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Las Vegas Songwriters Festival Returns to Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas August 20-22

Dean Dillon, Liz Rose, Bob DiPiero, Billy Montana and Marti Frederikson Join the 2026 Artist Lineup, Among Many Others



LAS VEGAS (March 9, 2026) – Following its inaugural year that marked the largest gathering of songwriters in the city's history, **Las Vegas Songwriters Festival (LVSF)** will return to **Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Thursday, Aug. 20 through Saturday, Aug. 22**. Presented by MGM Resorts International, Entersong Entertainment and Mountain Dew, and co-founded by Rob Hatch, Mike Every and Matt Warren, this year's LVSF event will, once again, take place at multiple venues throughout the resort.

Tickets go on sale to the general public **Friday, March 13 at 10 a.m. PT**. An "Early Bird" (Friends & Family/first-year event purchasers) pre-sale will run **Wednesday, March 11 from 10 a.m. PT to Saturday, May 30 at 10 p.m. PT**. Members of MGM Rewards, MGM Resorts International's loyalty program, and AXS members will have access to a pre-sale **Thursday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. PT**.

Fans can purchase General Admission or VIP tickets, as well as exclusive room-and-ticket packages, making the Las Vegas Songwriters Festival an ideal event to blend live music and a vacation getaway. For room and ticket packages, visit LVSF at Mandalay Bay. For additional event information, visit Las Vegas Songwriters Festival.

"Las Vegas is known for incredible entertainment, but the Las Vegas Songwriters Festival gives fans something truly unique – the chance to experience the songs they love directly from the people who wrote them," said Rob Hatch, President of Entersong Entertainment and LVSF co-founder. "There's something magical about hearing a hit song in the room with the songwriter who created it, and bringing dozens of those writers together in one place makes this weekend unlike anything else."

A wide array of songwriters are scheduled to deliver an intimate, immersive experience to fans, featuring some of the biggest names in songwriting including:

- **Dean Dillon,** a legendary songwriter best known for co-writing more than 60 George Strait songs, including classics like "The Chair" and "Ocean Front Property."
- **Liz Rose**, a GRAMMY Award-winning songwriter behind some of the biggest songs of the modern era, including Taylor Swift's "You Belong With Me" and "Teardrops On My Guitar."
- **Bob DiPiero**, a Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame member with a career spanning decades and hits for Tim McGraw, Brooks & Dunn, Reba McEntire, among countless others.
- **Billy Montana**, an acclaimed Nashville songwriter whose hits include Garth Brooks' "More Than A Memory" and Sara Evans' "Suds in the Bucket," earning him CMA Song of the Year honors.
- **Marti Frederikson**, a multi-Platinum songwriter and producer whose credits include Aerosmith, Ozzy Osborne, Mötley Crüe and Carrie Underwood.

Matt Warren, songwriter, artist and LVSF co-founder, said, "Some of the greatest songs ever written started with a songwriter sitting in a room with a guitar. What makes this festival special is that fans get to be in that room with us – hearing the songs, the stories and the moments that brought them to life."

As the masterminds of the world's most beloved songs, each writer will mix an entertaining live performance with captivating storytelling, revealing the inspiration behind the work – and even hosting select Q&A sessions.

2026 Las Vegas Songwriters Festival Lineup *(subject to change)*

Anthony L. Smith	Jerrod Niemann
Anthony Smith	Jim McCormick
Billy Montana	Justin Wilson

Bob DiPiero	Lance Miller
Bobby Pinson	Liz Rose
Brian Davis	Mark Irwin
Brian White	Marla Cannon-Goodman
Brice Long	Marti Frederiksen
Bridgette Tatum	Matt Warren
Brinley Addington	Phil Barton
Carolyn Dawn Johnson	Rachel Thibodeau
D. Vincent Williams	Ray Fulcher
Dave Pahanish	Rebecca Lynn Howard
Dean Dillon	Rob Hatch
Earl Bud Lee	Ronnie Bowman
Elisha Hoffman	Shane Minor
Eric Paslay	Steve Bogard
Jamie Floyd	Wynn Varble

About Mandalay Bay
Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino is set on 120 lush acres featuring Mandalay Bay Beach, a tropical pool paradise with real sand. The Michelob ULTRA Arena, award-winning restaurants, exhilarating entertainment, unique shopping, Shark Reef Aquarium and the 2-million-square-foot convention center combine to make Mandalay Bay a captivating Las Vegas resort destination. The resort offers three distinct hotel experiences: Mandalay Bay with 3,211 luxurious rooms and suites reflecting a modern tropical ambiance; Four Seasons Hotel, offering 424 rooms and suites; and the luxury all-suite W Las Vegas. Mandalay Bay is operated by MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM).For more information and reservations, visit mandalaybay.com, call toll free at (877) 632-7800, or find us onInstagram, Facebook and X.

About Entersong Entertainment
Entersong Entertainment is a premier music event producer specializing in curating experiences that connect audiences with the music they love. From intimate performances to large-scale festivals, Entersong is passionate about celebrating the power of song and the incredible talent behind it. The Las Vegas Songwriters Festival reflects Entersong's mission to spotlight the artistry of songwriting and create unforgettable moments for fans. Find out more at entersong.com or find us on Instagram or Facebook.

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