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## THE CONCERT ACROSS AMERICA TO END GUN VIOLENCE ANNOUNCES ITS LOS ANGELES SHOW AS ARTISTS AND ACTIVISTS BAND TOGETHER AT OVER 150 VENUES NATIONWIDE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

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LA on September 25

Los Angeles, CA - (Aug. 23, 2016) - From New York to California and Alaska to Texas, musicians across the country are banding together for The Concert Across America to End Gun Violence on Sunday, September 25. Don Felder (Formerly of The Eagles), Sam Harris of X Ambassadors, Sebastian Kole, Ryan Cabrera, The Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, and Special Guest TBA will headline the concert at The Standard, Downtown LA. Ed Begley, Jr. will be one of the celebrities lending their support. *Tickets on sale now at Sept25LA.org.* 

Other artists performing nationally are Jackson Browne, Rosanne Cash, Marc Cohn, Peter Yarrow, Jeffrey Gaines, Alternate Routes and many more.

Spearheaded by Massachusetts-based Stop Handgun Violence (SHV), Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, and dozens of other organizations committed to reducing gun violence, this nationwide effort will feature a diverse array of artists. In Los Angeles, the concert is being planned by a coalition of activists including Women Against Gun Violence, The Brady Campaign, the Violence Prevention Coalition, Temple Isaiah Gun Legislation Advocacy Committee, and many faith organizations, as well as survivors of the 1999 Jewish Community Center shooting.

Jewish Community Center Shooting survivor Josh Stepakoff said, "I hope this concert will bring the community together in a positive way to reflect on how we can continue to reduce gun violence. Music is a powerful way to inspire people and that is our goal for this concert in Los Angeles." Josh, now 23 years old, was only 6 years old when he was shot twice by a neo-Nazi at his summer day camp. He is now a powerful advocate for gun reform and serves on the Board of Directors for Women Against Gun Violence.

More than 500,000 Americans have been murdered by a firearm since the mass shooting at the University of Texas on Aug. 1, 1966. <u>The Concert Across America</u> plans to use music to mobilize communities to end gun violence and make America safe for future generations.

"It's no secret that gun violence is a serious epidemic in this country," says Sam Harris of X Ambassadors. "We have to do more than just build awareness-- we have to contact our local government representatives, sign petitions asking for stricter screening processes for gun-owners, get on the ground with protestors, and engage in conversation both with proud gun-owners and victims of gun violence. Nothing will change if we all just sit around shaking our heads at our TVs every time we hear about another innocent person falling victim to gun violence."

The Gay Men's Choir of Los Angeles said "Gun violence is a senseless act that affects everyone across the US. The recent massacre at Pulse, the Orlando gay nightclub was the worst act of gun violence on America soil. The gunman specifically targeted the LGBT community and this tragic loss was felt all over the world. GMCLA is performing at The Concert Across America to End Gun Violence, because we believe that our voices have the power to change the world. We are singing for our lives."

Over 150 concerts will be taking place nationwide on September 25th in cities including New York, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Chicago, Nashville, Minneapolis, Boston, Austin and more. For the full list of cities and venues, visit ConcertAcrossAmerica.org

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