

Thursday, March 31, 2011

**HOT FROM FOX...**

**RECORD-SETTING 55 MILLION VOTES CAST  
AFTER LAST NIGHT'S "AMERICAN IDOL" PERFORMANCE SHOW**

**Tonight's LIVE Results Show Features a Double Elimination  
and Performances by will.i.am & Jamie Foxx and Fantasia**

Last night, after the Top 11 finalists performed the songs of Sir Elton John, more than 55 million votes were cast, setting a new AMERICAN IDOL voting record for this early in the competition.

During the most dramatic results show in IDOL history, finalist Casey Abrams was saved from elimination last Thursday by the AMERICAN IDOL judges after he received the fewest of America's votes. With the save no longer an option, two finalists will be sent home during the live results show tonight, Thursday, March 31 (8:00-9:00 PM ET live/PT tape-delayed) on FOX.

Also tonight, Season Three IDOL winner Fantasia will perform her latest hit, "Collard Greens & Cornbread," and will.i.am of The Black Eyed Peas and Academy Award and Grammy winner Jamie Foxx will perform their first-ever musical collaboration on the IDOL stage. The duo will sing "Hot Wings (I Wanna Party)," an original song written for the highly anticipated animated feature film "Rio."

Fans can view the full official profiles for each of the Top 11 finalists at [www.americanidol.com/contestants](http://www.americanidol.com/contestants). Keep up with the latest AMERICAN IDOL news on the AMERICAN IDOL Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/americanidol](http://www.facebook.com/americanidol). And be sure to check out the official AMERICAN IDOL Twitter for the scoop straight from the IDOL set at [www.twitter.com/americanidol](http://www.twitter.com/americanidol) (@americanidol).

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For all 10 seasons of AMERICAN IDOL, interactive television and mobile marketing pioneer Telescope Inc. has managed the voting across all methods, including the latest method of voting – online – which was implemented this season. In addition to online voting, fans are able to vote via toll-free phone lines and with unlimited text-message votes for AT&T wireless customers. Telescope is the independent vote-tallying company that introduced the technology that aggregates the new and existing vote methods and each week delivers the results to the show's producers. Telescope Inc. provides cross media interactive solutions that enable clients to connect with new customers, target new revenue streams and gain insight directly from their audience. Telescope has managed campaigns for clients such as AMERICAN IDOL, "America's Got Talent," the NBA, the NHL, "The Price Is Right" and "Deal or No Deal." Telescope is headquartered in Los Angeles, CA. For more information, visit [telescope.tv](http://telescope.tv) or join us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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