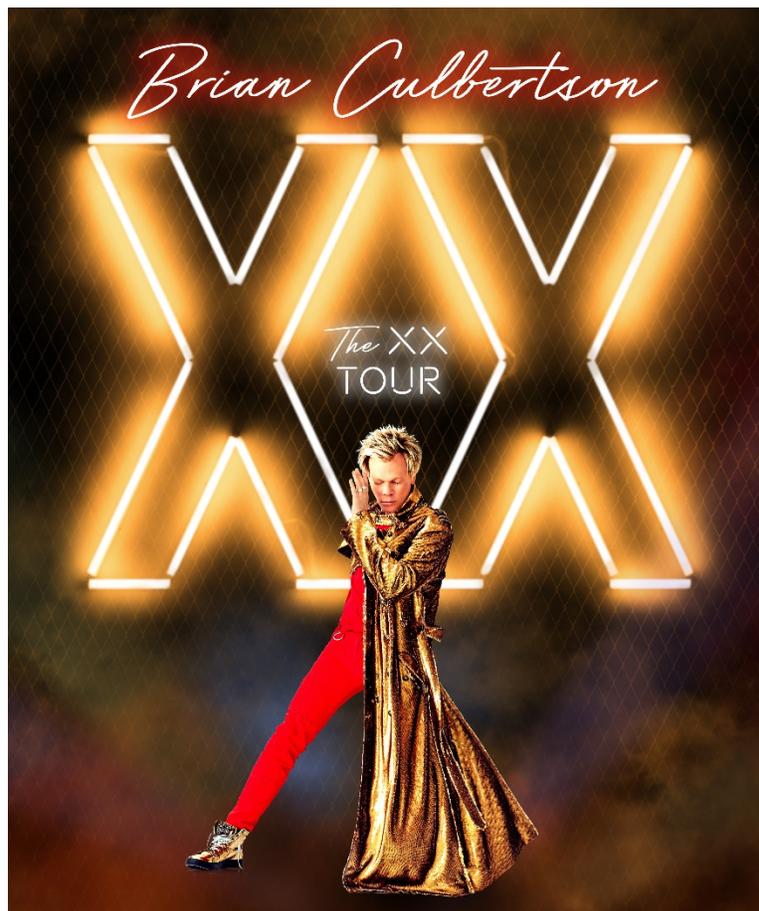




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## **Brian Culbertson's 2020 vision: Drop his 20<sup>th</sup> album, "XX," and launch The XX Tour**

**Tickets go on sale next week for the three-month US concert trek that begins April 1.**

**CHICAGO (7 November 2019):** As chart-topping multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and producer **Brian Culbertson** crafts his 20<sup>th</sup> album, the aptly titled "XX" – Roman numerals representing twenty – he revealed plans for the extensive US concert tour that will support the record release. Beginning April 1 in

Louisville, Kentucky, Culbertson will take an elaborately designed concert production, **The XX Tour**, on the road for three consecutive months, playing more than 70 shows, an extremely rare feat for a contemporary jazz artist.

Culbertson's catalogue includes recordings of jazz – contemporary and straight ahead - as well as R&B, funk, instrumental pop and New Age. "XX," which drops April 10, reflects his remarkable diversity.

"It's a mix of things that I've done throughout my twenty records. There's a lot of funky instrumentals, some pop-sounding tracks, a couple slow jams, straight-ahead jazz, gospel, some vocals, lots of horns and some straight-up FUNK! The album is very much a mixture of some modern sounding programming along with live instruments, too. Real drums on almost everything mixed with programming. Definitely a cool sound," said Culbertson, who invites fans to get involved with the making of "XX" via an **Indiegogo** campaign that launched this week (<https://igg.me/at/BCXX>).

Recreating that cool sound live for The XX Tour is Culbertson's favorite part. Like his massive **Colors of Love Tour** that played 77 shows in three months and was captured for "**Brian Culbertson's Colors of Love Tour: Live in Las Vegas**" Blu-ray disc and two-disc CD that dropped last Valentine's Day, Culbertson is creating the sound and look for The XX Tour as a sensory experience. The exuberant performer spends months in preproduction meticulously conceiving stunning visuals - staging, lighting, wardrobe and effects – in order to put on a mesmerizing show each time he takes the stage. In addition to spotlighting the new album, the setlist will include cuts from Culbertson's hit-filled songbook that has amassed 32 **Billboard** No. 1 singles. There will also be a segment showcasing songs from "**Winter Stories**," an album released last month that placed him in an acoustic jazz trio setting for the first time.

Culbertson, who founded and curates the annual **Napa Valley Jazz Getaway** and **Chicago Jazz Getaway** music and lifestyle festivals, is offering two tiers of VIP ticket experiences during The XX Tour. **The Ultra VIP** package includes front row center seats; an intimate pre-show champagne toast backstage with Culbertson; pre-show meet & greet, photo opportunity and performance; exclusive tour merchandise gift; autographed tour poster; commemorative The XX Tour VIP laminate; and early access to the venue for crowd-free merchandise shopping.

**The Meet & Greet VIP** package consists of premium seats; pre-show meet & greet, photo opportunity and performance; exclusive tour merchandise gift; autographed tour poster; commemorative The XX Tour VIP laminate; and early access to the venue for crowd-free merchandise shopping.

Tickets for The XX Tour go on sale on **Wednesday, November 13** at 10am local time exclusively for **American Express** cardholders and those connected to Culbertson's social media and fan email lists as well as subscribers to the Napa Valley Jazz Getaway and Chicago Jazz Getaway email lists. On **Thursday, November 14** at 10am local time, presales begin for **Ticketmaster** and the venues' email lists. The public on-sale starts on **Friday, November 15** at 10am local time.

Below is The XX Tour itinerary (more dates will be added to the itinerary when confirmed):

April 1	Louisville, KY	Bomhard Theater
April 3	New Haven, CT	Lyman Center for Performing Arts **
April 4	Cranston, RI	Park Theater
April 5	Reading, PA	Scottish Rite Cathedral **
April 7	Morristown, NJ	Mayo Performing Arts Center
April 8	Collingswood, NJ	Scottish Rite Auditorium
April 9	Buffalo, NY	Buffalo State Performing Arts Center **
April 10	Pittsburgh, PA	Roxian Theatre

April 11	Columbus, OH	Southern Theatre **
April 14	Detroit, MI	MotorCity Casino Hotel
April 15	Ft. Wayne, IN	The Clyde Theatre
April 16	Indianapolis, IN	Egyptian Room at Old National Centre
April 17	Akron, OH	Akron Civic Theater
April 18	Washington, DC	Warner Theatre
April 19	Richmond, VA	The National
April 21	Clearwater, FL	Bilheimer Capitol Theatre
April 22	Orlando, FL	Plaza Live
April 23	Sarasota, FL	Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall *
April 24	Panama City, FL	Seabreeze Jazz Festival *
April 26	Jacksonville, FL	Florida Theatre *
April 27	Newberry, SC	Newberry Opera House *
April 29	Nashville, TN	Marathon Music Works
May 1	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta Symphony Hall
May 2	St. Louis, MO	The Pageant
May 3	Minneapolis, MN	Fitzgerald Theater
May 5	Joliet, IL	Rialto Square Theatre
May 6	Kansas City, MO	Arvest Back Theatre at The Midland
May 7	Tulsa, OK	Cain's Ballroom
May 8	San Antonio, TX	Empire Theatre
May 9	Dallas, TX	Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center Dallas
May 10	Houston, TX	Cullen Performance Hall
May 14	Ft. Collins, CO	The Armory
May 15	Denver, CO	Paramount Theatre
May 19 & 20	Mesa, AZ	Mesa Arts Center
May 21	Tucson, AZ	Rialto Theatre
May 22 & 23	Las Vegas, NV	Aliante Casino
May 24	Lake Tahoe, NV	Montbleau Resort Casino & Spa
May 27	Santa Barbara, CA	Lobero Theatre
May 28	Fresno, CA	Tower Theatre
May 30	San Diego, CA	Humphreys
June 3	Bend, OR	Tower Theater
June 4	Spokane, WA	Bing Crosby Theatre
June 5	Seattle, WA	The Moore Theatre
June 6	Boise, ID	The Egyptian Theatre
June 7	Portland, OR	Revolution Hall
June 12	Yountville, CA	Napa Valley Jazz Getaway
June 14	Los Angeles, CA	The Wiltern
June 17	New Orleans, LA	The Civic Theatre
June 19	Memphis, TN	Minglewood Hall
June 21	Charlotte, NC	Knight Theater
June 24	Durham, NC	The Carolina Theatre
June 25	Birmingham, AL	Lyric Theatre

\*Denotes tickets are already on sale

\*\* Denotes tickets will go on sale at a later date

For more information, please visit <http://www.brianculbertson.com>.

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