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Gospel Music Icon Kirk Franklin to Bring the ‘Long Live Love Tour’ to the Soundstage at Graceland

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (March 27, 2019) – Music legend Kirk Franklin will bring his iconic contemporary gospel sound to Graceland Live on July 20, 2019 as part of his Long Live Love Tour. The tour follows the announcement of Franklin as host of the upcoming 34th Annual Stellar Awards and the May 2019 release of his thirteenth studio album, *Long Live Love*.

For more than 25 years, Franklin’s high energy, powerful music has been consistently found at the top of Gospel and Christian charts. The debut of Kirk Franklin & The Family in the early ‘90s forever changed the look and sound of gospel music forever, and Franklin continues to bridge the gap between gospel, hip-hop, pop and R&B. His genre-bending music and collaborations with a diverse array of artists have earned him numerous accolades, including 13 GRAMMY wins and 23 nominations, 43 Stellar Awards, nine NAACP Image Awards, four Billboard Music Awards, three BET Awards and an American Music Award, among other honors.

Early access pre-sale tickets go on sale Thursday, March 28 at 10 a.m. CDT (11 a.m. EDT) and are available to fans that visit www.gracelandlive.com and sign up for LiveFeed, Graceland’s exclusive newsletter that includes special announcements and promotions. General public tickets go on sale to fans Friday, March 29 at 12 p.m. CDT (1 p.m. EDT). Tickets can be purchased directly at www.gracelandlive.com or by calling 877-777-0606.

Fans that purchase tickets to Kirk Franklin’s July 20 Soundstage at Graceland concert will also receive a digital download code for Franklin’s *Long Live Love* album in May.

Full list of shows already confirmed for 2019 Graceland Live concerts and shows include:

- **April 6** – Billy Gardell (**Graceland Guest House Theater**)
- **April 13** – George Thorogood and The Destroyers (**Soundstage at Graceland**)
- **April 19** – Buckcherry (**Soundstage at Graceland**)
- **April 27** – Frank Turner & The Sleeping Souls (**Soundstage at Graceland**)
- **May 3** – Allman Betts Band (**Soundstage at Graceland**)
- **May 16** – Violent Femmes + X (**Soundstage at Graceland**)

- **June 2** – Stryper (**Soundstage at Graceland**)
- **June 16** – Boz Scaggs (**Soundstage at Graceland**)
- **June 22** – Chubby Checker & The Wildcats (**Soundstage at Graceland**)
- **July 6** – Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo (**Soundstage at Graceland**)
- **July 20**– Kirk Franklin (**Soundstage at Graceland**) - *New*
- **August 21** – Brian Setzer’s Rockabilly Riot (**Soundstage at Graceland**)
- **September 1** – Hot Tuna Electric (**Soundstage at Graceland**)

As with all Graceland Live shows, each ticket purchase includes free access to [Elvis Presley’s Memphis™](#) entertainment and exhibit complex after 3 p.m. the day of the show.

Full details about Graceland Live, including upcoming shows and promotions, is available online at [GracelandLive.com](#).

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For booking opportunities, please contact Sean Striegel at seanstriegel@livenation.com.

About Graceland and Elvis Presley Enterprises, Inc.

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 resort 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. Graceland is the only attraction worldwide to ever receive six USA Today 10Best Readers’ Choice Awards: in 2019 it was voted “Best Tennessee Attraction and Iconic Landmark, in 2018, it was voted “Best Tennessee Attraction” and “Best Holiday Historic Home Tour,” in 2015 voted the world’s “Best Musical Attraction” and “Best Historic Southern Attraction,” and in 2013 voted the #1 “Iconic American Attraction.” In 2018 TripAdvisor Travelers’ Choice Awards named Graceland one of the top 25 landmarks in the world and Rolling Stone named it one of 10 Great American Music Landmarks. For more information on EPE and Graceland, visit www.graceland.com.

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