

NE-YO & AKON Bringing Nights Like This 2026 Global Tour to MGM Grand Garden Arena August 14, 2026

General On Sale Begins Friday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. PT at AXS.com

LAS VEGAS (January 27, 2026) – GRAMMY Award-winning hitmaker **NE-YO** and GRAMMY Award-winning multi-platinum recording artist **AKON** announced their co-headlining **Nights Like This** global tour. Produced by Live Nation, the massive 57-city tour will make a Las Vegas stop at the **MGM Grand Garden Arena Friday, Aug. 14, 2026**.

Citi is the official card of the Nights Like This Tour U.S. dates. Citi card members will have access to pre-sale tickets beginning **Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m. PT until Thursday, Jan. 29 at 10 p.m. PT** through the Citi Entertainment program. For complete pre-sale details visit [www.citi.com/entertainment.com](http://www.citi.com/entertainment).

Additional pre-sales will run throughout the week ahead of the general on sale beginning **Friday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. PT** at AXS.com.

The tour brings together two generational artists whose catalogs have defined radio, nightlife, and pop culture. NE-YO and AKON will share the stage in a unique, dynamic back-and-forth set throughout the show stacked with era-defining hits, sing-along anthems, and club classics.



Featuring NE-YO's "**So Sick**," "**Closer**," and "**Miss Independent**," alongside AKON's "**Smack That**," "**Lonely**," and "**Right Now (Na Na Na)**," the 'Nights Like This Tour' is a nostalgia rush for longtime fans and fresh excitement to new listeners. From slow jams to club anthems, every night is built to feel like a throwback party and a celebration.

The tour will also offer a variety of different VIP packages and experiences for fans to take their concert experience to the next level in North America and Europe. Packages vary but include premium tickets, meet and greet and photo op with Akon, exclusive Akon VIP gift item, autographed 8x10 photo and more. For more information, visit vipnation.com.

About NE-YO

NE-YO is a three-time, GRAMMY award-winning hitmaker, songwriter, actor, entrepreneur and philanthropist whose smooth vocals, creative storytelling and dynamic versatility have defined the sound of music for nearly two decades. NE-YO ascended to superstardom with his 2005 debut single "So Sick," which was certified quadruple-platinum. Since then, NE-YO has continued to deliver an array of era-shaping singles, including "Sexy Love," "Closer," "Because of You," "Miss Independent," "Mad," "Let Me Love You," "Time of Our Lives," and many more. He also earned his first diamond-certified song with his collaboration with Pitbull and Afrojack on "Give Me Everything."

As a solo artist, NE-YO has cemented his legacy as one of the all-time hitmakers, winning three GRAMMY awards, earning two No. 1 albums on the Billboard 200 and generating over 23 billion streams across his entire catalog. February 2026 will mark the 20-year anniversary of his debut album, "In My Own Words," which reached No. 1 on the Billboard 200 and became a cultural touchstone. Additionally, NE-YO has proven to be an equally talented songwriter, penning bangers like Rihanna's "Unfaithful," "Russian Roulette," and "Take a Bow," along with Beyoncé's 2006 breakup anthem "Irreplaceable" and songs for such artists as Jennifer Hudson, Usher, Carrie Underwood, Celine Dion and Mario, among others.

His iconic discography was on display during his NPR Tiny Desk concert, where he performed his chart-topping hits. Most recently, NE-YO was honored with the Key to the City of Las Vegas and a proclamation from the mayor that designated August 7 as "NE-YO Day" in the city, considering he was raised in Las Vegas and spent time at the local Boys & Girls Club. The multi-hyphenate has also leveraged his platform to expand into the film and television space, appearing in STARZ's BMF, NBC's World of Dance, Netflix's Dance Monsters, Empire, Stomp the Yard, Save the Last Dance, Battle: Los Angeles, George Lucas' Red Tails, The Wiz Live!, Starz' Step Up: High Water, Hip Hop Family Christmas Wedding and The Sound of Christmas.

NE-YO is currently gearing up to explore a new musical frontier and preparing to release his country-inspired album. He has spent months in Nashville, working with different collaborators to blend his signature sound with the poignant melodies of country music.

About AKON

AKON is an award-winning Senegalese-American multi-platinum recording artist, singer, producer, entrepreneur, actor, and philanthropist best known for dominating Billboard charts with a unique sound that transcends the R&B/Hip-Hop, EDM Dance, and Pop genres. AKON is the founder of three major recording labels – Konlive, Konvict Kulture and KONVICT Music - that launched the careers of global artists like T-Pain, Lady Gaga, and Kardinal Offishall. Over two decades, he has sold more than 35 million albums worldwide, earned five Grammy nominations, released 45 Billboard Hot 100 songs, and made over 300 guest appearances for generational icons such as Michael Jackson, David Guetta, Gwen Stefani, Lil' Wayne, and Eminem. His many accolades include an American Music Award for "Favorite R&B Male Artist;" three World Music Awards for "Best Selling African Artist," "Best Selling Internet Artist," and "Best Selling R&B Male Artist;" a Billboard Music Award for "Artist of the Year;" and a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records as the #1 selling artist for master ringtones. He is the first solo artist in history to garner the top two spots on the Billboard Hot 100. In 2010, Forbes listed him among the top Celebrity 100 (2010) and Pepsi approached him to produce/record "Oh Africa" for the 2010 World Cup. Philanthropic passions led him to give back to his homeland through the creation of TheKonfidence Foundation, benefitting underserved children in Africa and the U.S. He also launched a partnership to bring electricity to one million African households by the end of 2014. In 2018, he launched Akoin, a new cryptocurrency aiming to help further African communities by empowering economic development.

About Live Nation Las Vegas

Live Nation Entertainment (NYSE: LYV) is the world's leading live entertainment company comprised of global market leaders: Ticketmaster, Live Nation Concerts, and Live Nation Sponsorship. Live Nation Las Vegas produces residency shows from ZAYN, Sammy Hagar, New Kids On The Block and Bruno Mars at Dolby Live at Park MGM; Santana at House of Blues; Cyndi Lauper, Blake Shelton, Def Leppard, Dolly Parton, Jennifer Lopez, Kelly Clarkson and Rod Stewart at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace; The B-52s, Earth, Wind & Fire, FOREIGNER, STYX and Chicago at The Venetian Theatre at The Venetian Resort Las Vegas; and John Fogerty at PH Live at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. Live Nation Las Vegas also brings other world-famous artists to many of the city's other premier concert venues including Allegiant Stadium, T-Mobile Arena, MGM Grand Garden Arena, Michelob ULTRA Arena, the Pearl at Palms Casino Resort, Downtown Las Vegas Events Center and more. For additional information, visit www.livenationentertainment.com. Find Live Nation Las Vegas on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

About MGM Grand Garden Arena

The MGM Grand Garden Arena is home to concerts, championship boxing and premier sporting and special events. The Arena offers comfortable seating for as many as 16,800 with excellent sightlines and state-of-the-art acoustics, lighting and sound. Prominent events to date have included world championship fights between Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson as well as Floyd Mayweather vs. Canelo Alvarez as well as Floyd Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao; and concerts by The Rolling Stones, Madonna, Elton John, Bruce Springsteen, Paul McCartney, Bette Midler, George Strait, Justin Timberlake, Beyonce, U2, Lady Gaga, Bruno Mars, Coldplay, Alicia Keys, Jimmy Buffett and the Barbra Streisand Millennium Concert. The MGM Grand Garden Arena also has been home to annual events including the Academy of Country Music Awards, the Billboard Music Awards, the Latin GRAMMY Awards, iHeartRadio Music Festival, Pac-12 Men's Basketball Championship and Frozen Fury NHL pre-season games hosted by the Los Angeles Kings.

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