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Country radio host Bobby Bones to join new 'American Idol' as mentor



Syndicated country music radio show host Bobby Bones will be part of the new American Idol cast.

On the show, the Nashville-based radio personality will work directly with the top 24 contestants to share his advice on being an artist. Focus points will include stage presence, dealing with media, posting on social media, remaining focused and being authentic and original.

"It's really been hard for me to keep this a secret, but I'm so excited about joining 'American Idol' and working with the Top 24 contestants," Bones told the USA TODAY NETWORK - Tennessee on Wednesday. "The show has really brought together some awesome talent, and I'm pumped to be able to be a part of it."

A Nashville fixture since 2012, Bones is among the most influential on-air personalities in country radio. His "Bobby Bones Show" is heard nationally on more than 100 stations.

American Idol originally aired on Fox and ended its 15-season run on the network in 2016. ABC bought

the rights to the show last year. Their version premieres March 11, with Katy Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan as the new judges.



 **Bobby Bones** ✓
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Finally . I get to say something . Im joining American Idol this season. I will be the mentor to all the top 24 contestants. And I appreciate you guys for letting it happen. 🙌🙌🙌.

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