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Big & Rich, Gary LeVox Performing During 2017 Presidential Inauguration Events

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When Donald Trump is sworn in as the next president of the United States on Jan. 20, two big country acts will be on hand for related celebrations: Country duo Big & Rich will perform at a gala the night before Trump's inauguration, and Gary LeVox of Rascal Flatts will be part of a ball on Inauguration Day itself.

John Rich and "Big" Kenny Alphin will headline an inaugural gala being hosted by the Republican Party of New York and the Great America Alliance on Jan. 19; the two will be joined by country rapper Cowboy Troy, who has collaborated with the duo for years.

“We’re thrilled to be performing in our nation’s capital during this historic moment in time,” says Rich — who won the 11th season of *Celebrity Apprentice*, then hosted by President-elect Trump, in 2011 — in a press release. “A presidential inauguration is a uniquely American event, so we are honored to be a part of it and hope to help make it a memorable event.”

Also set to take part in the weekend’s festivities in Washington, DC, is Gary LeVox, the Flatts’ lead singer. LeVox will be the featured artist at the 2017 Veterans Inaugural Ball, which is being hosted by the American Legion and the Veterans Inaugural Committee on Jan. 20. Although his bandmates Jay DeMarcus and Joe Don Rooney won’t be joining him onstage, LeVox is bringing hit songwriters Neil Thrasher and Wendell Mobley to perform alongside him at the event, which is being emceed by actor and comedian Drew Carey.

Rich, Alphin, Cowboy Troy and LeVox and company won’t be the only country artists playing events around Inauguration Day: On Jan. 19, Randy Rogers will play an acoustic show at the Black Tie and Boots 2017 Presidential Inaugural Ball; the event began in 1953 as a pre-inaugural cocktail party for President Dwight Eisenhower.