



JIM BRICKMAN'S
2016 HOLIDAY TOUR

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**JIM BRICKMAN CELEBRATES 20TH HOLIDAY CONCERT
TOUR**

with SUPERSTAR SPECIAL GUEST!

*America's Piano Sensation brings "Comfort & Joy" to Christmas Tour 2016
featuring American Idol Winner **KRIS ALLEN***

CLEVELAND, OH, August 1, 2016 – Christmas traditions sparkle and holiday music fills the air, as Grammy-nominated songwriter and piano sensation Jim Brickman embarks on his 30-city holiday tour **Comfort & Joy**.

Brickman's 20th annual holiday tour blends Brickman's hit original songs along with the best-loved traditional sounds of the season. From Thanksgiving through New Years Eve, the ever-popular pianist will fill theatres with laughter, joy, and musical holiday spirit. Brickman and his guests entertain audiences this 2016 in Pittsburgh, Sacramento, San Diego, Denver, Cleveland, Phoenix, Ft Worth, Kansas City, Louisville, Washington DC and throughout the US.

"Brickman makes magical music and evokes warm sentiments" – Billboard Magazine

Brickman's special guests for 2016 are an all-star lineup of fan-favorites including Kris Allen. (2008 *American Idol* Winner) Allen will join Brickman premiering their brand new holiday duet "A Little Bit of Christmas" LIVE. Comfort and Joy LIVE will also feature fan-favorite, singer Anne Cochran, Broadway vocalist John Trones and electric violinist Tracy Silverman.

"I'm thrilled to welcome American Idol winner Kris Allen to this year's holiday tour. Kris is an amazing LIVE performer, and I'm looking forward to premiering our new holiday song "A Little Bit of Christmas" for fans and friends throughout the season.

Jim Brickman's LIVE concerts have become an annual holiday tradition. The gathering of family and friends, with a beautiful holiday backdrop of musical warmth and nostalgia.

Brickman combines yuletide memories and traditional carols with his popular songs like "The Gift," "Sending You A Little Christmas," "Angel Eyes," and "If You Believe."

Jim Brickman's music reminds us that faith, love and togetherness are what we value most this time of year. Join Jim Brickman and friends this holiday season and celebrate the spirit of **Comfort and Joy**.

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Comfort & Joy – 20th Annual Holiday Tour

Friday, November 25th – Peekskill, NY at the Paramount Theatre

Saturday, November 26th – Sellersville, PA at the Sellersville Theater 1984

Sunday, November 27th – Lexington, MA at Cary Hall

❖ Tuesday, November 29th – Sarasota, FL at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

❖ Wednesday, November 30th – Ft. Worth, TX at Bass Performance Hall

❖ Thursday, December 1st – Pittsburgh, PA at the Byham Theater

❖ Friday, December 2nd – Batavia, IL at the Batavia Fine Arts Centre

❖ Saturday, December 3rd – River Forest, IL at the Dominican University Performing Arts Center

Sunday, December 4th – Springfield, MO at the Gillioz Theatre

Tuesday, December 6th – Sacramento, CA at The Crest

Wednesday, December 7th – Richfield, UT at Eccles Theater in the Sevier Valley Center

❖ Thursday, December 8th – Denver, CO at the Paramount Theatre

❖ Friday, December 9th – Kansas City, MO at Helzberg Hall in the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

❖ Saturday, December 10th – College Park, MD at DeKelboun Concert Hall in The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

❖ Sunday, December 11th – Wilmington, DE at The Playhouse on Rodney Square

❖ Monday, December 12th – Manchester, NH at the Palace Theatre

❖ Wednesday, December 14th – Charlotte, NC at the McGlohon Theater at Spirit Square

❖ Thursday, December 15th – Oxford, AL at the Oxford Performing Arts Center

Friday, December 16th – Little Rock, AR at the Maumelle Performing Arts Center

❖ Saturday, December 17th – Wichita, KS at the Orpheum Theatre

❖ Sunday, December 18th – Lincoln, NE at the Rococo Theatre

❖ Tuesday, December 20th – Louisville, KY at The Brown Theatre in the Kentucky Center for the Arts

❖ Wednesday, December 21st – Columbus, OH at the Southern Theatre

❖ Thursday, December 22nd – Cleveland, OH at Severance Hall

❖ Friday, December 23rd – Sandusky, OH at the Sandusky State Theatre

Wednesday, December 28th – Madison, WI at the Capitol Theater at the Overture Center for the Arts

Thursday, December 29th – Burnsville, MN at the Ames Center

Friday, December 30th – San Diego, CA at the Balboa Theatre

Saturday, December 31st – Phoenix, AZ at the MIM Music Theater

❖ - **Features Kris Allen**

About Jim Brickman

Jim Brickman has revolutionized the sound of solo piano with this pop-style instrumentals and star-studded vocal collaborations. His signature style has brought him two Grammy nods, four certified Gold albums and 30 charted adult radio hits. Brickman received top honors with two SESAC "Songwriter of the Year" awards, a Canadian Country Music Award, and Dove Award presented by the Gospel Music Association.

Brickman's best-known compositions include the chart-toppers "Valentine," "The Gift," "Love of My Life," "Simple Things" and "Peace." He has established a reputation for his collaborations with many gifted musical artists that include: Martina McBride, Kenny Rogers, Lady Antebellum, Johnny Mathis, Michael W. Smith, Kenny Loggins, Carly Simon, Herb Alpert, Collin Raye, Michael Bolton, Sara Evans, Donny Osmond and Olivia Newton-John.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Brickman began playing piano at the age of five. He studied at the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music, where a scholarship has been established in his honor, and founded his own advertising music company in 1980. Brickman has received worldwide acclaim as a performer. His concerts have been enjoyed internationally and in over 125 cities across the U.S. including shows at Carnegie Hall and the White House. Brickman is host of *The Jim Brickman Show*, a weekly radio show heard in over 80 cities across North America. He has authored three best-selling books and is a strong supporter of PBS with five concert specials presented on the network. For the latest music, tour dates and more visit www.jimbrickman.com.

For interview requests or more information about Jim Brickman's holiday tour Comfort & Joy contact Brynne Deppas at 347-833-1404 or email at brynne@jimbrickman.com

About Kris Allen

Kris Allen first picked up the guitar at age 13, after spending much of his childhood singing in church in his hometown of Jacksonville, Arkansas. Writing his first song in his late teens, he self-released an album at age 22 and auditioned for the eighth season of *American Idol* the following year. Several months after his *Idol* victory, Allen put out his major label debut, with the lead single "Live Like We're Dying" climbing to the top 20 on the *Billboard* Hot 100. In addition to releasing his sophomore album *Thank You Camellia* in 2012, he spent the next several years sharing stages with such artists as Maroon 5 and Keith Urban, as well as landing *Billboard*, Teen Choice and People's Choice Awards nominations.

After a head-on collision in 2013 that left the singer/songwriter/guitarist with a career-threatening shattered wrist, Allen underwent 3 surgeries, re-learned how to play guitar and recorded his third album. The *American Idol* season 8 winner ultimately retreated from the whirlwind and immersed himself in a songwriting spell that yielded more than 70 new tracks. Allen's fourth full-length album *Letting you In* finds the Nashville-based artist delivering his most intimate and dynamic work to date.

About Anne Cochran

Anne Cochran's hit single "After All These Years," rings like a subtitle for her continuing collaboration with Jim Brickman. Cochran has been a fan-favorite in Brickman's famed holiday tour from the beginning, and has performed in hundreds of cities and theatres across the world. Cochran has guest-starred on PBS and in TV Specials, performing duets with Donny Osmond, Wayne Brady, Michael Bolton, Richie McDonald, David Cassidy, and many more. In her own right, Cochran has been known to drop in for a few sets at NYC's Birdland, and she rocks her own band at Cleveland's Cain Park summer festivals, and sold-out shows at Nighttown and On-Air Studio. Whatever the setting, Cochran's honeyed, "sultry alto and pure multi-octave range" consistently work their magic. Anne's latest CD recording is her soulful tenth opus, *Deeper*, featuring "Rise and Shine" and "Who's Gonna Baby You," (duets with Abe LaMarca), and features her solo radio hits, "The Moment You Were Mine" and "Live In You." For the latest news about Anne, please visit www.annecochran.com

About John Trones

Actor, musician and Broadway vocalist John Trones has become a fan-favorite to Brickman audiences, and frequently tours the US and Asia with his own brand of romantic vocals and lush crooner ballads. Trones toured with Olivia Newton-John on her recent national tour, and continues to wow audiences in performances with major Symphony Orchestras around the world. John has released five CDs and can be seen in feature film roles in *Father Knows Best* and *StreetHassle* and TV commercials for Target, Great Clips, Slumberland. He is co-founder of 8 Ball

Productions producing plays, and musicals in the US and UK. John can currently be seen in “Yesterday Once More – A Musical Tribute to the Carpenters” on tour now. Visit John online at www.JohnTrones.com.

About Tracy Silverman

Hailed by BBC Radio as “the greatest living exponent of the electric violin,” Tracy Silverman’s groundbreaking work with the 6-string electric violin defies musical boundaries. The world’s foremost concert electric violinist, Silverman was named one of the 100 distinguished alumni by The Juilliard School. Formerly a violinist with the innovative Turtle Island String Quartet, Silverman has contributed significantly to the repertoire and development of the 6-string electric violin and what he calls the “21st century violin,” inspiring several major concertos composed specifically for him, including Pulitzer winner John Adams’ “The Dharma at Big Sur,” premiered with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and recorded with the BBC Symphony.

Silverman’s 2014 recording for Delos/Naxos Records, *Between the Kiss and the Chaos*, features the Calder Quartet playing his 2nd electric violin concerto. *I’d Rather Be Dreaming* and *May All Good Things* are just 2 of many other CD’s recorded over a long career. Silverman tours internationally as a soloist with orchestras, with his one-man performances, and as a collaborator with many other artists and chamber ensembles. Tracy appears on many of Jim Brickman’s CD’s and DVD’s and has orchestrated Jim’s music for full symphony. Silverman teaches at Belmont University and lives in Nashville, TN. For more information, visit www.tracysilverman.com.

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