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FRONT AND CENTER RETURNS TO PUBLIC TELEVISION JUNE 2019 WITH NEW EPISODES FEATURING HOZIER, GARY CLARK JR., CHRIS JANSON AND MORE

Front and Center, public television’s critically acclaimed live music series, will return for an all-new season beginning in July (check local listings). The series, now in its ninth season, features Grammy Award winners, Billboard chart toppers, CMA Awards winners, and emerging artists. The new episodes include intimate performances from Hozier, Carly Pearce, Gary Clark Jr., Brett Young, lovelytheband, Robby Krieger and Friends, Chris Janson, The Head and the Heart and Santana IV.

“We are so excited to bring back Front and Center for our ninth season,” shares Executive Producer Don Maggi. “It has been a privilege working with such an amazing group of talent. I hope the audience enjoys watching these episodes as much as we enjoyed filming them.”

Season nine of Front and Center kicks off with Hozier at New York City’s Gramercy Theatre where he performs a selection of songs from his sophomore album Wasteland Baby! as well as some of his hits including “Take Me To Church,” fan favorite “Cherry Wine,” and “Jackie and Wilson.”

Country’s chart-topping ‘it’ girl Carly Pearce performs her hit single, “Every Little Thing,” “Hide the Wine,” and “If My Name Was Whiskey.” Gary Clark Jr. has been dubbed “The Chosen One” by critics for creating his personal trademark sound, which features distorted guitar and heavy use of improvisation, paired with a soulful voice. Filmed at the famous Village Studios in LA, he performs material from his new album, This Land, including the album’s title track and “The Guitar Man.”

ACM award-winner, two-time CMA award-nominee, and multi-platinum selling artist Brett Young performs songs from his platinum-certified self-titled debut, including the platinum-certified single “Sleep Without You,” “Like I Loved You” and “Mercy,” plus triple-platinum “In Case You Didn’t Know.” Platinum-selling alt-pop trio lovelytheband perform at SIR Studios in Los Angeles. They perform their hit single “Broken” as well as “These Are My Friends” and their current single, “Maybe, I’m Afraid.”

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee Robby Krieger takes the stage at Village Studios in Los Angeles for an exciting performance featuring special guests Lukas Nelson, Orianthi, Dennis Quaid, Haley Reinhart, Lauren Ruth Ward, David Brock, and his son Waylon Krieger. Krieger is best known as the legendary guitarist of The Doors. Chris Janson recently became the youngest member of the Grand Ole Opry and boasts two No. 1 singles, as well as Music Row’s “Song of the Year” award for his single “Drunk Girl.” He performs his hit songs “Buy Me A Boat,” “Fix a Drink,” “Drunk Girl,” and “Power of Positive Drinkin.”
Indie folk band **The Head and the Heart** take the stage at the Bowery Ballroom in New York City performing songs from their fourth full-length album *Living Mirage* as well as fan favorites from their previous albums.

**Santana IV - Live at the House of Blues in Las Vegas** features the original **Santana** band on stage together for the first time since 1973. **Carlos Santana** (guitar, vocals), **Gregg Rolie** (keyboards, lead vocals), **Neal Schon** (guitar, vocals), **Michael Carabello** (percussion), and **Michael Shrieve** (drums) perform in a celebration of life and spirit.

**Front and Center** is a production of Front and Center Entertainment, LLC in association with WLIW LLC for WNET. The series is distributed by American Public Television.

Videos and more information about **Front and Center** are available at [www.frontandcenter.com](http://www.frontandcenter.com) and [www.youtube.com/frontandcentertv](http://www.youtube.com/frontandcentertv).

**About Front and Center Entertainment**

Front and Center Entertainment, LLC produces the popular music performance television series **Front and Center** as well as the groundbreaking talk show **Speakeasy** and the monthly series MTV Live: **Setlist**. Since 2012 **Front and Center** has presented an eclectic mix of Grammy, Country Music Association, American Music and Academy of Country Music Award winners, rock icons and multi-platinum sellers including Keith Urban, Steven Tyler, Cyndi Lauper, Counting Crows, Rob Thomas, and The Avett Brothers. **Speakeasy**, which began airing in January 2015, features an iconic talent chatting intimately with an interviewer of their choice. Included are conversations with Roger Waters and Bill Weir, David Crosby and Wynton Marsalis, Sting and Shaggy, Lenny Kravitz and Sean Lennon, and Robbie Robertson with Warren Zanes. MTV Live: **Setlist** spotlights rising artists spanning multiple genres including St. Paul & the Broken Bones, Dua Lipa, and Muna.

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