



Dierks Bentley Plans Powerful 'Riser' Performance for July 4

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This Independence Day, Dierks Bentley marks an item off his bucket list: He's set to perform on Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular.

"I've watched it many times and seen all the acts on there," he told ABC News. "You know, I've had a chance to perform at the Capitol building, which is amazing, in front of the steps of the Capitol for the 4th of July, but I've never had a chance to do it in New York City."

He continued, "So, this is a big deal and a huge honor to be part of it. It's going to be great."

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When it comes to which songs he'll sing tonight, Bentley, 39, believes a couple tunes from his latest CD are only fitting.

"You know, we'll probably do a little 'Drunk on a Plane' 'cause you know 4th of July around here, people are having a few drinks," he said. "And probably do 'Riser.' Yeah, the song, being in New York, the backdrop, I've heard is -- the city

skyline is the backdrop. Think about all the city's been through in the past 15 years. Yeah, it should be pretty powerful.”

Brad Paisley, Kelly Clarkson and Meghan Trainor are also set to appear on the show, which includes a 25-minute fireworks display complete with 50,000 pieces of pyrotechnics.