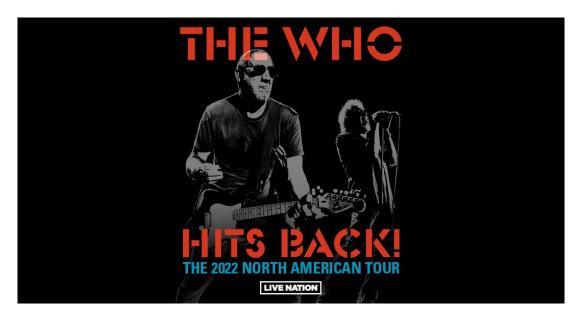


THE WHO ANNOUNCE 2022 NORTH AMERICAN TOUR THE WHO HITS BACK! COMING TO UBS ARENA AT BELMONT PARK ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7



Tickets On Sale Starting Friday, February 11th at 10am Local Time on LiveNation.com

"... rock 'n' roll's greatest achievement..." — **Variety**"...one of the greatest rock bands to ever take the stage." — **NJ Star-Ledger**

Los Angeles, CA (February 7, 2022) Legendary rock band The Who have announced a brand new tour for 2022, *THE WHO HITS BACK!* The iconic band's upcoming North American trek promises to be another rock n' roll knockout, bringing singer Roger Daltrey and guitarist/songwriter Pete Townshend back to U.S. venues two years after their acclaimed *MOVING ON! Tour*, which wowed audiences with a series of sold-out dates. *THE WHO HITS BACK! Tour* (see complete list of dates below) will again share the stage with some of the finest orchestras in the U.S. and Canada. Produced by Live Nation, the kick-off date is April 22 for the spring leg of the tour and returns in the fall beginning in October, including a stop at the brand new UBS Arena at Belmont Park on Friday, October 7. Tickets go on sale to the public beginning Friday, February 11 at 10am local time at LiveNation.com.

American Express® Card Members can purchase tickets in select markets before the general public beginning today, Monday, February 7 at 10am local time through Thursday, February 10 at 10pm local time. **The Who's** fan club presale starts Wednesday, February 9 at 10am local time and runs through Thursday, February 10 at 10pm local time.

UBS Arena at Belmont Park, located just 7 miles from JFK Airport on the border of Queens and Nassau County, is made for music and built for hockey. New York's newest premier entertainment and sports venue and home of the New York Islanders has been developed by a partnership of Oak View Group, the New York Islanders, and Jeff Wilpon. Providing a significant boost to the regional economy, especially when economic activity has been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the world-class entertainment venue, with its timeless and classic design, bridges its iconic past with today's advanced technology and amenities.

The \$1.1 billion multi-purpose, state of the art arena opened in November 2021 with a grand opening celebration that included the Islanders first home games in the building and a sold out Harry Styles concert. The venue will host more than 150 major events annually while delivering an unmatched live entertainment experience including clear sightlines and premier acoustics. UBS Arena is designed to accommodate 19,000 people for concerts and 17,250 for NHL games. In an effort to build a greener future, UBS Arena intends on being carbon neutral for operations before 2024, which will make it the first arena to do so on the eastern United States seaboard.

THE WHO HITS BACK! Tour will feature THE WHO's full live band comprised of guitarist/backup singer Simon Townshend, keyboardist Loren Gold, second keyboardist Emily Marshall, bassist Jon Button, drummer Zak Starkey and backing vocals by Billy Nicholls along with orchestra conductor Keith Levenson, lead violinist Katie Jacoby and lead cellist Audrey Snyder, passionately delivering THE WHO's many classics, as well as songs from their most recent album, titled WHO.

Commenting on The Who Hits Back! Tour, **Roger Daltrey** says, "Pete and I said we'd be back, but we didn't think we'd have to wait for two years for the privilege. This is making the chance to perform feel even more special this time around. So many livelihoods have been impacted due to Covid, so we are thrilled to get everyone back together - the band, the crew and the fans. We're gearing up for a great show that hits back in the only way The Who know how. By giving it everything we got."

The Who's wildly successful 2019 *MOVING ON! Tour* brought the band's iconic brand of incomparable rock through 29 cities, including a rollicking sold-out show in Boston's historic Fenway Park, and a memorable Seattle show where Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder joined them onstage for a rousing version of "The Punk And the Godfather." The tour generated the most unanimous outpouring of acclaim from critics and fans of any live rock show in 2019, winning raves across North America for the orchestral dynamic as well as the duo's cathartic rock firepower and intimate acoustic numbers. "They're not getting older. They're getting better. You better, you better, you bet." hailed the Worcester Telegram, with Pollstar Magazine affirming "Daltrey is in peak form, and so is Townshend, lavishing his trademarked windmill guitar motion."

For more information about **THE WHO HITS BACK!** 2022 dates, visit <u>LiveNation.com</u> or <u>thewho.com</u>.

THE WHO HITS BACK! TOUR DATES SPRING

April 22 / Hard Rock Live / Hollywood, FL*
April 24 / VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena / Jacksonville, FL

April 27 / Amalie Arena / Tampa, FL

April 30 / New Orleans Jazz Festival*

May 3 / Moody Center ATX / Austin, TX

May 5 / American Airlines Center / Dallas, TX

May 8 / the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion / The Woodlands, TX

May 10 / Paycom Center / Oklahoma City, OK

May 13 / FedExForum / Memphis, TN

May 15 / TQL Stadium / Cincinnati, OH

May 18 / TD Garden / Boston, MA

May 20 / Wells Fargo Center / Philadelphia, PA

May 23 / Capital One Arena / Washington, D.C.

May 26 / Madison Square Garden / New York City, NY

May 28 / Bethel Woods Center of the Arts / Bethel, NY

FALL

Oct 2 / Scotiabank Arena / Toronto, ON

Oct 4 / Little Caesars Arena / Detroit, MI

Oct 7 / UBS Arena / Belmont Park, NY

Oct 9 / Schottenstein Center / Columbus, OH

Oct 12 / United Center / Chicago, IL

Oct 14 / Enterprise Center / St. Louis, MO

Oct 17 / Ball Arena / Denver, CO

Oct 20 / Moda Center / Portland, OR

Oct 22 / Climate Pledge Arena / Seattle, WA

Oct 26 / Golden 1 Center / Sacramento, CA

Oct 28 / Honda Center / Anaheim, CA

Nov 1 / Hollywood Bowl / Los Angeles, CA

Nov 4 + 5 / Dolby Live at Park MGM / Las Vegas, NV

* Not a Live Nation Date

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ABOUT THE WHO

The Who are one of the top three greatest rock legacies in music history. Their music provoked explosive change and spanned what many critics declare is rock's most elastic creative spectrum, with Pete Townshend's songwriting moving between raw, prosaic, conceptual, and expressively literate. Their visionary sense of stagecraft headed by Roger Daltrey's soaring vocal prowess is topped off by the band's blistering rhythm section. With both Roger and Pete delivering their memoirs in recent years (Pete's Who I Am was released to much acclaim in 2012, and Roger's autobiography, Thanks A Lot Mr. Kibblewhite; My Story, was embraced by critics in 2018) it's fitting that the two remaining WHO members have shared their incredible legacy in literary fashion, for few bands have had a more lasting impact on the rock era and the reverberating pop culture than The Who.

Emerging in the mid-1960s as a new and incendiary force in rock n' roll, their brash style and poignant storytelling garnered them one of music's most passionate followings, with the legendary foursome blazing a searing new template for rock, punk, and everything after. Inducted into the Rock n' Roll Hall Of Fame in 1990, the band has sold more than 100 million records worldwide, placing 27 top-forty singles in the United States and United Kingdom and earning 17 Top Ten albums, including the 1969 groundbreaking rock opera *Tommy*, 1971's pummeling *Live At Leeds*, 1973's *Quadrophenia* and 1978's *Who Are You*. **The Who** debuted in 1964 with a trio of anthems "I Can't Explain," "The Kids Are Alright" and "My Generation." Since then they have delivered to the world hits such as "Baba O'Riley," "Won't Get Fooled Again," "Pinball Wizard," Who Are You," and," You Better You Bet."

In 2008, they became the first rock band ever to be awarded the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors. **The Who** has performed all over the world including global music events for the Super Bowl XLIV Halftime Show in 2010 and closing the London 2012 Summer Olympics. **The Who** continued their charity work by playing a concert in January 2011 to raise money for trials of a new cancer treatment called PDT. In December 2012 they performed at the Hurricane Sandy Benefit in New York. In January 2014 they played a set on the U.S. television special to support the charity Stand Up To Cancer. In November 2012 Daltrey, with Townshend at his side, launched Teen Cancer America. The charity is now established in the USA, with offices in Los Angeles and devoted Teen Cancer units being opened in hospitals all over the U.S. TCA's work has impacted over 5,000 young people and their families nationwide during the last ten years.

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Located on the historic grounds of Belmont Park, UBS Arena is located seven miles from JFK International Airport and is accessible via car and ride share at exits 26A, 26B, and 26D off the Cross Island Parkway. For guests using the Long Island Rail Road, UBS Arena will be accessible to East and Westbound travelers at the Queens Village LIRR station, Eastbound travelers at the brand-new Elmont Station (accessible Westbound in Fall 2022), and via the Belmont Spur station, operating from Jamaica on event days. In addition to the Long Island Rail Road, the arena is also accessible via MTA Bus Routes Q2 and Q110 and the Nassau County Inter-Express N6 bus service.

For additional information, please visit UBSArena.com or @UBSArena on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.