



Lynyrd Skynyrd will embark on their final tour this summer, tapping an array of guests to join them throughout the big sendoff including Kid Rock, Hank Williams Jr. and Bad Company. Lynyrd Skynyrd plans to retire from touring after this last run, which includes a stop at Jones Beach Theater on Sat, June 23. tix: <http://SKYNYRD.jonesbeach.com>

Other special guests set to appear alongside Skynyrd during the trek include the Charlie Daniels Band, the Marshall Tucker Band, 38 Special, Blackberry Smoke and Blackfoot. "It's hard to imagine, after all these years, the band that Ronnie Van Zant, Allen Collins and myself started back in Jacksonville, would resonate for this long and to so many generations of fans," guitarist Gary Rossington said in a statement. "I'm certain they are looking down from above, amazed that the music has touched so many." Skynyrd's final tour comes 45 years after they released their 1973 debut, (Pronounced 'Lëh-'nérd 'Skin-'nérd), which included Southern rock staples like "Gimme Three Steps," "Simple Man" and, of course, "Free Bird." The group would release four more albums before frontman Ronnie Van Zant, guitarist Steve Gaines, backup singer Cassie Gaines and more died in a 1977 plane crash.

Lynyrd Skynyrd reunited in 1987 with Ronnie's brother, Johnny Van Zant, serving as lead singer. Over the past three decades, this version of the group has toured and recorded a handful of albums, their last, *Last of a Dyin' Breed*, arriving in 2012. Guitarist Gary Rossington is the only Skynyrd co-founder still playing with the band, though guitarist Rickey Medlocke was briefly part of the group in the early Seventies. The "Free Bird" rockers will kick off "The Last of

the Street Survivors Farewell Tour” on May 4 in West Palm Beach, Florida, and is named after the band’s new single “The Last of the Street Survivors,” as well as a nod to the “Street Survivors” album, which included the hit “What’s Your Name?”