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# Sturgill Simpson Announces Johnny Blue Skies Tour Dates

## Description

Sturgill Simpson will launch a North American tour under the alias Johnny Blue Skies, supported by his band, the Dark Clouds. The tour, promoting his latest album *Mutiny After Midnight*, will commence in Austin, Texas, in early September and conclude in Lexington, Kentucky, on Halloween. The tour will not feature opening acts.

Currently, *Mutiny After Midnight* holds the impressive position of No. 3 on the Billboard 200 chart, achieved solely through physical sales. As part of the promotional efforts, Johnny Blue Skies and the Dark Clouds plan to release two cover songs on 7-inch vinyl for Record Store Day, scheduled for April 18. They will reinterpret Procol Harum's classic "A Whiter Shade of Pale" and William Bell's soulful "You Don't Miss Your Water."

The artist Sturgill Simpson will also star in an upcoming film titled *The Lonely Woman*, a project from the electronic music duo Boy Harsher. This film is currently in post-production and features collaborations with other musician-actors, including FKA twigs and Bonnie "Prince" Billy.

The comprehensive list of concert dates includes performances across numerous cities, starting with Austin and traversing venues in New Mexico, California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Indiana, and beyond, concluding in Kentucky. This extensive itinerary indicates a significant commitment to live performance and engagement with fans.

Next steps for fans include anticipated releases and the opportunity to purchase tickets for the tour, as Sturgill Simpson continues to build anticipation for both his music and film appearances.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **alias** //ˈeɪliəs// (noun): a different name used by one person
2. **commence** //kəˈmɛns// (verb): to begin or start an event or action
3. **reinterpret** //ˌriːɪnˈtɜːpriːt// (verb): to give a different meaning or performance
4. **collaborations** //kəˌlæbəˈreɪʃənz// (noun): work done together by two people or groups
5. **itinerary** //aɪˈtɪnəri// (noun): a plan of places to visit and times
6. **engagement** //ɪnˈɡeɪdʒmənt// (noun): activity or contact between an artist and fans

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. What is the alias under which Sturgill Simpson will launch his North American tour?  
Option: Johnny Blue Skies  
Option: Dark Clouds  
Option: Austin Performer  
Option: Procol Harum
2. Which album is being promoted on this North American tour?  
Option: Mutiny After Midnight  
Option: A Whiter Shade of Pale  
Option: You Don't Miss Your Water  
Option: The Lonely Woman
3. When will the tour commence?  
Option: Early September  
Option: Halloween  
Option: April 18  
Option: In the Summer
4. What position does *Mutiny After Midnight* currently hold on the Billboard 200 chart?  
Option: No. 1  
Option: No. 2  
Option: No. 3  
Option: No. 4
5. On which date is Record Store Day scheduled?  
Option: April 18  
Option: September 1  
Option: Halloween  
Option: July 4
6. What is the title of the upcoming film starring Sturgill Simpson?  
Option: The Lonely Woman  
Option: The Dark Clouds  
Option: Mutiny After Midnight  
Option: Austin Performer



### True-False

7. The tour will feature opening acts.
8. The cover songs released for Record Store Day will be on 12-inch vinyl.
9. Sturgill Simpson's tour will conclude in Lexington, Kentucky.
10. The Lonely Woman is currently in pre-production.
11. FKA twigs is one of the musician-actors collaborating on The Lonely Woman.
12. The first concert will take place in New Mexico.

### Gap-Fill

13. Sturgill Simpson will launch a North American tour under the alias \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Skies.
14. The tour will commence in \_\_\_\_\_, Texas.
15. The tour will conclude in Lexington, \_\_\_\_\_ on Halloween.
16. Mutiny After Midnight holds the position of No. \_\_\_\_\_ on the Billboard 200 chart.
17. The cover songs will reinterpret Procol Harum's classic "A Whiter Shade of \_\_\_\_\_."
18. Next steps for fans include purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ for the tour.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Johnny Blue Skies 2. Mutiny After Midnight 3. Early September 4. No. 3 5. April 18 6. The Lonely Woman

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Johnny 14. Austin 15. Kentucky 16. 3 17. Pale 18. tickets

### Vocabulary quizzes



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**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What does the term 'demise' commonly refer to?
  - Option: Growth
  - Option: Death
  - Option: Change
  - Option: Victory
  
2. Which of the following best defines 'transparency'?
  - Option: Openness and clarity
  - Option: Secrecy
  - Option: Confusion
  - Option: Ambiguity
  
3. Surveillance systems are primarily used for what purpose?
  - Option: Monitoring
  - Option: Decoration
  - Option: Entertainment
  - Option: Advertising
  
4. What is an entrepreneur known for?
  - Option: Being an employee
  - Option: Starting and managing businesses
  - Option: Following orders
  - Option: Working in a factory
  
5. What type of emotion does something that is 'poignant' usually evoke?
  - Option: Happy
  - Option: Nostalgic
  - Option: Indifferent
  - Option: Joyful
  
6. What are 'allegations' typically associated with?
  - Option: Truth or verified facts
  - Option: Accusations without proof
  - Option: Official statements
  - Option: Praise
  
7. A 'revival' often refers to:
  - Option: A decline in interest
  - Option: Renewal or resurgence
  - Option: Complete failure



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Option: Restoration of old systems

8. What does 'programming' generally involve?

Option: Cooking

Option: Writing computer code

Option: Gardening

Option: Painting

9. What is 'tenure' often associated with?

Option: Short-term contracts

Option: Duration of a position held

Option: Temporary jobs

Option: Uncertainty

10. In media, 'syndication' often refers to what?

Option: Distribution of content

Option: Collection of taxes

Option: Grouping of people

Option: Building maintenance

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The TV show went on a long \_\_\_\_\_ before returning for its next season.

12. Many companies are \_\_\_\_\_ their customer service to reduce costs.

13. The art exhibit featured works by various \_\_\_\_\_ artists.

14. Her \_\_\_\_\_ to her partner was announced during a family gathering.

15. The detective conducted an \_\_\_\_\_ into the mysterious disappearance.

16. The company received several \_\_\_\_\_ about their new product line.

17. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of fraud after a lengthy trial.

18. The journey \_\_\_\_\_ in an epic showdown between the heroes and villains.

19. She decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the classic story with a modern twist.

20. The region is \_\_\_\_\_ by its diverse culture and breathtaking landscapes.



**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Looking at old photographs often evokes a feeling of nostalgia.
22. In urban areas, surveillance cameras are placed to enhance security.
23. The young entrepreneur opened his own tech startup after years of planning.
24. The revival of the old theater brought back a sense of community pride.
25. The company's commitment to transparency helped build customer trust.
26. Her tenure at the university was marked by several innovative research projects.
27. The gap between the rich and the poor is a growing concern in society.
28. The allegations against the politician sparked widespread public outrage.
29. She enjoys learning programming languages in her free time.
30. Outsourcing customer support services has become a common business strategy.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Death 2. Openness and clarity 3. Monitoring 4. Starting and managing businesses  
5. Nostalgic 6. Accusations without proof 7. Renewal or resurgence 8. Writing computer code 9. Duration of a position held 10. Distribution of content

**Gap-Fill:** 11. hiatus 12. outsourcing 13. contemporary 14. engagement 15. investigation 16. inquiries  
17. convicted 18. culminates 19. reinterpret 20. characterised

**Matching sentence:** 1. nostalgia 2. surveillance 3. entrepreneur 4. revival 5. transparency 6. tenure 7. gap  
8. allegations 9. programming 10. outsourcing

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