

**RECORD-SETTING 122.4 MILLION VOTES CAST FOLLOWING LAST NIGHT'S  
"AMERICAN IDOL" PERFORMANCE SHOW (ARTICLE FROM AMERICANIDOL.COM)**

A record-breaking 122.4 million votes were cast following last night's AMERICAN IDOL performance show - the highest number of votes in the show's history. This incredible show of support brings the total votes cast during Season 10 to over 730.3 million - the most of any season - and the grand total of votes cast since Season One of IDOL to nearly 4.8 billion!

Tune in Wednesday, May 25 (8:00-10:07 PM ET live/PT tape-delayed), to find out who will be crowned the next AMERICAN IDOL. Don't miss a minute of the season finale airing LIVE from the NOKIA Theatre L.A. Live as Lauren Alaina and Scotty McCreery take the stage in an evening filled with special performances, surprise guests, a Top 13 reunion and the crowning of the next IDOL.

Emmy Award-winning AMERICAN IDOL is created and executive-produced by Simon Fuller and executive-produced by Cecile Frot-Coutaz, CEO, FremantleMedia North America, Inc.; Ken Warwick, Executive Producer, FremantleMedia North America, Inc.; and Nigel Lythgoe, President, Big Red 2 Entertainment.

AMERICAN IDOL has been No. 1 among Adults 18-49 for the past seven consecutive seasons and currently ranks as the No. 1 television show of the 2010-2011 season.

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