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AMERICAN IDOL XIV

AMERICAN IDOL, the original music show phenomenon, is back with its search for a superstar. Returning in January 2015, AMERICAN IDOL XIV will continue to bring generations together to cheer and vote for their favorite contestants and crown America's next singing sensation.

IDOL is the gold standard and the only TV singing competition show to produce hit recording artists. From the first-ever IDOL winner, Kelly Clarkson, who continues to dominate the charts with three Grammy Awards under her belt; to Season Four winner Carrie Underwood, who has sold 15 million albums worldwide, with 16 No. 1 singles and five Grammy Awards, to Season 11 winner Phillip Phillips, whose debut single, "Home," has become the best-selling single of any IDOL to date, AMERICAN IDOL is a bona fide cultural phenomenon.

IDOL's impact on the entertainment industry resonates beyond the scope of television. Over the past 13 seasons, IDOL finalists have released more than 200 albums, scored 420 No.1 Billboard hits, garnered more than 250 million iTunes downloads and have been certified with 95 Gold and 83 Platinum records. IDOL contestants have conquered Broadway, television and film and have won numerous awards and accolades, including American Country Music Awards, Country Music Awards, Grammy Awards and an Academy Award.

Every year, tens of thousands of hopefuls from across the nation audition for a shot to be the next singing superstar, but only a select few have what it takes to make it to the top. The show's judges will travel across the country, with stops in Minneapolis, MN; New Orleans, LA; Long Island, NY; Nashville, TN; and San Francisco, CA, searching for those who have the potential to transform from an everyday singer into a successful, Platinum-recording artist. Those who had the singing chops were invited to Hollywood in hopes of making their dream become a reality.

The judges have their say after every performance, but it's the viewing public that holds all the cards and determines who will advance to become a finalist and who will go home. Telephone, text message and online voting begin at the top of the show each live performance show, and the results are announced during the following night's live broadcast.

Eventually the competition is narrowed down to a winner, who is awarded a major recording contract with 19 Recordings and the AMERICAN IDOL title. Past winners Clarkson, Ruben Studdard, Fantasia Barrino, Carrie Underwood, Taylor Hicks, Jordin Sparks, David Cook, Kris Allen, Lee DeWyze, Scotty McCreery, Phillips and Candice Glover, as well as fan-favorites Jennifer Hudson, Adam Lambert, Chris Daughtry and Katharine McPhee, have all become household names and made their marks on the recording industry.

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