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Country Music Icon Vince Gill to be Inducted into Guitar Center's Historic RockWalk

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Guitar Center's RockWalk induction ceremony slated for Thursday, February 4th*
- *Legendary Eagles Guitarist Joe Walsh to introduce Gill at the induction*
- *Vince Gill's new album 'Down To My Last Bad Habit' is available beginning February 12th*

Los Angeles, CA (January 12, 2016): Guitar Center is proud to announce the upcoming induction of Grammy Award-winning country music legend Vince Gill into the retailer's historic RockWalk. The private, invite only induction ceremony is set to take place on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 12 pm at Guitar Center's iconic flagship location on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood. Legendary musician and Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh is scheduled to be on hand to introduce Gill and reflect on his accomplishments.

Gill recently announced he will release his new album, *Down to My Last Bad Habit* on February 12, 2016, marking Gill's first solo album since 2011's *Guitar Slinger*. February will also see Gill reunite with Lyle Lovett for a 13-city tour of acoustic shows. For a full list of tour dates, news, images and more, visit www.VinceGill.com

Guitar Center's RockWalk is dedicated to honoring those artists who have made a significant impact and lasting contribution to the growth and evolution of music. As the newest RockWalk inductee, Gill's handprints will reside on Hollywood Boulevard alongside equally accomplished musicians and innovators such as Eric Clapton, George Martin, Jimmy Page, Iron Maiden, Carlos Santana, Johnny Cash, Van Halen, AC/DC, Aerosmith, Korn, Marvin Gaye, James Brown, B.B. King, Stevie Wonder, Run-D.M.C., Queen, Linkin Park and many others.

"It is an absolute honor to be chosen by my peers to be inducted into Guitar Center's RockWalk. I've always been grateful to be able to spend my life doing what I love to do, and to be recognized in such a monumental way - cemented next to the legendary artists reflected on the RockWalk - is a moment I could never have imagined when I picked up that very first guitar."

-Vince Gill

"Over the course of his decade spanning career, Vince Gill has become a fixture in country music and beyond. Not only is he a legend in the music world with 20 Grammys and countless other accolades, but he has also forged a meaningful career as a humanitarian, producer and collaborator. These, among other attributes, are what make Vince Gill the perfect example of the type of artist we intend to honor with Guitar Center's RockWalk."

-Jake Cheung, manager of music marketing and artist relations at Guitar Center

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About Vince Gill:

Down to My Last Bad Habit marks Gill's first solo album since 2011's *Guitar Slinger*. In 2013, The Oklahoma native partnered with famed steel guitarist Paul Franklin on *Bakersfield* as a tribute to the "Bakersfield" sound of Buck Owens and Merle Haggard. With 20 GRAMMY Awards to his credit, Gill has emerged as country music's most eloquent and impassioned champion. He is both a world-class guitar picker and a wide-ranging songwriter whose compositions earned him entry into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2007. Gill has produced albums for LeAnn Rimes, Amy Grant as well as Ashley Monroe and has made guest appearances on over 500+ albums including Barbra Streisand, Eric Clapton, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, George Jones and more.

About Guitar Center's RockWalk:

Guitar Center's RockWalk became a reality on November 13, 1985 with inaugural inductions including Stevie Wonder, Eddie Van Halen, Creator of the Gibson Les Paul guitar Ted McCarty, Martin Guitar founder C.F. Martin III, and Marshall Amplifier creator Jim Marshall. At last, the Rock 'n Roll world could claim for itself an institution every bit as compelling as Mann's Chinese Theatre, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Located at Guitar Center's Hollywood location on Sunset Boulevard, all Guitar Center RockWalk inductees are chosen solely by past honorees. In this way, inductees are elected by real "music authorities," those who would best be able to gauge his or her contribution to music history.

About Guitar Center:

Guitar Center is the world's largest retailer of guitars, amplifiers, drums, keyboards, recording, live sound, DJ, and lighting equipment. With 270 stores across the U.S. and one of the top direct sales websites in the industry, Guitar Center has helped people make music for more than 50 years. In addition, Guitar Center's sister brands includes Music & Arts, which operates more than 140 stores specializing in band & orchestral instruments for sale and rental, serving teachers, band directors, college professors and students, and Musician's Friend, a leading direct marketer of musical instruments in the United States. With an unrivaled in-store experience, an industry-leading online presence and passionate commitment to making gear easy-to-buy, Guitar Center is all about enabling musicians and non-musicians alike to experience the almost indescribable joy that comes from playing an instrument. For more information about Guitar Center, please visit www.guitarcenter.com.

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