

TRIBUTE: THE KINGSTON TRIO HONORED WITH ALL-STAR TRIBUTE TV SPECIAL!

Legendary PBS and Public Television producer, Terrel Cass, and his Terrel Cass Productions, along with award-winning filmmaker and television director, Chip Miller, and his Desert C.A.M. Studios/Winmill Films, have announced they are planning a two-hour 2015 all-star tribute concert and related documentary special for Public Television, as a tribute to the iconic "Godfathers of Folk Music," The Kingston Trio! Cass and Miller are working closely with original surviving member, Bob Shane and current Kingston Trio Bill Zorn, George Grove and Rick Dougherty.

The concert will serve as a pledge special for Public Television, and be taped live at the Avalon Theatre in Hollywood, CA, a venue next to the Capital Records Tower where the Trio recorded their award winning albums. Many other artists will be participating and announced in the coming months, but will include the present-day Kingston Trio of Bill Zorn, George Grove, and Rick Dougherty, and a historic appearance and performance by Bob Shane.

Other performers being discussed are Mumford & Sons, John Prine, The Lumineers, Paul Stookey (Peter, Paul & Mary), and Alison Krauss & Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas. Interviews with such luminaries of the era and folk scene, like Woody Allen, Barry McGuire, Michelle Phillips, and others will be laced through the special, and a documentary will be created to compliment the concert, as well as an extended DVD version of the full program with bonus footage and performances.

The extended version will merge, so to speak, with a 2014 documentary that Bob Shane and The Kingston Trio were already developing and raising funds for, through the Trio's current official website.

In addition to the pledge special and the documentary, a national live tour of the current Kingston Trio will commence, to lend support to the TV show, and will feature various special friends and guests of The Trio, at each venue on the tour.

Miller will direct the two-hour TV special and oversee the stage show, and Cass will produce with Desert C.A.M. Studios' partners Don Pinckston and Travis Miller. Together, this venture has recently created successful specials for PBS TV: Diahann Carroll, Brian Wilson, Marc Anthony, Donovan, a Native American program with Buffy St. Marie, Mary Youngblood, Jana Mashonee, Tony Redhouse, etc., an Hispanic international program shot in Puerto Rico with Laura Pausini, Ana Isabelle, Natalia Jimenez, and former NY Yankee slugger turned guitarist, Bernie Williams, and their current Public Television Irish music and dance hit, "Rhythm of the Dance" shot on location throughout Ireland.

Miller has also directed over a hundred MTV and VH-1 music videos for major artists. While shooting in Ireland, Miller and Cass learned how popular and important The Kingston Trio were and remain to Irish musicians and contemporary Irish folk artists, considering the Trio has never performed in Ireland during their heyday.

And their relevance is growing each day, with more young people returning once again to folk and acoustic music, as well as the success of the recent, critically-hailed Coen Brothers' movie, "Inside Llewyn Davis," with its recreation of the early Greenwich Village folk scene - a scene The Kingston Trio helped to usher in.

Watch for date announcements and further information on the making of the Public Television special, "The Kingston Trio Legacy: An All-Star Tribute Celebration!"