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## ABC AUDIO ANNOUNCES SPECIAL FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING



ABC News\*

Today, ABC Audio announced three different specials for the Fourth of July holiday. Programming includes two music specials – a country music special on the CMA Festival and a rock music special celebrating albums turning 40 this year – as well as a special highlighting different activities and events that Americans are enjoying this summer.

Chart-topping country music artist **Chris Janson** hosts "**CMA Music Fest Celebration**," a special spotlighting country music stars and their favorite CMA Festival memories and iconic fan moments. Listeners will hear from country music superstars like **Luke Combs, Lainey Wilson, Gabby Barrett** and more. Plus, Janson shares songs from his new album, "The Outlaw Side of Me."

"Forty on the Fourth," hosted by ABC Audio's **Matt Wolfe**, highlights top albums and songs that debuted in 1983 – 40 years ago – including those from **Stevie Nicks**, **Journey** and **Def Leppard**.

ABC News Radio's "Press Play" hosted by entertainment correspondent Jason Nathanson features the different ways Americans are having fun this summer. The special takes listeners to Ticonderoga, New York, to explore a new Star Trek attraction that has brought thousands of visitors from around the world and shows the expansion of the video game industry through DreamHack 2023, a video game tournament taking place in Dallas. "Press Play" also explores popular American sports this summer with Nathanson interviewing Steve Kuhn, founder of Major League Pickleball, and ABC Audio's Rob Hawley interviewing Paul Rabil, co-founder and president of the Premiere Lacrosse League.

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