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Bobby Bones Tapped as 'American Idol' In-House Mentor



Bobby Bones is now a permanent fixture on *American Idol*. The on-air personality and bona-fide country music "power player" is joining the TV talent quest this season as its official in-house mentor.

It's an expanded role for the radio DJ, comedian and author, who will offer his knowledge throughout the competition and help *Idol* contestants develop and be the best they can. Bones is already well-known to *Idol* fans, having [joined the top 24 hopefuls last season](#) as they prepared to perform with their big-name celebrity duet partners.

Bones, who was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame as the youngest-ever honoree, hosts the nationally-syndicated radio show "The Bobby Bones Show," which is broadcast to nearly 140 stations and recently won him a third ACM Award for national on-air personality of the year.

Judge auditions are currently underway for the 2018-2019 season of *American Idol*, which is returning to the ABC Television Network. *Idol*'s all-star panel of judges [Luke Bryan](#), [Katy Perry](#) and [Lionel Richie](#) are back on board, as is host Ryan Seacrest.

The news of Bones' new *Idol* position was announced during Monday's telecast of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*.