

Country Music Superstar Carrie Underwood To Perform Aboard Carnival Imagination In April 2017 As Part Of Carnival LIVE Concert Series

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MIAMI, Dec. 15, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Carnival Cruise Line is continuing its popular Carnival LIVE concert series with a shipboard concert by seven-time Grammy Award-winning country music superstar Carrie Underwood aboard the Carnival Imagination in April 2017. Tickets are on sale now at https://www.carnival.com/carnivallive.

Carnival LIVE is a one-of-a-kind experience that brings the best in live entertainment to the seas, providing guests an opportunity to enjoy captivating performances by top artists in a unique and memorable setting where there's never a bad seat in the house. Performances are held in the ships' main show lounges which range in capacity from 750 to 1,400 – giving shows a more intimate and personal feel.

One of the most popular and best-selling artists in country music, Underwood will perform in <u>Carnival Imagination's</u> intimate Dynasty Lounge while the ship is docked in Catalina Island on April 4, 2017, during a four-day cruise that departs from <u>Long Beach, Calif.</u>, April 2, 2017.

The concert follows Underwood's invitation-only concert for military families aboard <u>Carnival Vista</u> last month to celebrate the ship's U.S. arrival and commemorate the line's year-long Honor.Family.Fun program supporting Operation Homefront, an organization dedicated to building strong, stable and secure military families.

"Carrie Underwood's concert for military families aboard Carnival Vista in support of our Honor.Family.Fun. program was truly incredible and we're absolutely thrilled that guests aboard the Carnival Imagination will have an opportunity to experience her one-of-a-kind talent as part of our Carnival LIVE concert series," said Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line.

"Performing in such an intimate setting aboard the Carnival Vista, was a really special experience," said Underwood. "I look forward to doing that again and connecting with fans aboard the Carnival Imagination next spring," she added.

Underwood joins Carnival LIVE's 2017 lineup which includes performances by best-selling country artists Tim McGraw and Little Big Town and comedians Jay Leno and Jeff Foxworthy who will perform on seven different ships departing from five convenient U.S. homeports.

Tickets for Carrie Underwood range are \$80 for general admission, significantly less than land-based venues, and Premier tickets are available for \$150 and include seating in the first few rows, Carrie Underwood merchandise, an *Honor.Family.Fun* dog tag, and a commemorative concert pass.

A full listing of all Carnival LIVE performances is available at https://www.carnival.com/CarnivalLIVE

For additional information and reservations, contact any travel agent, call 1-800-CARNIVAL or visit carnival.com.

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About Carnival Cruise Line

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About Carrie Underwood

Carrie Underwood emerged from the promise of her 2005 American Idol win to become a true multi-format, multi-media superstar, spanning achievements in music, television, and film. A seven-time GRAMMY® Award winner, she has amassed over 100 major honors, sold 58 million records worldwide, and recorded 24 #1 singles, 13 of which she co-wrote, with a catalog of songs that have been streamed more than 1.9 billion times worldwide. The first female artist to be twice named the Academy of Country Music's Entertainer of the Year, Underwood was recognized as Pollstar's top female country touring artist for her headlining tours in 2008, 2010, and 2012, and this year Billboard ranked her current "Storyteller Tour - Stories in the Round"as the #1 country tour for the first half of 2016. All five studio albums, Some Hearts, Carnival Ride, Play On, Blown Away and Storyteller – are certified Platinum or multi-Platinum, and each an American Music Awards winner as Favorite Country Album – tallied an incredible 40 weeks at #1 on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart. The RIAA's highest certified country album artist to debut this century, Underwood also holds the distinction of the highest album certification of any country artist to emerge since 2000 with the 8x Multi-Platinum success of her 2005 debut, Some Hearts. She is the all-time Top Country Artist (male or female) on RIAA's Digital Single Ranking, also placing her among the Top 5 females in the history of RIAA's Digital Single Program across all genres. In December of 2014, she released her Platinum-certified Greatest Hits: Decade #1, which produced two new #1 hits co-written by Underwood, including the RIAA-Platinum, GRAMMY-winning "Something in the Water." 2016 marks Underwood's fourth season as the voice of primetime television's #1 program, Sunday Night Football, and in November, she returned for a ninth consecutive year as co-host of the CMA Awards. The Grand Ole Opry member also demonstrated her diversity in 2013, starring as Maria von Trapp in

NBC's three-hour holiday blockbuster, the Emmy®-winning *The Sound of Music Live*!, whose airings attracted 44 million viewers. The reigning CMA Female Vocalist of the Year, Underwood recently claimed her fourth win in the category amid the ongoing success of her chart-topping fifth studio album, *Storyteller* – the only country album to launch to Platinum certification since the time of its release in October of 2015. Underwood is currently climbing the charts with "Dirty Laundry," the fourth single and follow-up to *Storyteller's* three back-to-back #1 hits, "Smoke Break," "Heartbeat," and "Church Bells."

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