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LUKE BRYAN TO SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT SUPER BOWL LI ON FOX

Country music superstar **LUKE BRYAN** will sing the National Anthem as part of Super Bowl LI pregame festivities at NRG Stadium in Houston on Sunday, February 5, the NFL and FOX announced today. The performance will be televised live on FOX prior to kickoff.

The Super Bowl is annually the most-watched television program. Bryan's performance of the National Anthem in Houston will be his first time appearing on the Super Bowl stage.

Bryan is a two-time Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year and has hosted the ACM Awards for four consecutive years. Since the debut of his first album in 2007, he has placed 17 singles at No.1 and sold nearly eight million albums. His fifth studio album, *Kill The Lights*, is certified Platinum and has sold 3.5 million tracks with over 400 million streams.

Bryan joins the ranks of many great performers who have sang the Super Bowl National Anthem including: Lady Gaga, Idina Menzel, Renée Fleming, Alicia Keys, Billy Joel, Diana Ross, Neil Diamond, Whitney Houston, Harry Connick, Jr., Garth Brooks, Natalie Cole, Vanessa Williams, Luther Vandross, Cher, Faith Hill, Mariah Carey, Dixie Chicks, Beyoncé Knowles, Christina Aguilera and many more. *(A complete list of National Anthem performers from past Super Bowls is listed below.)*

In addition, on behalf of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), actor **KRISTON LEE PUMPHREY** will perform in American Sign Language both the National Anthem and "America The Beautiful".

The NFL previously announced that **LADY GAGA**, who performed the National Anthem prior to Super Bowl 50, will headline the Pepsi Zero Sugar Super Bowl LI Halftime Show. The pregame and halftime shows are an **NFL NETWORK PRODUCTION** and will be executive produced by **RICKY KIRSHNER**.

SUPER BOWL NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMERS

Super Bowl	Performer	Super Bowl	Performer
Super Bowl I	Universities of Arizona & Michigan	Super Bowl	Garth Brooks (Signed by Marlee Matlin)

	Bands	XXVII	
Super Bowl II	Grambling University Band	Super Bowl XXVIII	Natalie Cole with Atlanta University Center Chorus (Signed by Courtney Keel Foley)
Super Bowl III	Anita Bryant (Pledge of Allegiance by Apollo Astronauts)	Super Bowl XXIX	Kathie Lee Gifford (Signed by Heather Whitestone)
Super Bowl IV	Al Hirt (Pledge of Allegiance by Astronauts)	Super Bowl XXX	Vanessa Williams (Signed by Mary Kim Titla)
Super Bowl V	Tommy Loy (trumpeter)	Super Bowl XXXI	Luther Vandross (Signed by Erika Schwarz)
Super Bowl VI	U.S. Air Force Academy Chorale	Super Bowl XXXII	Jewel (Signed by Phyllis Frelich)
Super Bowl VII	Andy Williams & Little Angels of Holy Angels Church (Chicago) Pledge of Allegiance by Apollo 17 crew	Super Bowl XXXIII	Cher (Signed by Speaking Hands)
Super Bowl VIII	Charlie Pride	Super Bowl XXXIV	Faith Hill (Signed by Briarlake Elementary School Signing Choir)
Super Bowl IX	Grambling University Band with Mardi Gras Chorus	Super Bowl XXXV	Backstreet Boys (Signed by Tom Cooney); "America The Beautiful" performed by Ray Charles
Super Bowl X	Tom Sullivan	Super Bowl XXXVI	Mariah Carey (Signed by Joe Narcisse); "America The Beautiful" performed by Mary J. Blige & Marc Anthony
Super Bowl XI	Vicki Carr (America the Beautiful)	Super Bowl XXXVII	Dixie Chicks (Signed by Janet Maxwell); "God Bless America" performed by Celine Dion
Super Bowl XII	Phyllis Kelly of NE Louisiana State University	Super Bowl XXXVIII	Beyoncé Knowles (Signed by Suzanna Christy)
Super Bowl XIII	Colgate University Thirteen	Super Bowl XXXIX	More than 100 representatives from the four branches of the military (Signed by Wesley Tallent)
Super Bowl XIV	Cheryl Ladd	Super Bowl XL	Aaron Neville and Dr. John with Aretha Franklin & Detroit based 150-member choir (Signed by Angela LaGuardia of Michigan School for Deaf).
Super Bowl XV	Helen O'Connell	Super Bowl XLI	Billy Joel (Signed by Marlee Matlin and Jason Hay-Southwell)
Super Bowl XVI	Diana Ross	Super Bowl XLII	Jordin Sparks (Signed by A Dreamer)
Super Bowl XVII	Leslie Easterbrook	Super Bowl XLIII	Jennifer Hudson (Signed by Kristen Santos)
Super Bowl XVIII	Barry Manilow	Super Bowl XLIV	Carrie Underwood (Signed by Kinesha Battles)
Super Bowl XIX	Children's Choir of San Francisco	Super Bowl XLV	Christina Aguilera (Signed by Candice Villesca)
Super Bowl XX	Wynton Marsalis	Super Bowl XLVI	Kelly Clarkson (Signed by Rachel Mazique)
Super Bowl XXI	Neil Diamond	Super Bowl	Alicia Keys (Signed by John Maucere)

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Super Bowl XXII	Herb Alpert	Super Bowl XLVIII	Renée Fleming (Signed by Amber Zion)
Super Bowl XXIII	Billy Joel	Super Bowl XLIX	Idina Menzel (Signed by Treshelle Edmond)
Super Bowl XXIV	Aaron Neville	Super Bowl 50	Lady Gaga (Signed by Marlee Matlin)
Super Bowl XXV	Whitney Houston	Super Bowl LI	Luke Bryan (Signed by Kriston Pumphrey)
Super Bowl XXVI	Harry Connick, Jr. (Signed by Lori Hilary)		

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ABOUT LUKE BRYAN

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His concert tours have consistently sold out shows across North America including many NFL Stadiums like the Patriot's Gillette Stadium where Luke played back-to back sold out concerts last summer. Luke has also sold out Chicago's Soldier Field, Cleveland's First Energy Stadium, the AT&T Stadium in Dallas, Denver's Sports Authority Field at Mile High, Ford Field in Detroit, the home of the Vikings at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh's Heinz Field, and Levi Stadium in San Francisco. His 2015 tour played for 1.5 million fans and in 2016 he entertained 1.6 million fans on his "Kill The Lights Tour." That tour continues this spring with a new tour planned for the summer.

ABOUT KRISTON LEE PUMPHREY

Kriston Lee Pumphrey is a performing artist who is working as a news anchor at the Deaf Professional Arts Network (DPAN-TV). Kriston Lee graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 2009 with a degree in business and communication. Kriston Lee co-founded ColorFest, a Deaf LGBT leadership conference for college students that is hosted both at Gallaudet University and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Kriston Lee is involved in various community related advocacy work and currently serves on the board of a D.C. based nonprofit organization that strives to end sexual assault and domestic violence within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

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