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Largest Elvis Week Ever Expected at Elvis Presley's Graceland in Memphis, August 9-18

**Ten-Day Event to Celebrate the Music, Life and Legacy of Elvis Presley
with Unprecedented Concerts and Special Performances at
Graceland's New Entertainment Complex**

**Guest Stars include Lisa Marie Presley, First-Ever Appearances by
Music Legends Darlene Love and Dr. Emily "Cissy" Houston,
Plus Many of Elvis' Co-stars and Stage Performers**

Memphis, Tenn. - March 29, 2018 - Fans from around the world will gather at [Graceland](#)[®] in Memphis to celebrate and honor the life of Elvis Presley™ during [Elvis Week™ 2018](#) – which will be the biggest Elvis Week in history. Unprecedented concerts, special performances and guest appearances will take place from August 9 through 18 at Graceland's new entertainment complex, [Elvis Presley's Memphis](#)[™].

Among the very special guests will be **Lisa Marie Presley**, who will appear on stage at the Graceland Soundstage on August 15; Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Legend and Elvis' '68 Comeback Special performer **Darlene Love** live in concert, making her first-ever Elvis Week appearance; Gospel and Soul legend and former Elvis back-up singer **Dr. Emily "Cissy" Houston**, also making her first Elvis Week appearance; Elvis' acclaimed drummer from the TCB Band, **Ronnie Tutt**; and many more.

Highlights of the week's events include a special tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the legendary '68 Comeback Special, a concert and conversation honoring Elvis' gospel recordings, a live concert performance with Elvis on the big screen, a special Lisa Marie Presley autograph opportunity for exclusive ticket package holders, and of course the Candlelight Vigil, held on the evening of August 15. Fans will enjoy stories from people who knew and/or worked with Elvis, bid on auction items, and celebrate with special events throughout the week hosted at Elvis Presley's Graceland complex, which includes the AAA Four-Diamond [Guest House at Graceland](#)[™] resort hotel and the multi-million dollar entertainment and exhibit complex, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

Tickets for all Elvis Week events go on-sale beginning Friday, March 30 at Noon Central time. For additional ticket information, including exclusive Elvis Week packages, visit the [Elvis Week ticket page](#). Most events will take place at the Graceland Soundstage, a state-of-the-art production and performance space in the heart of Graceland's new entertainment and exhibit complex, Elvis Presley's Memphis, directly across the street from Graceland Mansion.

The cornerstone event, the **Candlelight Vigil**, will begin on Wednesday, August 15, at 8:30 p.m. Central Time at Graceland's front gate. Elvis music sets the tone of the evening as fans walk up the driveway to the Meditation Garden. This event lasts throughout the night as thousands of participants gather on Elvis Presley Boulevard listening to music, remembering Elvis and enjoying the memorials that are created by fans along the street.

There is limited availability at The Guest House at Graceland resort hotel on select nights during Elvis Week. Visit [GracelandGuesthouse.com](#) for availability and room reservations.

Celebrities, performers and other information will be updated regularly with new announcements [ElvisWeek.com](#). An overview of the events follow (All times shown are Central Time. Artists and schedule subject to change).

Elvis Week Schedule:

Thursday, August 9

Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest Showcase

1:00 p.m. Guest House Theater, Guest House at Graceland

Join Ultimate Contest host **Joey Sulipeck** for a performance featuring some of our 2018 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest semifinalists as they show off why they will be competing for the title of Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist of 2018.

Friday, August 10

Tupelo, Mississippi – Birthplace of Elvis Presley Graceland Excursion.

Departs The Guest House at Graceland at 8:30 a.m. and returns by 3:30 p.m.

Guests will experience the rural setting of Elvis' upbringing and see where it all began in the two-room house where the King of Rock 'n' Roll was born on January 8, 1935, the church he attended in his youth, and see artifacts from his modest beginnings. Includes **Elvis' Birthplace** and a **Driving Tour of Tupelo**. Book online at [Graceland.com/Excursions](#).

Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest Meet 'n' Greet

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Guest House at Graceland Ballroom.

VIP ticket holders for the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist events will meet and mingle with the 2018 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest semifinalists at a private reception.

Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest Semifinal Round

7:00 p.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

Hosted by **Joey Sulipeck**, the best Elvis tribute artists in the world perform on stage in the Semifinal Round of the 2018 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest as they compete for their

chance to advance to the Final Round of the contest. Backing band for the semifinalists will be the **EAS Band**.

Saturday, August 11

Musical Landmarks of the Mississippi Delta Tour

Departs The Guest House at Graceland at 8:30 a.m. and returns by 6:30 p.m.

The Graceland Excursions Mississippi Delta tour will trace the influences that inspired the creation of rock 'n' roll music. Includes: **Gateway to the Blues Museum, Delta Blues Museum, Grammy Museum Mississippi** and **Southern Sounds at Dockery Farms**. Book online at Graceland.com/Excursions.

36th Annual Elvis 5K Run Benefiting Livitup

8:00 a.m. Run starts and finishes at gates of Graceland.

Livitup Inc. is hosting their annual benefit 5K run which also includes a post-race and a party featuring food and music. For more information, call Kelly Burrow at 901-299-2553, email kburrow@livitupinc.org or visit elvispresleyrunandwalk.racesonline.com.

ELVIS: The Greatest Hits Ultimate Tribute Artist Show

7:00 p.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

A concert tribute to Elvis' chart-topping hits from studio, stage and screen, starring some of the past Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest finalists. Performers to be announced soon.

Sunday, August 12

Elvis Presley Fan Club Presidents' Event

10:00 a.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

This event will feature special programming that celebrates both Elvis and his dedicated fan clubs. Special guest speakers will be **Rex and Elisabeth Mansfield**. Rex served in the Army with Elvis and became a close friend. Elisabeth became romantically involved with Elvis but was torn between her love for Elvis and her love for Rex – and she eventually chose Rex and they married in 1960.

The Auction at Graceland

12:30 p.m. Guest House Theater, The Guest House at Graceland.

Free to attend; must register to bid.

The Auction at Graceland will include artifacts from across the spectrum of collecting, including items owned by Elvis, gifted by Elvis, written by Elvis, used by Elvis and created to promote the king and his career. Every lot in this auction has been thoroughly researched and certified by Graceland Authenticated, the authority in Elvis and pop culture authentication. Visit GracelandAuctions.com.

Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest Final Round

7:00 p.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

Hosted by **Joey Sulipeck**, the top 10 Elvis tribute artists from the Semifinal Round compete for the 2018 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest title. The group is narrowed down from ten to five before the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist of 2018 is named. Backing band will be the **EAS Band**.

Monday, August 13

Elvis Fan Reunion

1:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom, The Guest House at Graceland.

Fans from around the world will gather to re-connect, meet new friends, share stories, play Elvis team trivia and much more.

Darlene Love in Concert

7:00 p.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

One of *Rolling Stone's* 100 Greatest Singers of All Time, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and lead singer for The Blossoms, who sang with Elvis Presley in the '68 Comeback Special, Darlene Love will rock the Graceland Soundstage in her first-ever appearance at Elvis Week, live in concert. Darlene and her band will perform the hits that made rock 'n' roll history, such as "He's a Rebel," "The Boy I'm Going to Marry" and "Da Doo Ron Ron," plus a special tribute to Elvis.

Elvis Week Dance Party

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Grand Ballroom, The Guest House at Graceland.

Elvis Radio DJ Argo spins favorite Elvis records while fans dance the night away at the Elvis Week Dance Party event. The night will feature dancing, games and giveaways.

Tuesday, August 14

Conversations on Elvis: Co-stars

10:00 a.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

The event will feature some of those who shared the big screen with Elvis in one of his 31 feature films. Hosted by **Tom Brown**, confirmed guests include: **Darlene Love**, who sang alongside Elvis in the '68 Comeback Special; **Michael Dante**, who co-starred with Elvis in "Kid Galahad"; plus more guests to be announced soon.

Inside the Archives

3:00 p.m. Guest House Theater, The Guest House at Graceland.

Archivists will present some of the most unique and prized items in the Graceland Archives. Limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Gospel Music of Elvis Presley Celebration Concert

7:00 p.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

A special evening to celebrate the gospel music of Elvis Presley, featuring the music that not only influenced Elvis, but that also earned him his only three Grammy® Awards. Special guest performers for the evening include some who shared the stage with Elvis including former members of **JD Sumner and the Stamps Quartet**.

Wednesday, August 15

Conversations on Elvis: Gospel

10:00 a.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

Hosted by **Andy Childs**, this event features those who spent many hours performing gospel music alongside Elvis, both on and off stage, plus a very special guest appearance by **Lisa Marie Presley**, who will share her thoughts about her dad's love of gospel. Other confirmed guests include: **Dr. Emily "Cissy" Houston**, who was a member of The Sweet Inspirations, making her first appearance at Elvis Week; former members of **The Stamps Quartet**; and **Armond Morales**, who performed with Elvis as part of The Imperials.

A Musical Salute to Elvis

4:30 p.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

This concert the afternoon before the Candlelight Vigil will celebrate both Elvis' music, and the music that influenced him. Starring Rockabilly and Outlaw Country artist **Dale Watson**, with more artists to be announced soon.

Candlelight Vigil

8:30 p.m. Graceland Front Gate.

After an opening ceremony at the Gates of Graceland, fans are invited to walk up the driveway to Elvis' gravesite and back down carrying a candle in quiet remembrance. Gates remain open until all who wish to participate in the procession have done so, which typically takes until the early morning hours of August 16, the anniversary of Elvis' passing.

Thursday, August 16

Conversations on Elvis: '68 Special

10:00 a.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

This event will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Elvis' groundbreaking television special "Elvis" – or known to many fans as the "'68 Comeback Special." Hosted by Tom Brown, special guests will include **Tanya Lemani George**, the belly dancer who performed during "Little Egypt" and more guests to be announced soon.

'68 Special 50th Anniversary Celebration

7:00 p.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

A celebration of Elvis' groundbreaking NBC television special that aired in December 1968, "Elvis." The show will feature an enhanced screening of what has become known as Elvis' "'68 Comeback Special" with live music, special guest appearances and performers, and much more. More details about this special event to be announced soon.

Friday, August 17

Conversations on Elvis: Elvis Connections

10:00 a.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

Hosted by **Tom Brown**, the event will feature those who had a connection with Elvis both personal to professional. Special guests this year include: **Ann Moses**, who was editor at "Tiger Beat Magazine" from 1965 – 1972 and sat on the stage for Elvis' "'68 Comeback Special," toured Elvis' and Colonel Parker's offices, observed filming for "Change of Habit" and attended Elvis'

opening show in July 1969 in Vegas; **Billy Blackwood**, James Blackwood's younger son, who toured with Voice, the opening act for the Elvis Presley in the 1970s; **Donna Rhodes Morris**, who was called to American Sound Studios by Chips Moman to sing harmony on the original Elvis recordings of Elvis' "In The Ghetto," "Kentucky Rain" and "Suspicious Minds"; and more guests to be announced.

Party at Elvis Presley's Memphis

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Elvis Presley's Memphis.

This special party at Elvis Presley's Memphis will feature live music and complimentary hors d'oeuvres, plus all the exhibits open with a Graceland Archivist who can answer questions. The evening will also feature games such as Elvis trivia.

Saturday, August 18

Elvis Week Brunch

9:30 a.m. Grand Ballroom, The Guest House at Graceland.

Enjoy a classic Memphis breakfast buffet at The Guest House while enjoying special Elvis programming. Hosted by Tom Brown, our special guest for this event will be TCB band member **Ronnie Tutt**, who played drums for Elvis both on-stage and in the studio from 1969 to 1977. Ronnie will share some of his favorite stories and memories of working with Elvis.

Elvis Live in Concert - with an All-Star Band

7:00 p.m. Graceland Soundstage, Elvis Presley's Memphis.

Celebrate the King of Rock 'n' Roll's greatest hits with Elvis live in concert and on the big screen, in the tradition of Elvis' legendary, live concert tours. A live, rock 'n' roll all-star band will accompany Elvis and bring this stage production to life at Graceland with former members of **The Stamps Quartet** and a very special guest appearance by TCB band member **Ronnie Tutt**. A not-to-be-missed concert event.

For additional ticket information, including exclusive Elvis Week packages and to purchase tickets beginning March 30, 2018, visit the [Elvis Week ticket page](#).

All guests, times, prices and details are subject to change. All ticket sales are final and non-refundable.

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Elvis Presley's Graceland, in Memphis, is music's most important and beloved landmark, with hundreds of thousands of fans from around the world visiting the historic home each year. Elvis Presley Enterprises, Inc. (EPE) manages the operations of Graceland and its related properties, including [Elvis Presley's Memphis](#), Graceland's new entertainment and exhibition complex over 200,000 square feet in size; the AAA Four-Diamond [Guest House at Graceland](#) 450-room hotel; and the Graceland Archives, featuring thousands of artifacts from Elvis' home and career. EPE also produces and licenses Elvis-themed live events, tours and attractions worldwide. Graceland Holdings LLC, led by managing partner Joel Weinshanker, is the majority owner of EPE. Auction A Circle and Graceland Auctions TNGL#5967 is the entity that manages Auctions at Graceland. Graceland was recently named "Best Tennessee

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