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LIVE! ROUNDUP

CHURCH OFF AND RUNNING WITH DOUBLE DOWN TOUR

ERIC CHURCH BEGAN 2019 with the launch of his Double Down tour that spans the first half of the year booked for two-night engagements at venues in 18 North American cities. Generally, the tour schedule features a Friday and Saturday performance in a different city every week. Although most of the shows will be staged in arenas, the country superstar added a stadium date, May 25 at Nashville's Nissan Stadium, as part of Memorial Day weekend. As he did on the Holdin' My Own trek in 2017, Church will forgo opening acts and perform marathon sets for each show, drawing from his six studio albums.

The first five dates on Church's 2019 tour all rank among the 10 highest-grossing Hot Tickets this month in the category for venues with more than 15,000 seats. His two-show stand at Target Center in Minneapolis, No. 3 on the chart, generated the largest gross among the five based on $3.5 million earned from 30,426 sold seats during the fourth weekend of the trek (Feb. 8-9). It also establishes a new gross record for Church among all his solo headlining concerts reported to Pollstar since the beginning of his career. Plus, the other four dates on Hot Tickets also surpass his old gross record set in May 2017 at Nashville's Bridgestone Arena during Holdin' My Own. That two-show gig took in $2.5 million from sellout crowds on both nights.

Based on the five shows that have already occurred, overall box office sales from the Double Down tour could potentially land near the $60 million mark by June 28-29, the last of the two-night weekend engagements on the tour itinerary. The result would top Church's 2017 tour, which grossed $52.8 million from far more shows — 61 compared with the 37 performances planned for this year's run. The average number of sold seats per show this year registers at 14,893 so far early in the jaunt. It's moderately higher than Holdin' My Own's 14,166 per show average, but the current top ticket price is $139 — 56 percent higher than the prior tour's top ticket, which averaged around $89.

MORE LIVE! HIGHLIGHTS

New York City's Madison Square Garden reigns No. 1 on Hot Tickets based on a sold ticket count of 109,966 during the Jan. 16-Feb. 15 period of eligibility for this month's charts. Sixty-six percent of that total comes from one engagement: comedian Sebastian Maniscalco's four-show stint at the Manhattan arena on Jan. 19-20 that drew 72,960 fans. With an $8.2 million take, it's also the highest-grossing event on Hot Tickets in the largest venue category. Nashville-based Outback Concerts was the promoter for the Maniscalco event in New York. — *Bob Allen*

Eric Church's Double Down tour features a Friday and Saturday night performance in a different city every week.

HOTTICKETS MORE THAN 15,000 CAPACITY

Ranked by gross. All data based on figures provided to Pollstar. Date range: 1/16/19-2/15/19. Data updated as of Feb. 19.

RANK	GROSS	EVENT	VENUE	TICKETS SOLD	PROMOTER	DATE	SHOWS
1	$8,282,629	Sebastian Maniscalco	Madison Square Garden Arena, New York	72,960	Outback Concerts	Jan. 19-20	4
2	$4,333,646	George Strait	T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas	33,937	Messina Touring Group / AEG Presents	Feb. 1-2	2
3	$3,559,805	Eric Church	Target Center, Minneapolis	30,426	Messina Touring Group / AEG Presents	Feb. 8-9	2
4	$3,038,832	Eric Church	Little Caesars Arena, Detroit	31,187	Messina Touring Group / AEG Presents	Feb. 15-16	2
5	$2,922,111	Eric Church	CHI Health Center, Omaha, Neb.	29,511	Messina Touring Group / AEG Presents	Jan. 18-19	2
6	$2,879,053	Eric Church	TD Garden, Boston	28,606	Messina Touring Group / AEG Presents	Feb. 1-2	2
7	$2,842,220	Justin Timberlake	Pepsi Center, Denver	17,440	Live Nation Global Touring	Jan. 28	1
8	$2,774,525	Justin Timberlake	Madison Square Garden Arena, New York	18,522	Live Nation Global Touring	Jan. 31	1
9	$2,632,660	Eric Church	Enterprise Center, St. Louis	29,200	Messina Touring Group / AEG Presents	Jan. 25-26	2
10	$2,602,894	I Am The Highway: A Tribute to Chris Cornell	Forum, Inglewood, Calif.	13,179	Live Nation	Jan. 16	1

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HOTTICKETS 10,001–15,000 CAPACITY

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RANK	GROSS	EVENT	VENUE	TICKETS SOLD	PROMOTER	DATE	SHOWS
1	$6,003,322	Premier Boxing Champions	MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas	12,736	Mayweather Promotions, MP Promotions, TGB Promotions	Jan. 19	1
2	$2,440,865	Keith Urban	Brisbane Entertainment Centre, Boondall, Australia	23,134	In-House, TEG Live	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	3
3	$1,647,817	Mumford & Sons	Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne	21,791	Secret Sounds	Jan. 22-23	2
4	$1,361,249	Elton John	Pechanga Arena, San Diego	11,517	In-House, AEG Presents	Jan. 29	1
5	$1,347,638	Cher	Infinite Energy Center, Duluth, Ga.	9,657	In-House	Jan. 25	1
6	$1,064,106	Justin Timberlake	Bell MTS Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba	11,959	Live Nation Global Touring	Feb. 4	1
7	$850,741	Grease - The Arena Experience	RAC Arena, Perth, Australia	13,496	In-House, Harvest Rain	Jan. 19	2 Theater Company
8	$806,245	Florence + The Machine	Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne	12,136	St Jerome's Laneway Festival	Jan. 18	1
9	$736,277	Mumford & Sons	RAC Arena, Perth, Australia	8,974	In-House, Secret Sounds	Jan. 27	1
10	$695,154	Nickelback	Brisbane Entertainment Centre, Boondall, Australia	8,255	In-House, Live Nation	Feb. 13	1

New York City's Madison Square Garden sold 109,966 tickets Jan. 16-Feb. 15.

HOTTICKETS 5,001–10,000 CAPACITY

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RANK	GROSS	EVENT	VENUE	TICKETS SOLD	PROMOTER	DATE	SHOWS
1	$796,160	Wobbleland	Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, San Francisco	15,261	Another Planet Entertainment	Jan. 18-19	2
2	$738,377	James Taylor	Pensacola (Fla.) Bay Center	7,448	Beaver Productions	Feb. 10	1
3	$665,606	Massive Attack	AFAS Live, Amsterdam	11,870	Live Nation	Feb. 1-2	2
4	$641,212	A-Lin	Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, Conn.	5,309	In-House, IEM Group	Feb. 2	1
5	$633,685	Ha*Ash	Auditorio Nacional, Mexico City	18,787	OCESA / CIE	Feb. 1-2	2
6	$512,660	Tyler Perry's Madea Goes To Jail	Zappos Theater at Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas	6,038	Caesars Entertainment, Live Nation	Jan. 27	1
7	$506,495	Keith Urban	Newcastle Entertainment Centre, Broadmeadow, Australia	5,290	In-House, TEG Live	Jan. 23	1
8	$469,021	Kelly Clarkson	Landers Center, Southaven, Miss.	7,391	Messina Touring Group / AEG Presents	Feb. 9	1
9	$424,859	A$AP Rocky	Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, San Francisco	8,583	Another Planet Entertainment	Feb. 2	1
10	$416,862	Timbiriche	Auditorio Telmex, Zapopan, Mexico	5,436	OCESA / CIE	Feb. 9	1

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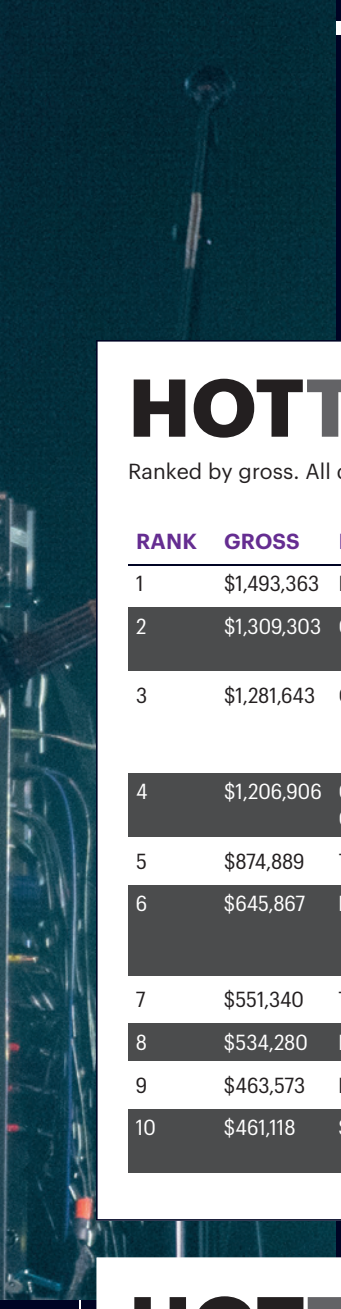

Horace Andy joins Massive Attack at The SSE Hydro on Jan. 28 in Glasgow, Scotland.

HOTTICKETS 2,001–5,000 CAPACITY

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RANK	GROSS	EVENT	VENUE	TICKETS SOLD	PROMOTER	DATE	SHOWS
1	$1,493,363	Miss Saigon	Durham (N.C.) Performing Arts Center	21,174	In-House	Jan. 22-27	8
2	$1,309,303	Cats	Providence (R.I.) Performing Arts Center	23,712	In-House, Professional Facilities Mgmt.	Jan. 22-27	8
3	$1,281,643	On Your Feet!	Orpheum Theatre, Minneapolis	18,341	Broadway Across America, Hennepin Theatre Trust	Jan. 22-27	8
4	$1,206,906	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Providence (R.I.) Performing Arts Center	22,229	In-House, Professional Facilities Mgmt.	Feb. 5-10	8
5	$874,889	Tedeschi Trucks Band	Chicago Theatre, Chicago	13,227	Live Nation	Jan. 18-26	4
6	$645,867	Rock Of Ages	Orpheum Theatre, Minneapolis	9,110	In-House, Broadway Across America, Hennepin Theatre Trust	Feb. 8-10	5
7	$551,340	Tedeschi Trucks Band	Ryman Auditorium, Nashville	6,774	NS2, Emporium Presents	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	3
8	$534,280	Dancing With The Stars	Rosemont (Ill.) Theatre	6,876	NS2, FPC Live	Feb. 2	2
9	$463,573	Palm Beach Opera La Traviata	Dreyfoos Hall, West Palm Beach, Fla.	4,814	Palm Beach Opera	Jan. 25-27	3
10	$461,118	Sebastian Maniscalco	The Theater at MGM National Harbor, Oxon Hill, Md.a	5,512	Live Nation	Feb. 8-9	2

HOTTICKETS 2,000 OR LESS CAPACITY

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RANK	GROSS	EVENT	VENUE	TICKETS SOLD	PROMOTER	DATES	SHOWS
1	$514,334	Monty Python's Spamalot	Hershey (Pa.) Theatre	7,729	In-House	Jan. 29-Feb. 3	8
2	$277,330	The Sound Of Music	Midland (Mich.) Center for the Arts	4,485	In-House	Feb. 15-17	4
3	$229,055	Gabriel Iglesias	Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, Midland, Texas	3,521	Icon Entertainment Group	Feb. 7-8	2
4	$227,370	Neil Young	Pantages Theatre, Minneapolis	970	Jam Productions	Jan. 26	1
5	$214,024	Rodgers And Hammerstein's Cinderella	Mayo Performing Arts Center, Morristown, N.J.	2,852	In-House	Feb. 8-9	3
6	$161,813	Bert Kreischer	The Wilbur, Boston	4,316	In-House, Bill Blumenreich Presents	Jan. 26-27	4
7	$152,686	Rodney Carrington	Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Biloxi, Miss.	2,741	In-House	Feb. 1	2
8	$152,367	Kinky Boots	Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, Cedar Falls, Iowa	3,046	In-House	Feb. 2	2
9	$127,878	Les Misérables	Teatro Telcel, Mexico City	2,351	OCESA / CIE	Feb. 3-9	5
10	$127,210	Les Misérables	Teatro Telcel, Mexico City	2,632	OCESA / CIE	Jan. 20-26	5

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