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GRAMMY NOMINATED JOE BONAMASSA RETURNS TO THE FLORIDA THEATRE FEBRUARY 22

They're calling him the future of blues, but they're wrong - Joe Bonamassa is the present; so fresh and of his time that he almost defines it." - Classic Rock Magazine

"Joe Bonamassa continues to push the boundaries of blues rock. With each new record, he challenges himself to deliver something new, something fresh, and keep things interesting whilst, at the same time, staying true to the roots of blues music." - National Rock Review

GRAMMY-nominated blues-rock guitar icon Joe Bonamassa announces his new US Spring tour dates for 2017 in support of his latest studio solo album, ***Blues of Desperation*** (J&R Adventures), which was released last March.

He will perform at the Florida Theatre on February 22 8pm. Tickets go on sale Friday, July 15 at 10am at floridatheatre.com or 904.355.2787.

Hailed worldwide as one of the greatest guitar players of his generation, **Joe Bonamassa** has almost single-handedly redefined the blues-rock genre and brought it into the mainstream.

Backed by a stellar band of legendary musicians including **Anton Fig** (drums), **Michael Rhodes** (bass), **Reese Wynans** (piano, Hammond organ), **Lee Thornburg** (trumpet, horn arrangements) and **Paulie Cerra** (saxophone), to bring a whole new life to the show which will feature new songs alongside career-spanning favorites.

Watch the music video for Bonamassa's latest single, This Train, here:

<https://youtu.be/oCxRYvVN0CA>

By exceeding his own vertiginously high artistic goals, Bonamassa has shattered all expectations with this record and has reached new audiences – no mean feat when you continue his astonishing track record of hits, which now includes 16 #1 Billboard Blues Albums (more than any other artist in history) and in 2014, the guitarist received his

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first-ever Grammy nomination (for Best Blues Album) for the album *Seesaw*, his second collaboration with blues singing star Beth Hart.

Bonamassa's stature in the music industry has built steadily over the years. Along with his longtime manager, Roy Weisman, the iconoclastic guitarist built his own successful record label, management and concert Promotion Company called J&R Adventures. In addition, his connection to fans on social media has grown to over 2.5 million Facebook friends, over 135K Twitter followers, and more than 158K Instagram followers.

