined in the Grammy Hall of Fame. Queen has spent 966 weeks on the British charts with their "Greatest Hits." It's the bestselling album of all time in the UK, and in the U.S. it has spent over 458 weeks and counting on Billboard's Top 200 Chart. "Greatest Hits" was first released in 1981 and has sold over 25 million units worldwide, is certified 9X platinum in the U.S., and was the No. 1 highest-selling rock album of 2020. The band's sonic and cinematic masterpiece, "Bohemian Rhapsody," is regularly cited as one of the greatest songs ever recorded and was recognized as the world's most-streamed song of the 20th Century. In 2019, "Bohemian Rhapsody," the feature film, defied convention becoming the highest-grossing music biopic of all time, winning the Golden Globe® for Best Picture as well as BAFTA, Golden Globe and Oscar[®] wins for actor Rami Malek for his portrayal of Freddie Mercury.

For generations of rock fans who weren't yet born during Queen's campaign across the globe, the ageless music of Queen is a soundtrack of living history.

About Darren Criss

Since bursting onto the pop-culture landscape over a decade ago, Darren Criss has embodied the kind of kaleidoscopic musicality that's entirely uninhibited by form or genre. Most recently, he released his first-ever holiday album, "A Very Darren Crissmas" (Decca Records), available now.

"A Very Darren Crissmas" is only the latest evidence of Criss' singular gifts as a song interpreter. In 2010, Criss brought those talents to the masses by joining the cast of FOX's massively successful musical series "Glee," eventually landing a 2015 Emmy[®] nomination for Best Original Music and Lyrics for his work in writing "This Time" (a chart-climbing track that appeared on "Glee"'s series finale). In 2017, his EP "Homework" debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Heatseekers Album chart; that same year, he joined his brother, Chuck, in releasing the debut project from their indie-pop band Computer Games. An acclaimed actor whose credits include the titular role of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" on Broadway, Criss starred as serial killer Andrew Cunanan in Ryan Murphy's "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story" in 2018, a widely celebrated turn that earned him a Primetime Emmy Award, Golden Globe[®] Award, Screen Actors Guild Award, and Critics' Choice Award. Through the years he's also written songs for the comedy musical "Royalties," cowrote "Starting Now" for Disney and performed by Brandy, headlined the iHeartRadio Music Festival with Steve Aoki, and in August 2021 delivered his EP "Masquerade" (BMG), a collection he describes as character-driven singles.

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