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## Country Cruising adds to star-studded lineup featuring Randy Travis, Craig Morgan, Drake White, Alana Springsteen, Paul Overstreet, Kin Faux, Dirty Grass Soul, Tiera Kennedy plus ++

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (March 26, 2026) – Country Cruising has added to their unique and star-studded lineup, which already features Country Music Hall of Fame legend Randy Travis (with his "More Life Tour"), newly announced 2026 Country Music Hall of Fame inductee Paul Overstreet, country hit-maker Craig Morgan, and many more. Newly announced artists include Country-Soul troubadour Drake White, rising artist-songwriter Alana Springsteen, powerful, genre-bending songwriter Tiera Kennedy, soulful singer-songwriter James Otto, country-rock performer KC Johns, Texas band Kin Faux, rising musician Maggie Baugh, and alt-rockers Mike Miz. Additional previously announced performers include James Dupré, Chad Bushnell, and Dirty Grass Soul. Stay tuned for additional lineup announcements and cruise news coming soon. For more information and to book your cabin now, visit [www.countrycruising.com](http://www.countrycruising.com).



Honey" with Tiësto, and recently announced her sophomore album, I HOPE THIS HELPS, arriving May 29, alongside news of her ALANA SPRINGSTEEN: LIVE IN EUROPE headline summer tour, which will visit cities including London, Manchester, Glasgow, and Belfast, kicking off July 3 in Riiza, Spain and wrapping with a two-night stand in Breim, Norway on July 10 and 11.

Traillblazing performer, Tiera Kennedy has made her own lane with her R&B, country, and gospel influenced music. Last year, she was featured on Beyoncé's GRAMMY award-winning record Cowboy Carter, collaborating with the icon on tracks "BLACKBIRD" and "TY-RANT." Kennedy has also opened for fellow acts Kelsea Ballerini, Nelly, and The War & Treaty, and continues to host "The Tiera Show" daily on Apple Music Country. Her latest single, "The Giver," is out now.

Country Cruising is the ultimate country music festival at sea - bringing fans together with the legends they love, the hitmakers they know, and the rising stars they will soon discover. We curate a one-of-a-kind environment where iconic artists, acclaimed singer-songwriters, and emerging talent share the stage through intimate acoustic sets, rare collaborations, and programming you can't experience anywhere else. Featuring top vacation destinations, Country Cruising delivers unique excursions off and onboard, including catamaran sailing, local food tours, city sightseeing, ziplining, snorkeling, and much more. Next spring, the Celebrity Summit will sail to Cozumel, Belize, and Costa Maya for a tropical vacation featuring a top-tier lineup of songwriters and performers. Previously announced talent for the 7th Anniversary cruise includes Randy Travis' More Life Tour, Craig Morgan, Paul Overstreet, James Dupré, and Whey Jennings. Additional artists will be announced in the coming months. Since its inception, Country Cruising has long been known for its variety of itineraries and live shows. Past performers include Blake Shelton, Trace Young, Kelsea Ballerini, Chris Adkins, LOCASH, Clay Walker, Taylor Austin Dye, and many more. To book your cabin

This lineup follows last month's cruise announcement, with the Celebrity Summit setting sail April 11-18, 2027. Departing from Tampa, Florida, the ship will visit the Western Caribbean, including ports Cozumel, Belize, and Costa Maya. Guests will be treated to unique excursions, writers rounds, and experiences you can't experience anywhere else.

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Bringing undeniable Soul, upbeat energy, and unbreakable heart to the ship, Drake White makes the kind of music that can turn your day around. With over 500 million global streams, his music possesses a rare ability to strike an emotional chord with his unflinchingly honest storytelling heard in fan-favorite tracks such as "Makin' Me Look Good Again," "Livin' The Dream," and "Power of a

Woman." He has guested on The Kelly Clarkson Show and received praise from Entertainment Tonight, People, American Songwriter, and MusicRow among others. A road warrior, he continues to sell out headline shows, while giving back whenever possible. After surviving a stroke on stage, he created and headlined the "Benefit For The

Brain" charity concert to raise awareness and funds for brain health. White will join Riley Green's "Cowboy As It Gets" tour for select dates this spring. Lauded by GRAMMY.com for "Speaking To An Entire Generation," artist-songwriter Alana Springsteen has captivated Country music with multiple critically-acclaimed hits, including

the RIAA Gold-certified "good-bye looks good on you (feat. Mitchell Tenpenny)" from her landmark debut album TWENTY SOMETHING. The Virginia Beach-bred musician has toured with superstars Keith Urban and Luke Bryan, earned her first No. 1 single, "Hot

## Ebony and Louisville Tourism set to bring spirit of Louisville, Kentucky and New York City in 3rd Annual Sensory Soirée

BROOKLYN, N.Y., March 24, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- EBONY and Louisville Tourism will bring the spirit, culture, and creativity of Louisville, Kentucky, to New York City with the third annual Sensory Soirée, an afternoon designed to give guests a taste of the city through all five senses.

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Williams, celebrating the musical diversity that defines Louisville's creative community. Guests will explore Louisville through activations inspired by the five senses. Food and bourbon flights will offer Kentucky-inspired bites paired with selections from the event's bourbon partner, Angel's Envy. A hands-on photo activation will feature a live sketch artist to create bespoke illustrations of guests in their Derby ensembles. The event will also spotlight Louisville's vibrant art scene with a special display featuring historical images of Black jockeys.

By blending food, music, art, and interactive elements, the Sensory Soirée offers New Yorkers a multidimensional introduction to Louisville—demonstrating why the city continues to be a dynamic destination for culture, creativity, and hospitality.

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## Redwood Art Group presents 4-day Artexpo New York program for 49th annual edition April 9-12

The Spotlight Program, Art Labs, Discoveries Collection. Meet the Artists and Live Demonstrations make up a four-day program for the 49th annual edition.

New York, NY – March 26, 2026: Redwood Art Group, the nation's leader in exhibitions and event production, media, and marketing for the global art community, announces the schedule of programming for its highly anticipated four-day showcase, Artexpo New York 2026, taking place at Pier 36, located at 299 South Street in Manhattan, from Thursday, April 9 to Sunday, April 12. Advance tickets can now be purchased by visiting <https://redwoodartgroup.com/artexpo-new-york/>.

The annual fine art destination, now in its 49th year, will host more than 170 innovative exhibiting galleries, art publishers and dealers, and artists from around the globe across 70,000 square feet of convention space, showcasing original work of 1000+ artists that includes prints, paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography, ceramics, giclee, lithographs and glass works, among other contemporary and fine art. This year's program features an extensive series of daily activities for attendees, that includes the Spotlight Program, a focused look at several cutting-edge galleries and artists chosen by the Redwood Art Group selection committee; Art Labs, a series of outstanding projects by leading galleries and artists within the fair; Meet The Artists and Live Demonstrations, presenting an interactive experience—allowing attendees to get up-close-and-personal with the artists, and Discoveries Collection – selections of artwork chosen by the Artexpo New York curatorial team that make up a group of amazing discoveries throughout the fair.



"We're pleased to announce this year's programming schedule for the 49th edition of Artexpo New York," says Eric Smith, President and CEO of Redwood Art Group. "Each year we welcome an eclectic collection of exhibitors from around the world, from established and emerging artists to fine art photographers, gallery collectives, art dealers and publishers – all of whom in-coversies throughout the fair.

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Taking place Saturday, April 11, from 1:00-4:00 PM at The Greenpoint Loft (67 West St., Brooklyn, NY), the curated experience will highlight Louisville's rich cultural heritage, vibrant arts scene, and renowned culinary and bourbon traditions. Hosted by Jonathan Elias, the afternoon will feature a dynamic lineup of music, interactive experiences, and sensory activations that bring Louisville's unique character to life.

## Beale Street Live premieres video from twin musical duo PRVLG filmed at historic New Daisy

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Beale Street Live, a live recording series spotlighting Memphis musical talent, will debut its next video release on Friday, April 3, featuring a soulful performance from twin musical duo, The PRVLG. Filmed at the New Daisy Theatre on Beale Street, the performance will premiere on the Downtown Memphis YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/@DowntownMemphis](http://youtube.com/@DowntownMemphis).

Presented by the Downtown Memphis Commission and Beale Street Management,

Beale Street Live aims to bring the intimacy and authenticity of Memphis music digitally to fans everywhere. The series launched in May 2025 with a captivating set by Savannah Brister, followed in September 2025 by Talibah Safiya, whose recordings can be viewed on the DMC's YouTube Channel.

To attend the next Beale Street Live taping and stay in the loop on future performances, sign up for the Beale Street Beat newsletter.



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## “That’s Showbiz, Baby” turns heartbreak into a classic country comeback melody for Nashville-based Texas-born singer-songwriter Abbey Cone

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March 27, 2026 – Nashville-based, Texas-born singer/songwriter Abbey Cone turns heartbreak into a comeback on new single “That’s Showbiz Baby.” Co-produced by traditional country torchbearers Jack Schneider and Matt Andrews, the song once again finds Abbey returning to her classic country roots to close the curtain on a toxic relationship, take her bow and step back into the spotlight that her ex once dimmed. The new track follows the “sharp, empowering anthem” (All Country News) “Change The Man,” which Abbey released earlier this year to attention from Country Central, Holler and Billboard who called the track a “Must Hear New Country Song.”

In April, Abbey will hit the road with country superstar Josh Turner for a run of dates across Texas, Louisiana and Alabama. For a full list of dates, please see below or visit [abbeycone.com](http://abbeycone.com). Watch the official visualizer for “That’s Showbiz Baby” via YouTube

Abbey shares: “This is a song about unapologetically moving on because...well, that’s showbiz, baby!”

Already this year, Abbey has amassed millions of views on TikTok from fans who relate to the no-nonsense message of “Change The Man.” Now, with “That’s Showbiz Baby,” she’s



moving into the next chapter of this story where she’s found happiness with someone who supports her success. With even more new music on the horizon, Abbey has fully stepped into a sound that owes less to the shiny, pop country of the last 20 years and more to the classic country she grew up singing during her formative years in a rodeo family

in Fort Worth, TX. Last year, Abbey released her critically-acclaimed debut LP Greener, which earned praise from Music Row, Wide Open Country, Holler, The Luna Collective, All Country News and many more. The album featured

appearances from Joy Oladokun and John Osborne of the Brothers Osborne, as well as the anthemic smash “If You Were A Song,” which currently sits at over 18 million streams on Spotify alone. A chronological retelling of a breakup, the record begins with

the unmatched highs of all-out infatuation, then quickly pivots to the anxiety, melancholy and grief of loss before finally settling into the quiet clarity of closure.

Since moving to Nashville at age 16, Abbey has played the Grand Ole Opry (after being invited by Vince Gill himself), Stagecoach, CMA Fest and C2C Festival, toured with Kimberly Perry, Mickey Guyton, Morgan Wade and Fancy Hagood, started her own writers round series called The Pony Show, joined Brittney Spencer at her Tiny Desk performance, teamed up with Mat Kearney for a duet version of “Good Thing Going On” and co-wrote “Leaving Home” with Gill from one of his recent 50 Years From Home EPs.

2026 Tour Dates (w/ Josh Turner)  
May 21 – Lubbock, TX – The Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts  
May 22 – Abilene, TX – Abilene Auditorium  
May 23 – Shreveport, LA – Shreveport Municipal Auditorium  
May 28 – Birmingham, AL – Alabama Theatre  
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or learn more about Country Cruising, visit [www.countrycruising.com](http://www.countrycruising.com).

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Flying Dutchmen Travel (FDT) specializes in crafting unforgettable experiences for every kind of traveler. Founded in 1974, FDT has become known for its personalized service and commitment to excellence, having served over 80,000 guests from across the globe. With offerings including music-themed cruises, family getaways, or adventurous river boats, every journey is uniquely tailored to each customer's desires. In 2010, FDT broke new ground by booking its first music charter with Royal Caribbean Cruise Line (RCL). The move transformed the industry and helped FDT become RCL's number-one charter client in just ten years. Previous music cruises have featured award-winning artists including Blake Shelton, Clay Walker, LOCASH, Melissa Etheridge, Kenny Loggins, and Dave Koz, allowing fans to connect with their favorite performers onboard. As the only woman-owned agency in the music charter space, the staff brings a fresh perspective to every itinerary. To explore FDT's new offerings or to start planning your next adventure, visit [flyingdutchmentravel.com](http://flyingdutchmentravel.com).

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teract with seasoned collectors from across the globe. We are especially excited about this year's Discoveries Collection — amazing works, affordable at \$3,000 or less. Look for them throughout the fair.”

Hosting more than 15,000 avid art enthusiasts, including 2,000+ trade representatives every year, Artexpo New York is the largest international gathering of qualified trade buyers—including gallery owners and managers, art dealers, interior designers, publishers, architects, corporate art buyers, and art and framing retailers. Attendees will have an opportunity to browse thousands of innovative new works of art and enjoy specific programming. Avid art enthusiasts and industry leaders will return to enjoy [SOLO], highlighting established and independent emerging artists. This year's Artexpo New York will also feature its annual lineup of programming within the Artexpo Pavilion and [SOLO] Pavilion. The Opening Night VIP Preview for Artexpo New York takes place on Thursday, April 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The fair continues for the public and trade on Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12, starting at 11:00 a.m. daily, with advance tickets priced at \$30 for general admission.

Since its launch in 2016, the Spotlight Program has continued to be a highlight of Artexpo New York's programming and events. This year's recipients are bringing their cutting-edge talent to the forefront of the art world. The six Spotlight Program recipients for 2026 include Artwise Online (Booth 432), Catherine Blackburn (Booth S507), Christian Burham (Booth S307), Christopher Lotus (Booth 104), Drew Marc Gallery (Booth 215), and Museo Gallery (Booth 301).

Meet The Artists and Live Demonstrations presents an interactive experience—allowing attendees to get up-close-and-personal with the exhibiting ar-

tistic talent who are at the height of their game, pushing boundaries with their creativity, and inspiring us with their newest collection and live art creations. This year's participating exhibitors include Alfred Addo from Addo Gallery (Booth 318), Barry E. Jackson from Barry E. Jackson Fine Art (Booth S203), Caridad Sola from K-Art Projects USA (Booth 109), Elke Schmoelzer from The Gallery Steiner (Booth 209), Haydn Lewis from Haydn's Art (Booth S314), Henry Reyes from Philmy Portraits (Booth S213), Jacqueline Rudolph from Jacqueline Rudolph Studio (Booth S400), Jordan Barker (Booth 108), Juan Luis Perez from K-Art Projects USA (Booth 109), Luis Alvarez Roure from Artavita / World Wide Art (Booth 107), Micha Kuechenhoff & Grant Rosen from ArtNWordz (Booth 300), and Robert David Atkinson from Robert David Atkinson Photography (Booth 434).

This year's Art Labs feature a series of outstanding projects by leading galleries and artists presented on-site within the fair, and include: Jason Perez Art Collective by Jason Perez (Jason Perez Art Collective Lounge, Mezzanine level), “Second Glance—Art That Moves You” by K-Art Projects USA and artists Carola Orieta Sperman and Christian A. Albaracin (Booth 109), “Social Media Slave” a mixed media sculpture by Juan Luis Perez (Artexpo Entrance), and “Fleeting Moments, Timeless Emotion” by Artavita / World Wide Art (Booth 107).

The Artexpo New York Discoveries Collection presents a selection of unique discoveries from this year's artists and exhibitors, selected by the Artexpo New York curatorial team as its favorite pieces of affordable and highly collectible art throughout the fair—each one priced at \$3,000 or less.

