

# JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR ARENA SPECTACULAR

## STARS ALIGN FOR BIGGEST NORTH AMERICAN ARENA TOUR OF JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

**BRANDON BOYD TO PLAY 'JUDAS ISCARIOT', JC CHASEZ AS 'PONTIUS PILATE',  
MICHELLE WILLIAMS AS 'MARY MAGDALENE', JOHN ROTTEN LYDON  
ANNOUNCED AS 'KING HEROD' AND INTRODUCING BEN FORSTER IN THE ROLE  
OF 'JESUS'**

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April 4, 2014 (NEW YORK) *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the global phenomenon that has wowed audiences for over 40 years, is reimagined for the 21<sup>st</sup> century as an arena rock spectacular. The biggest ever North American arena tour of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's groundbreaking rock musical will hit the road this summer with an extraordinary cast of rock, pop and R&B superstars. The 50+ city tour kicks off in **New Orleans** at the Lakefront Arena on **June 9**, and stops in Toronto, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City and more, before culminating in **Philadelphia** at the Wells Fargo Arena on **August 17**.

**Brandon Boyd**, Grammy® nominated lead vocalist of rock band Incubus, is confirmed for the role of '**Judas Iscariot**', Grammy® nominated \*NSYNC vocalist, **JC Chasez**, will play '**Pontius Pilate**', Grammy® Award winner and member of Destiny's Child, **Michelle Williams**, will take the female lead as '**Mary Magdalene**', English singer-songwriter and lead singer in Public Image Ltd. (PiL) and Sex Pistols, **John Rotten Lydon**, will play '**King Herod**' and introducing British actor and singer, **Ben Forster**, who won England's ITV *Superstar* competition in 2012 and played the lead role in the UK and Australian arena tours of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, will revive his role as '**Jesus**.' With over 50 cast and musicians on stage this is one arena show that can't be missed!

Tickets for the first 22 shows, New Orleans through Edmonton, will go on sale beginning Friday, April 11 at [www.jesuschristsuperstar.com](http://www.jesuschristsuperstar.com). American Express® Card Members can purchase tickets before the general public beginning Friday, April 4 at 10am local time. All subsequent market on-sale dates will be announced locally in the weeks to come. Tickets for the first 22 shows, New Orleans through Edmonton, will

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The North American leg comes on the heels of the wildly successful UK and Australian arena tours, which began in the UK in September 2012 and commenced in Australia in May 2013. *The Times* said "The show gets the right balance between the spectacular, the jokey and the sincere. The performances from the well-choreographed supporting cast are fine throughout. Honestly, it's enough to give rock opera a good name." *The Evening Chronicle* exclaimed, "the extravagance of the production, a flamboyant spectacle of acrobatics, dramatic flames and provocative pole dancing," and *Liverpool Daily Post* claimed, "Restored to its rock roots, the star-studded second coming of Jesus Christ Superstar is big, brash and bold..." and the *Manchester Evening News* stated, "from the very opening strains the pounding music, the huge and sophisticated video backdrops and pulsating energy from a talented ensemble cast make this a true spectacle."

"*Jesus Christ Superstar* began life as a rock album...probably because nobody believed back in 1969 that you could present a stage musical about the last days of the life of Jesus Christ. I shall never forget its first live performance in the Civic Arena, Pittsburgh on July 12th 1971. Of course *JCS* subsequently became a legit theatre stalwart, but I, personally, have always hankered after seeing it again in the arenas where it started," said Andrew Lloyd Webber.

"In 1971 Andrew and I were thrilled by the first-ever *Jesus Christ Superstar* tour of the United States," said Tim Rice. "We certainly did not imagine then that 43 years later we would be witnessing another America-wide tour of our first big hit show. We are delighted and grateful that enthusiasm for *Superstar* has been maintained over the years and this new production presents the work in its most powerful format - as a true rock experience."

"I'm excited to be involved with *Jesus Christ Superstar*," said Michael Cohl. "The show has evolved greatly over the past 40 years and it is exhilarating to be a part of a project that marries this incredible property and its extraordinary music with the new, innovative technology that has become available for live shows. This arena rock spectacular is a whole new experience for fans."

"I am so thrilled to be a part of this amazing production!" said Brandon Boyd. "I grew up on Andrew Lloyd Webber's classics and never imagined I would be playing a role in one, let alone with such an incredibly diverse cast of players. Truly an honor!"

"When I heard *Jesus Christ Superstar* was coming to the States, I was excited at the idea to be a part of telling one of the most influential stories in history through the scope of such a talented composer, Andrew Lloyd Webber," said JC Chasez. "I'm excited to work with such a dynamic cast, and to bring *Jesus Christ Superstar* back to its roots as a rock arena experience."

"I am so excited to be part of such a legendary production alongside an amazing cast!, said Michelle Williams. "I am truly looking forward to this experience!"

"I'm here to sing with the King of the Jews, who could ask for anything more?" said John Rotten Lydon.

"I feel so excited to bring this production to North America," said Ben Forster. "America has to experience this rock arena spectacular as Andrew Lloyd Webber envisaged it. I am the real life Billy Elliot, from a coal mining city in the north of England to touring huge arenas across North America! You are about to witness my dream come true!"

The Jesus Christ Superstar Arena Spectacular North American Tour is presented by S2BN Entertainment and The Really Useful Group.

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**Jesus Christ Superstar Tour Dates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Venue</b>
6/9/14	New Orleans, LA	Lakefront Arena
6/10/14	Birmingham, AL	BJCC Arena
6/11/14	Charlotte, NC	Time Warner Cable Arena
6/13/14	Fort Lauderdale, FL	BB&T Center
6/14/14	Orlando, FL	Amway Center
6/15/14	Tampa, FL	Tampa Bay Times Forum
6/16/14	Atlanta, GA	Philips Arena
6/17/14	Nashville, TN	Bridgestone Arena
6/19/14	San Antonio, TX	Freeman Coliseum
6/20/14	Austin, TX	Frank Erwin Center
6/21/14	Houston, TX	Toyota Center
6/22/14	Dallas, TX	American Airlines Center
6/23/14	Oklahoma City, OK	Chesapeake Energy Arena
6/24/14	Tulsa, OK	BOK Center
6/26/14	Toronto, ON	Air Canada Centre
6/28/14	Detroit, MI	Joe Louis Arena
6/29/14	Chicago, IL	United Center
7/1/14	St. Louis, MO	Scottrade Center
7/2/14	Kansas City, MO	Sprint Center
7/4/14	Winnipeg, MB	MTS Centre
7/5/14	Regina, SK	Brandt Centre
7/6/14	Edmonton, AB	Rexall Place
7/8/14	Boise, ID	Taco Bell Arena
7/9/14	Spokane, WA	Spokane Arena
7/10/14	Seattle, WA	KeyArena At Seattle Center

7/12/14	Vancouver, BC	Rogers Arena
7/13/14	Portland, OR	Moda Center
7/15/14	Sacramento, CA	Sleep Train Arena
7/16/14	Fresno, CA	Save Mart Center
7/17/14	Bakersfield, CA	Rabobank Arena
7/18/14	San Jose, CA	SAP Center at San Jose
7/20/14	Anaheim, CA	Honda Center
7/22/14	El Paso, TX	UTEP Don Haskins Center
7/23/14	Phoenix, AZ	US Airways Center
7/24/14	San Diego, CA	Valley View Casino Center
7/25/14	Las Vegas, NV	Mandalay Bay Events Center
7/26/14	Los Angeles, CA	STAPLES Center
7/29/14	Denver, CO	Pepsi Center
7/30/14	Lincoln, NE	Pinnacle Bank Arena
7/31/14	St. Paul, MN	Xcel Energy Center
8/1/14	Milwaukee, WI	BMO Bradley Harris Center
8/2/14	Indianapolis, IN	Bankers Life Fieldhouse
8/3/14	Cincinnati, OH	U.S. Bank Arena
8/5/14	New York, NY	Madison Square Garden
8/7/14	Washington, DC	Verizon Center
8/9/14	Columbus, OH	Schottenstein Center
8/10/14	Cleveland, OH	Quicken Loans Arena
8/12/14	Pittsburgh, PA	Consol Energy Center
8/13/14	Buffalo, NY	First Niagara Center
8/14/14	Boston, MA	TD Garden
8/16/14	Philadelphia, PA	Wells Fargo Center

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