

Rap Artist Common Others Join John Legend Tour

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John Legend is going on the road in June for his first North American tour since his solo debut album, 'Get Lifted', began making him a household name earlier this year.

Legend's tour, which launches June 10 at the Vibe Fest in Atlanta, Georgia, is the artist's first concert series since his widely-heralded performances on the SRO Alicia Keys tour.

Support on the John Legend tour will be provided by hip-hop rap artists Common and De La Soul, as well as Rahzel and DJ JS-1, on select dates. The remainder of the tour will find support provided by John's Sony Urban Music/Columbia Records label-mate, Lyfe.

Released to stores on December 28, 2004, Legend's 'Get Lifted' debuted at #7 on the Billboard Top 200 before bulleting to #4 the following week. The album has gone on to sell well over a million copies and was certified gold and platinum on February 10, 2005.

Produced by platinum hip-hop rapper Kanye West, Get Lifted has captured the hearts of R&B fans and the music press alike. John Legend has performed with Kanye West on tour and is featured as a vocalist, pianist and co-writer on several tracks on West's 2004 debut album, The College Dropout.

"His brand of soul is mannered, even elegant," wrote Anthony DeCurtis in a four-star review in Rolling Stone (January 11, 2005) while Kelefa Sanneh, writing in the New York Times (January 3, 2005) observed that "John Legend is a lovely crooner ... The hip-hop tracks help keep him tethered to his strikingly handsome songs."

After rap artist Kanye West attended one of John's shows, the hit-making producer/rapper signed John to his production company and enlisted John's help for the College Dropout album in 2002.

In 2003-2004, John Legend made a number of guest appearances on, as well as writing for, projects for

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artists including rap and hip-hop artists Twista, Dilated Peoples, Jay-Z, Eve, Common, the Black-Eyed Peas, and R&B's Alicia Keys, among others.

John Legend "Get Lifted" Tour Dates

Headline dates...more to be added!

6/10 Atlanta, GA VIBE fest / Georgia Dome (festival)

6/11 Las Vegas, NV MGM Grand

6/12 Orlando House of Blues (w/ Lyfe)

6/14 Myrtle Beach House of Blues (w/ Lyfe)

6/15 Vienna, VA Wolftrap

6/17 Sayreville, NJ Starland Ballroom (w/ Lyfe)

6/18 New York, NY Central Park Summer-stage (w/Lyfe)

6/20 Hartford, CT Webster Theatre (w/ Lyfe)

6/21 Richmond, VA Landmark Theatre (w/ Lyfe)

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6/23 Norfolk, VA	Norva (w/ Lyfe)
6/24 Durham, NC	Carolina Theatre (w/ Lyfe)
6/25 Charlotte	Ovens Auditorium (w/ Lyfe)
6/26 Jacksonville, FL	Moran Theatre (w/ Lyfe)
6/30 Birmingham, AL	Alabama Theatre (w/ Lyfe)
7/1 New Orleans, LA	Superdome, Essence Festival
7/2 Austin Stubbs	Outdoor (w/ Lyfe)
7/8 Denver Gothic	Theatre (w/ Lyfe)
7/9 Kansas City, MO	Uptown Theatre (w/ Lyfe)
7/11 Minneapolis	Quest (w/ Lyfe)
7/14 Lansing, MI	Common Ground Festival
7/15 Toronto	Molson Amphitheatre (w/ Lyfe)

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7/16 Rochester, NY Music Fest Festival

7/18 Baltimore Ram's Head Live (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel

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7/19 Bermuda National Sports Center (w/ Lyfe)

7/21 Boston The Roxy (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel with DJ

JS-1)

7/22 Atlantic City House of Blues (w/ Lyfe)

7/23 Philly Electric Factory (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel

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7/25 Cleveland House of Blues (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel

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7/26 Springfield, OH Veteran's Park Auditorium (w/ Lyfe)

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7/28 Detroit, MI Royal Oak Theatre (w/Common, De La Soul,

Rahzel with DJ JS-1)

7/29 Columbus, OH Newport Music Hall (w/ Lyfe)

7/30 Milwaukee The Rave (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel with DJ

JS-1)

8/1 Chicago, IL House of Blues (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel

with DJ JS-1)

8/3 St. Louis, MO The Pageant (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel with

DJ JS-1)

8/4 Nashville, TN Riverfront Park (w/ Lyfe)

8/5 Memphis, TN Orpheum Theatre (w/ Lyfe)

8/6 Atlanta The Tabernacle (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel

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8/8 Miami Mansion (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel with DJ

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8/10 New Orleans, LA House of Blues (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel

with DJ JS-1)

8/12 San Antonio Sunset Station (w/ Lyfe)

8/13 Houston, TX Hush (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel with

DJ JS-1)

8/15 Dallas, TX Gypsy Tea Room (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel

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8/18 San Diego, CA Humphries (w/ Lyfe)

8/19 San Francisco, CA The Fillmore (w/Common, De La Soul, Rahzel

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