

Sports & Entertainment

Patriot and legendary singer-songwriter Lee Greenwood celebrates double platinum success of ‘God Bless the U.S.A.’ during CMA Fest

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — CMA Music Fest is always full of music, memories, rain, humidity, and surprise accolades and awards! 2025 was no different for award-winning singer/songwriter Lee Greenwood as his schedule took him from the softball field to Kid Rock's Detroit Cowboy opening to signing autographs for music lovers at Fan Fair X.

"I love Fan Fair or CMA Music Fest now, but it will always be Fan Fair to me," says Lee Greenwood. "This is that one time a year where you get to reconnect with those hardcore fans that attend concert after concert and

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support us artists all year long with anything we have to promote. It brings back so many fond memories as I see some of these familiar faces and then when they show you photos from 20 or 30 years ago and all of a sudden it takes you right back to that moment in time. No other genre of music does this and it is something very special."

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Earlier this year, Greenwood's rock version of "God Bless The U.S.A." with Drew Jacobs topped the Billboard Rock Chart. A plaque for its success was also presented to Greenwood during the dinner event.

"I am truly honored and thrilled that God Bless The U.S.A. is still having the success that it is having," Greenwood shared. "I would have never dreamed that 40 years later, from its original release, that I would still be topping the charts with that one song. Dreams do really do come true!"

About Lee Greenwood:

Throughout his expansive career, international country music icon Lee Greenwood has earned multiple CMA and ACM Awards, a Grammy Award for Top Male Vocal Performance on “I.O.U.” in 1985, and a multitude of other prestigious awards nominations. His discography includes twenty-two studio albums, seven compilation albums, seven No. 1 hits, and thirty-eight singles, including timeless classics such as “It Turns Me Inside Out,” “Ring On Her Finger Time on Her Hands,” “She’s Lyin’,” “I Don’t Mind the Thorns if You’re the Rose,” “Dixie Road,” “Somebody’s Gonna Love You,” “Going Going Gone,” and “You Got A Good Love Comin’.”

His iconic hit “God Bless the U.S.A.” remains a hallmark of patriotism, charting in the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001, and 2003)—the only song in any genre to do so. It also reached the Top 20 of the Billboard Hot 100 chart shortly after 9/11.

Greenwood continued his impressive career with significant milestones, including a Billboard No. 1 rock song (2024), the pres-



Known for his unapologetic patriotism, legendary singer and songwriter Lee Greenwood was recently presented double platinum status in the music industry for "God Bless the U.S.A." which has become synonymous with American patriotism and an anthem at many Pres. Trump rallies and events.

(Photo by Hunter Pitts)



Helping to celebrate Lee Greenwood's big double platinum honor for "God Bless the U.S.A. are : Pictured L-R: Hunter Pitts, Josh Bleidt, and Kirt Webster of Spinning Plates Management; Lee Greenwood; Austin Smith; Jeremy Westby and Scott Sexton of 2911 Media. *(Photo by Kim Greenwood)*

tigious double-platinum certification for “God Bless the U.S.A.,” and a recognition of his enduring impact through an All-Star Salute to Lee Greenwood in October 2021 in Huntsville, Alabama.

performances by some of music's biggest names and celebrated Greenwood's incredible contributions to music and patriotism.

In August 2024, Greenwood was honored on the Grand Ole Opry

stage by Helping A Hero for his decades-long support of veterans and active-duty service members. Known for his unwavering patriotism and commitment to the U.S. military, Greenwood has been honored with the Congressional Medal of

Honor Society's National Patriot's Award and has entertained troops on more than 30 USO Tours.

For more information, visit
LeeGreenwood.com.

NFL Network to carry 21 live 2025 preseason games from sports page 1

NFL Network's Week 1 preseason live coverage wraps up on **Sunday, Aug. 10** starting at 1 p.m. ET as the Miami Dolphins travel to face the Chicago Bears, followed by the New Orleans Saints visiting the Los Angeles Chargers at 4 p.m. ET.

NFL Network's live preseason coverage continues with seven Week 2 games, beginning with a doubleheader on Friday, Aug. 15 with the Titans visiting the Atlanta Falcons at 7 p.m. ET and the Kansas City Chiefs at the Seahawks at 10 p.m. ET.

On **Saturday, Aug. 16**, NFL Network carries a quadruple-header starting at 1 p.m. ET with the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles hosting the Browns. At 4 p.m. ET, the San Francisco 49ers travel to Las Vegas to play the Raiders, followed by the Jets versus the Giants at 7 p.m. ET. Saturday's quadruple-header concludes with the Arizona Cardinals at the Denver Broncos at 9:30 p.m. ET.

Week 2 concludes on Sunday, Aug. 17 at 1 p.m. ET as the Jaguars take on the Saints.

NFL Network's Week 3 slate features six live matchups, beginning **Thursday, Aug. 21** at 7 p.m. ET with the Panthers hosting the Pittsburgh Steelers, and continuing **Friday, Aug. 22** with the Falcons versus the Cowboys at 8 p.m. ET.

On **Saturday, Aug. 23**, NFL Network carries a quadruple-header beginning at 1 p.m. ET with the Rams visiting the Browns, followed by the Sea-

hawks at the Packers at 4 p.m. ET. At 7 p.m. ET, the Jaguars travel to face the Miami Dolphins, and at 10 p.m. ET the Raiders face the Cardinals.

Live preseason games on NFL Network are subject to blackouts in the local markets of the participating teams.

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NFL+ provides access to live preseason games. NFL+ – the league's direct-to-consumer offering – is available through NFL digital properties (NFL.com and the NFL app). For more information, visit [NFL.com/plus](https://www.nfl.com/plus).

NFL Network's 2025 Live Preseason Schedule

Week 1

Thursday, Aug. 7

7 p.m. ET – Indianapolis Colts vs. Baltimore Ravens

10 p.m. ET – Las Vegas Raiders vs. Seattle Seahawks

Friday, Aug. 8

7 p.m. ET – Cleveland Browns vs. Carolina Panthers

Saturday, Aug. 9

1 p.m. ET – New York Giants vs. Buffalo Bills

4 p.m. ET – Houston Texans vs. Minnesota Vikings

8 p.m. ET – New York Jets vs. Green Bay Packers

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