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# **AMERICA'S GOT TALENT LIVE! REVEALS SPECTACULAR LINEUP OF TALENT**

*Million-dollar winner singer Kevin Skinner, opera singer  
Barbara Padilla among the names announced.*

**(Las Vegas, NV) September 30, 2009** -- America's Got Talent Live!, which will kick off its 10-week run at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas on Wednesday, October 7, today revealed the anticipated talent line-up for the event. The live show, hosted by Jerry Springer, will feature an exciting array of spectacular entertainers from across the country including this season's million dollar winner, singer Kevin Skinner and runner-up, opera singer Barbara Padilla.

Having just completed its fourth hit season on NBC as USA's highest rated show of the summer with 15.5 million people watching the final and over 18 million tuning in during the final half hour, America's Got Talent has drawn a great following nation-wide. The live version of the show will give fans a chance to see some of their favorite acts from this and past seasons up close and personal. Currently scheduled to join Springer, Skinner and Padilla in America's Got Talent Live! at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino are many of the fan favorites from this season including drumming band Recycled Percussion, comedian Grandma Lee, break dancer Hario Torres, basketball dunking entertainers Acrodunk and singing trio Texas Tenors. In addition, musicians Nuttin' But Stringz from last season will also be a part of the live nightly spectacular for a limited run through October 18. Springer, who has hosted past seasons of the NBC series, and the previous sold out one-off America's Got Talent Live! event last year in Vegas, will act as master of ceremonies each night.

"We are thrilled to welcome such a wide range of talent for the limited run of America's Got Talent Live!," said Tom McCartney, president and CEO of Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. "These acts represent America's favorites from Season 4 and other crowd pleasers, and we look forward to showcasing them in our beautiful theatre."

Commented Andy Felsher, SVP, Games, Entertainment and Live Events for FME, "We couldn't be happier with the anticipated line-up so far for the show. Having America's Got Talent Live! coming on the heels of such an exciting 4th television season is brilliant as it gives fans another opportunity to experience the much-loved show for even longer."

Produced by FremantleMedia Enterprises and SYCO in conjunction with Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino, America's Got Talent Live! at Planet Hollywood will run nightly Wednesday through Sunday at 7:00 p.m. with an additional performance at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday in the 1,300-seat Chi Showroom at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by visiting [PlanetHollywood.com](http://PlanetHollywood.com) and [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or by calling (702) 785-5055.

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### **ABOUT AMERICA'S GOT TALENT**

"America's Got Talent" is produced by FremantleMedia North America and Simon Cowell's SYCO Television. Cowell, Cecile Frot-Coutaz ("American Idol"), Jason Raff ("Momma's Boys") and Scott St. John ("Deal or No Deal") serve as executive producers.

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