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## Ten-time Grammy® Winner & Multi-Platinum Superstar Linda Ronstadt To Open Dunkin' Donuts® Newport Folk Festival

Newport, RI--George Wein and The Festival Network are delighted to announce that ten-time Grammy® winner and multi-platinum artist **Linda Ronstadt** has been confirmed to open the 2007 Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival on Friday, August 3. "**An Evening With Linda Ronstadt,**" will begin at 8:00 pm at the International Tennis Hall of Fame at the Newport Casino located at 194 Bellevue Avenue in Newport, Rhode Island.

This will be Linda Ronstadt's first appearance at Newport's historic folk festival--"a long-awaited performance from a truly iconic artist," said Festival Producer Robert L. Jones. "We are very excited to present her at last, and in a full-length concert of her greatest hits. This will be a real treat for music-lovers."

### Ticket Info:

Tickets at **\$85, \$65, \$50 and \$30** go on sale at **10:00 am on Wednesday, April 25** at the Festival box office located at 770 Aquidneck Avenue in Middletown, Rhode Island and also on line at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or by calling **888-468-7619**. Tickets are also available by mail. To order by mail, send a check or money order for the total ticket cost plus a \$4.00 handling charge per order to: Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival, P.O. Box 1221, Newport, RI 02840. Order forms are also available on the festival web site at: [www.newportfolk.com](http://www.newportfolk.com). In addition, Friday, August 3rd tickets are available as part of a LIMITED NUMBER of 3-day August 3 - 5 festival packages for **\$135**. For more information, call the **festival hotline at 401-847-3700**.

### About Linda Ronstadt:

Linda Ronstadt has recorded three #1 albums, a chart-topping single, ten Top 10 albums and ten Top 10 singles. She has sold more than 30 million records, including *Greatest Hits*, which was certified seven-times-platinum in 2001. *What's New*, *Cry Like a Rainstorm* and *Howl Like the Wind* have all sold more than 3 million copies apiece.


In the 1960s, the Tucson, Arizona-born Ronstadt headed for Los Angeles, where she formed the Stone Poneys and landed a recording contract with Capitol. The group scored a massive hit with the tune "Different Drum," whose success dovetailed into Ronstadt's '70s solo career. During the '70s, she turned out an unprecedented string of hit singles and platinum albums which showcased her remarkable voice, her deep connection to folk, country and rock roots, and her sterling taste in musicians. One of her early backup bands became the Eagles. This work, including such much-loved LPs as *Heart Like A Wheel*, *Prisoner In Disguise* and *Hasten Down the Wind* also found Ronstadt

championing such soon-to-be-famous contemporary songwriters as Jackson Browne, Neil Young, Warren Zevon and Elvis Costello.


In the '80s, Ronstadt widened her range even further, exploring new-wave rock 'n roll and performing a starring role opposite Kevin Kline in the Broadway production and subsequent feature film version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *The Pirates of Penzance*. Those efforts preceded her extended collaboration with renowned producer/arranger Nelson Riddle on three groundbreaking albums of standards, *What's New*, *Lush Life* and *For Sentimental Reasons*, which have sold nearly six million copies in the U.S. alone.


Ronstadt continued to expand her musical horizons with such diverse projects as *Trio*, her Grammy®-winning 1987 collaboration with Dolly Parton and Emmylou Harris and its 1999 follow-up. She paid tribute to her Mexican roots on 1987's Grammy®-winning, double-platinum *Canciones de Mi Padre* and its sequel *Mas Canciones*, and explored Afro-Cuban pop styles on 1992's *Frenesi*. Her 1989 double-platinum hit *Cry Like a Rainstorm, Howl Like the Wind* included two Grammy®-winning duets with Aaron Neville. In 1996, she released a Grammy®-winning collection of children's lullabies, *Dedicated to the One I Love*, followed by the 1998 pop album *We Ran* and the critically-acclaimed 2000 holiday collection *A Merry Little Christmas*. She's also carved out a creative sideline as a producer for other artists, overseeing albums by the likes of Aaron Neville, Jimmy Webb and David Lindley.


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