

= Dick Clark 's New Year 's Rockin ' Eve =

Dick Clark 's New Year 's Rockin ' Eve is an annual television special that airs every New Year 's Eve on ABC . The special broadcasts from New York City 's Times Square , and prominently features coverage of its annual ball drop event , along with live and pre @-@ recorded musical performances by popular musicians from Times Square and Hollywood , respectively .

Its creator and namesake was the entertainer Dick Clark , who conceived New Year 's Rockin ' Eve as a younger @-@ skewing competitor to Guy Lombardo 's popular and long @-@ running New Year 's Eve big band broadcasts on CBS . The first two editions , which were hosted by Three Dog Night and George Carlin , respectively , and featured Dick Clark assuming the role of Times Square reporter , were broadcast by NBC for 1973 and 1974 , respectively . In 1974 @-@ 75 , the program moved to its current home of ABC , and Clark assumed the role of host .

Following the death of Guy Lombardo and the decline of the Royal Canadians ' special , New Year 's Rockin ' Eve grew in popularity , and became ingrained in pop culture ? even prompting Clark himself to make appearances on other programs in parody of his role . To this day , New Year 's Rockin ' Eve has consistently remained the highest @-@ rated New Year 's Eve special broadcast by the United States ' major television networks ; its 2012 edition peaked at 22 @.@ 6 million home viewers ? not including viewers watching from public locations which are not measured by Nielsen .

Dick Clark hosted New Year 's Rockin ' Eve annually from 1973 through 2004 , and served as a Times Square correspondent alongside Peter Jennings for ABC News 's special coverage of year 2000 celebrations . The complications of a stroke suffered by Clark in December 2004 had a major effect on his role in the special . After having Regis Philbin serve as a guest host for 2005 , Clark returned for the 2006 edition to serve as a host : due to speech impediments that had resulted from his stroke , he ceded hosting duties to Ryan Seacrest . The death of Dick Clark on April 18 , 2012 left Ryan Seacrest as the sole host of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve beginning with its 2012 ? 13 edition . Seacrest has most recently been joined by Jenny McCarthy as a correspondent from Times Square , with Fergie of The Black Eyed Peas serving as the presenter of the Hollywood concert segments .

= = Format = =

New Year 's Rockin ' Eve is primarily broadcast from Times Square in New York City , providing coverage of the New Year 's Eve festivities held there , culminating with the long @-@ running ball drop leading to midnight and the New Year . The special also features pre @-@ recorded segments featuring performances by popular musicians ; since the 2006 ? 07 edition , these concert segments ( branded since the 2014 @-@ 15 edition as the " Billboard Hollywood Party " ) have been presented from a studio in Los Angeles by Fergie of The Black Eyed Peas . Since the 2005 ? 06 edition , New Year 's Rockin ' Eve has also featured live performances from a stage in Times Square .

Since 2000 ? 01 's edition , coverage has begun with a segment airing in primetime : initially airing at 10 : 00 p.m. ET / PT , beginning with the 2012 @-@ 13 edition , the show was extended to 8 : 00 p.m. ET / PT to accommodate musical retrospective specials that aired from the 2011 @-@ 12 to 2013 @-@ 14 editions . These specials primarily featured countdowns of archived music performances from the Dick Clark Productions library , including the top New Year 's Rockin ' Eve performances , and the " 30 Greatest Women in Music " . On the 2014 @-@ 15 edition , the retrospective specials were dropped , leaving the Primetime portion occupying the entire ABC primetime lineup .

Following late local programming , the main New Year 's Rockin ' Eve broadcast begins at 11 : 30 p.m. ET / PT ; this segment of the broadcast can be tape delayed ( either by ABC 's west coast feed , or at the discretion of affiliates in the Central and Mountain Time zones ) so the countdown corresponds to local time . After the conclusion of festivities from Times Square , the special continues into Part 2 , which consists of further pre @-@ recorded concert segments . Part 2 runs into the early morning hours ? as late as 3 : 00 a.m. ET / PT .

Since 2005 , Ryan Seacrest has hosted the live show outside in Times Square ( along with a celebrity correspondent providing additional reports from attendees ) . From his return and until his death , Dick Clark hosted a limited number of segments from Times Square Studios approaching midnight , but still participated in the countdown and his tradition of kissing his wife , Kari Wigton , at midnight .

= = History = =

= = = Before Rockin ' Eve = = =

Prior to the premiere of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve , the most well @-@ known New Year 's Eve program was the annual big band remote of bandleader Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians , broadcast from the ballroom of the Waldorf @-@ Astoria Hotel . Guy Lombardo hosted 48 straight New Year 's Eve broadcasts on CBS until his death in 1977 , beginning on radio in 1928 ( and for a period , splitting with NBC Radio following midnight ET ) , and on CBS Television from 1956 to 1976 ( which also featured coverage of the ball drop in Times Square ) . Lombardo was also well known for his band 's performance of the song " Auld Lang Syne " at midnight , which helped make the standard synonymous with the New Year 's holiday in North America .

= = = Conception , premiere = = =

At the time , Dick Clark was well @-@ known to viewers as the host of American Bandstand , a music series produced from the studios of Philadelphia television station WFIL @-@ TV ( now WPVI @-@ TV ) and broadcast by ABC ( which itself aired a New Year 's Eve special on December 31 , 1959 ) .

In the 1970s , Clark felt that Guy Lombardo 's New Year 's specials were outdated and did not appeal well to younger viewers ; he believed that only older viewers would be interested in big band music accompanied by " people dancing cheek @-@ to @-@ jowl in their tuxedos and funny hats . " In response , he decided to produce a more youthful New Year 's Eve special of his own to compete . Clark 's new program would be known as New Year 's Rockin ' Eve , a name chosen to signify the major contrast between his special and the more formal atmosphere of Guy Lombardo 's special . The first edition , Three Dog Night 's New Year 's Rockin ' Eve 1973 , was aired by NBC on December 31 , 1972 and was hosted by the members of the rock band Three Dog Night . The special featured pre @-@ recorded musical performances from the ballroom of the Queen Mary in Long Beach , California by Blood , Sweat & Tears , Helen Reddy , Al Green , and Three Dog Night . Clark served as a reporter from Times Square for live coverage of the ball drop and arrival of 1973 . The second special , New Year 's Rockin ' Eve 1974 , also on NBC , was hosted by comedian George Carlin and featured pre @-@ recorded musical performances by The Pointer Sisters , Billy Preston , Linda Ronstadt and Tower of Power once again from the Queen Mary ballroom . Beginning with the 1975 edition , the program moved to ABC and Clark assumed hosting duties .

= = = Rise in popularity = = =

After Guy Lombardo 's death in 1977 , CBS and the Royal Canadians attempted to continue their New Year 's Eve broadcasts from the Waldorf @-@ Astoria for 1977 ? 78 . However , the effects of Lombardo 's absence led to a decline in viewership , allowing New Year 's Rockin ' Eve to overtake the Royal Canadians in viewership in only its fifth year on @-@ air . The threat of the new special also prompted CBS to drop the Royal Canadians entirely in 1979 in favor of a new special , Happy New Year , America , which premiered for New Year 's Eve 1979 ? 80 . With its recent success , Clark began hoping that New Year 's Rockin ' Eve would become a television tradition of its own , lamenting that " Lombardo would always win [ in New York ] because of the Waldorf and 35 years of tradition , but we finally got it wrested . " Clark 's hopes soon became reality , as New Year 's Rockin

' Eve had displaced Guy Lombardo as the most popular and most @-@ watched New Year 's Eve special on American television in the years following .

The 1980 edition was co @-@ hosted by Erin Moran and John Schneider of Happy Days and The Dukes of Hazzard respectively , and continued with Clark 's goal to showcase acts that represented the previous year by featuring Barry Manilow , Blondie , Chic , The Oak Ridge Boys , and the Village People as performers . The 1988 edition was co @-@ hosted by China Beach cast members Marg Helgenberger and Brian Wimmer from the Cocomanut Grove club at the Ambassador Hotel . Mark Curry and Holly Robinson of the ABC sitcom Hangin ' with Mr. Cooper co @-@ hosted for 1993 ? 94 , with segments at Walt Disney World featuring performances by acts such as Brooks and Dunn and Kiss , along with the marriage of two California firefighters , Laura Turpin and Bob Hutnyan .

The 1994 ? 95 edition was co @-@ hosted with Margaret Cho and Steve Harvey , and included musical performances from Melissa Etheridge , Hootie & the Blowfish and Salt @-@ N @-@ Pepa .

The 1996 ? 97 edition was co @-@ hosted by Stacey Dash and Donald Faison of the ABC comedy series Clueless , and included performances by Jann Arden , Kiss , " Weird Al " Yankovic , The Presidents of the United States of America , and The Tony Rich Project . This edition also marked the 25th anniversary of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve ; Clark marked this accomplishment by discussing the greatest challenges he had faced hosting the special ; including being unable to hear his director over the loud crowds of Times Square , harsh weather conditions , and a year where the emcee had to contend with a group of 30 nude attendees in the background . Clark aimed to continue hosting the special through the year 2000 . Ultimately , Clark hosted the program nearly uninterrupted through 2004 .

The popularity of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve also resulted in Clark making appearances on other television series to reference his role . In a Y2K @-@ themed segment of The Simpsons ' Halloween special " Treehouse of Horror X " entitled " Life 's a Glitch , Then You Die " , Clark made a cameo appearance hosting a New Year 's Eve event in Springfield . The Y2K bug caused the emcee to melt , exposing him as a robot . In an interview following the episode 's airing with its writer , Ron Hauge , Clark said that the episode gave the " biggest response " he had ever gotten from anything he had ever done . Clark made a further appearance during the pilot episode of fellow Matt Groening series Futurama , " Space Pilot 3000 " , where Clark 's head ( as preserved in a jar ) is seen hosting a version of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve leading into the year 3000 . In the 1994 film Forrest Gump , footage of Clark from the first edition of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve is seen on a television at a bar during a scene of the film taking place on New Year 's Eve in 1972 . New Year 's Rockin ' Eve was also the subject of an episode of the sitcom Friends , " The One with the Routine " , where characters Ross and Monica Geller attend a studio taping as audience members , and try to get on @-@ camera by performing a dance number to draw attention to themselves .

= = = ABC 2000 Today , 2001 primetime expansion = = =

New Year 's Rockin ' Eve was temporarily placed on hiatus for New Year 's Eve 1999 ? 2000 . Instead , Clark participated in ABC News 's day @-@ long telecast , ABC 2000 Today , which as part of an international broadcast consortium , televised festivities from around the world celebrating the arrival of the year 2000 . Clark joined host Peter Jennings and ABC News reporter Jack Ford as correspondents for the festivities from Times Square . Clark took on a similar role on ABC 2000 Today as he did on New Year 's Rockin ' Eve , including conducting his traditional countdown alongside Ford at midnight on the East Coast . However , unlike New Year 's Rockin ' Eve , festivities from Times Square were also broadcast live across the entire country instead of tape @-@ delayed for the West Coast , since the special broadcast midnight festivities in other cities and time zones for the remainder of the night , as they had done throughout the day .

Clark , Ford , and Jennings were among a total of more than 1 @, @ 000 members of the ABC News division that were part of the broadcast . They were all under the direction of ABC 's Roger Goodman . The ABC 2000 Today telecast overall also received a Peabody Award . Reflecting on the event , Clark was enthusiastic about his participation , feeling that New Year 's Eve 2000 was one of the biggest nights he had ever spent in Times Square .

New Year 's Rockin ' Eve returned to ABC the following New Year 's Eve for the arrival of 2001 . The 2000 ? 01 edition also introduced a new primetime hour at 10 : 00 p.m. ET / PT , which featured additional segments and music performances to lead into the main program . Clark felt positive about the program 's expansion into primetime ? believing that viewers , no matter where they were , wanted to know what was going on in Times Square on New Year 's Eve . Clark was joined by Fox & Friends anchor Steve Doocy , and Michelle Madison as reporters in Times Square . Comedian Wayne Brady hosted concert segments in Hollywood , which included performances by Lonestar , Boyz II Men , 98 Degrees , Baha Men , and Third Eye Blind among others .

The 2002 edition of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve , its 30th edition , featured pre @-@ recorded concert performances from tours by Aerosmith , Destiny 's Child , and Elton John during the primetime hour , followed by studio segments ( again hosted by Wayne Brady ) featuring performances by Blink @-@ 182 , Bush , Busta Rhymes , Jessica Simpson , LFO , The O 'Jays , and Pink . The primetime hour of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve 2002 was also preceded by ABC 2002 , a follow @-@ up to the ABC 2000 special , hosted by Peter Jennings from the Rose Center for Earth and Space . The two @-@ hour special featured a " meaningful and reflective " view on New Year 's celebrations from around the world , and also included performances by Arlo Guthrie , Sting , and U2 . Clark personally felt that 2002 , since it was the first in the wake of the September 11 attacks , was the most " nerve @-@ racking " New Year 's Eve he had ever experienced .

= = = Dick Clark 's stroke , effects on Rockin ' Eve = = =

On December 6 , 2004 , it was reported that Clark had been hospitalized after suffering from a minor stroke . Despite Clark indicating his participation in New Year 's Rockin ' Eve 2005 in a prepared statement , reports soon surfaced that the stroke may had been serious enough to prevent him from hosting at all . It was officially announced on December 14 that Dick Clark would not be hosting , and that Regis Philbin would fill in for Clark . In a statement , Clark said that he was thankful that Philbin was able to quickly step in on short notice to host the show , and hoped that he would do a good job . Philbin was optimistic about his role , considering it the " best temp job ever . "

Various personalities paid tribute to Clark throughout the night on New Year 's Eve ; the New Year 's Rockin ' Eve broadcast featured special celebrity messages for Clark , and revelers in Times Square were seen with signs saluting Clark . During CNN 's coverage , revelers in Times Square told CNN 's Jason Carroll that Philbin was " all right " filling in for Clark ( but still had Anderson Cooper and Carroll too ) . Mayor Michael Bloomberg also spoke with Philbin on Clark 's absence during the show , noting that " it isn 't that we don 't like Regis , but we want [ Clark ] back next year . " Philbin 's hosting received mixed reviews : Richard Huff of the New York Daily News noted that Philbin 's hosting was " stiff " at first , and suggested that he would have performed better if he had a co @-@ host to interact with like his daytime talk show . In conclusion , he considered Philbin 's performance to be " suitable ? although not spectacular . " Virginia Heffernan of The New York Times believed that Philbin was feeling " surprisingly nervous " in his role at host , and felt that " rowdy crowds " ( which Philbin chose to avoid by staying in the studio ) and the success of Rod Stewart 's career ( which Philbin pounced on to promote his new album , " When You 're Smiling " ) were bothering him .

= = = = Dick Clark 's return = = = =

In August 2005 , ABC announced that Dick Clark would return to New Year 's Rockin ' Eve for its 2006 edition , marking his first television appearance since the stroke . For that broadcast , it was also announced Clark would be joined by a new co @-@ host , media personality and American Idol host Ryan Seacrest . Seacrest had previously hosted Fox 's competing New Year 's Eve Live ? which , ironically , would be hosted by Philbin that year . Speaking to USA Today , Seacrest reminisced on having watched New Year 's Rockin ' Eve in his childhood , stating that " I knew when I was on other shows , I knew we weren 't going to beat Dick Clark . He is New Year 's Eve . " As a

part of a long @-@ term deal with Dick Clark Productions , Seacrest also became an executive producer for the special . In an interview with People Magazine in December 2005 , Seacrest revealed that while Clark had not completely recovered from the stroke , and that his speech was not exactly like how it was beforehand , Clark had made great progress since the original diagnosis .

Alongside pre @-@ recorded performances from Hollywood hosted by actress and pop singer Hilary Duff , the 2006 edition also featured a live performance by Mariah Carey directly inside Times Square ? the first such performance in the show 's history . Live performances from Times Square became a regular feature during future editions of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve .

During the program , Clark made limited on @-@ air appearances , but still conducted his traditional countdown , and also recollected on his recent experiences :

Public curiosity over Clark 's condition ( how he talked ) and his return to television helped Dick Clark 's New Year 's Rockin ' Eve 2006 draw in over 20 million viewers throughout the night , and score a 7 @. @ 1 audience share among the key demographic of 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds . Reaction to Clark 's appearance was mixed . While some TV critics ( including Tom Shales of The Washington Post , in an interview with the CBS Radio Network ) felt he was not in good enough shape to do the broadcast , stroke survivors and many of Clark 's fans praised the emcee for being a role model for people dealing with post @-@ stroke recovery . The New York Times ' Brian Stelter compared Seacrest 's new role as co @-@ host of Rockin ' Eve to being like a " traffic cop " , " tossing to bands and correspondents and to Mr. Clark for the countdown . "

= = = = Ryan Seacrest becomes host = = = =

Following the 2006 edition , Dick Clark Productions announced that Seacrest had agreed to remain a host for future editions of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve . As he was still afflicted with speech impediments that resulted from dysarthria , a lingering effect of his stroke , Clark 's role in the special was reduced ; he continued to make limited on @-@ air appearances from Times Square Studios as co @-@ host near midnight , and still conducted his traditional countdown , but Seacrest hosted the majority of the program outside in Times Square itself .

The 2008 edition featured live performances from Times Square by Carrie Underwood , Miley Cyrus , and the Jonas Brothers . Fergie hosted concert segments from Hollywood , which also featured performances by Akon , Natasha Bedingfield , Sean Kingston , OneRepublic , Plain White T 's , Taylor Swift and will.i.am. Seacrest 's increased role as host was recognized beginning on the 2009 edition , where the special was officially re @-@ titled Dick Clark 's New Year 's Rockin ' Eve with Ryan Seacrest . It featured live performances by the Jonas Brothers , Taylor Swift , and Lionel Richie , with Kellie Pickler serving as a correspondent . Hollywood segments featured performances by Fall Out Boy , Jesse McCartney , Natasha Bedingfield , Ne @-@ Yo , The Pussycat Dolls , Solange , Robin Thicke and will.i.am.

For its 2010 edition , headlining performances in Times Square included Daughtry , and Jennifer Lopez ( who infamously wore a dark @-@ colored catsuit for her performance to mixed reviews ) , while Melissa Rycroft served as a correspondent . Fergie hosted concert segments on @-@ location from Las Vegas , Nevada , featuring performances by her group The Black Eyed Peas , Colbie Caillat , Robin Thicke , Keri Hilson , Selena Gomez , Justin Bieber , David Guetta , and Orianthi . American Idol season 8 runner @-@ up Adam Lambert was also reportedly scheduled to perform , but was dropped from both Rockin ' Eve and a scheduled appearance on fellow ABC program Jimmy Kimmel Live ! in response to his controversial performance at the American Music Awards ( which are also produced by Dick Clark Productions ) . Neither ABC nor Dick Clark Productions ever confirmed whether or not Lambert had been booked at all , however .

The 2011 edition featured live performances by Kesha and Taio Cruz , and actress Jenny McCarthy served as a reporter from Times Square . Fergie reprised her role as host for the pre @-@ recorded Hollywood segments , which included performances by Avril Lavigne ( who performed the world premiere of " What the Hell " , the first single from her then @-@ upcoming album Goodbye Lullaby ) , Natasha Bedingfield ( who performed her latest single " Strip Me " ) , Jennifer Hudson , Ne @-@

Yo , Train , Mike Posner , Willow Smith , Jason Derülo , Far East Movement , La Roux , Kesha , Drake , and closing the show , the supergroup NKOTBSB ( the combined Backstreet Boys and New Kids on the Block ) . Viewership for the 2011 edition peaked at around 19 million viewers .

= = = 40th anniversary ; death of Dick Clark = = =

Dick Clark 's New Year 's Rockin ' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2012 , was once again hosted by Seacrest , with Clark co @-@ hosting what would become his final appearance on the program . Fergie co @-@ hosted for the sixth consecutive year for the pre @-@ taped Hollywood segments , while comedian Jenny McCarthy returned for her second year corresponding from Times Square . Musical guests in Times Square included Lady Gaga ( who also joined Mayor Michael Bloomberg in activating the ball drop ) , Justin Bieber , Pitbull and Hot Chelle Rae . Performers in the Hollywood segments included Taio Cruz , Nicki Minaj , Blink @-@ 182 , Florence + the Machine , LMFAO , Gym Class Heroes , OneRepublic , The Band Perry , will.i.am , Christina Perri , and Robin Thicke . To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first edition of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve , the primetime portion of the show was preceded by a two @-@ hour retrospective special focusing on memorable music performances from the show 's 40 @-@ year history .

New Year 's Rockin ' Eve 2012 brought ABC 's highest ratings on New Year 's Eve since ABC 2000 Today ; an average 8 @.@ 4 million viewers watched the 40th anniversary retrospective , the primetime hour brought in 12 @.@ 9 million viewers , and the first hour of the main broadcast peaked at 22 @.@ 6 million viewers . These numbers exclude viewership from locations such as bars and New Year 's Eve parties , as they are not counted in the Nielsen ratings .

On April 18 , 2012 , Dick Clark died after suffering a heart attack following surgery to fix an enlarged prostate . Following Clark 's death , ABC declined to comment on future New Year 's coverage , nor did Dick Clark Productions comment on the future of the franchise .

= = = 2013 @-@ present = = =

In August 2012 , ABC confirmed via a press release that New Year 's Rockin ' Eve would return for its 2012 ? 13 edition . Ryan Seacrest , Jenny McCarthy and Fergie reprised their roles as host , Times Square reporter and Hollywood host , respectively . Carly Rae Jepsen , Neon Trees , Psy with MC Hammer , and Taylor Swift performed live in Times Square , while the Hollywood segments of the show included performances by Brandy , Flo Rida , Ellie Goulding , Jason Aldean , Justin Bieber , Karmin , OneRepublic , Pitbull and The Wanted . The primetime hour of the program was preceded by a two @-@ hour tribute special , New Year 's Rockin ' Eve Celebrates Dick Clark . Clark 's legacy was also recognized by the Times Square Alliance , organizers of the ball drop : a triangular Waterford Crystal panel engraved with Dick Clark 's name was presented to his widow Kari Wigton , and installed on the ball .

On October 23 , 2013 , Dick Clark Productions confirmed the 2013 ? 14 edition of New Year 's Rockin ' Eve , and announced that Ryan Seacrest had signed a multi @-@ year deal of unspecified length to continue serving as host and executive producer of the special . Seacrest stated that he would " forever be both sentimental and grateful " about his involvement in the special , and that he was " excited to work together to create new traditions and fun moments on the show that only live television can deliver . " Fellow producer Allen Shapiro credited Seacrest 's involvement in New Year 's Rockin ' Eve for its " extended and expanded " success . Fergie and McCarthy reprised their roles once again , and the primetime portion of the program was preceded by a two @-@ hour special , New Year 's Rockin ' Eve Presents the 30 Greatest Women in Music . The Hollywood segments included performances by Ariana Grande , Capital Cities , Daughtry , Fall Out Boy , The Fray , Enrique Iglesias , Jason Derülo , Jennifer Hudson , and Robin Thicke . Blondie , Icona Pop , Macklemore and Ryan Lewis , and Miley Cyrus performed in Times Square , and the special also featured a performance by Billy Joel , broadcast live from Barclays Center . In Canada , the special was aired in simulcast for first time by City , replacing its coverage of concert festivities at Toronto 's Nathan Phillips Square ( City continued to sponsor the event , however ) . While viewership was

down by 5 % , New Year 's Rockin ' Eve was still the highest @-@ rated among the New Year 's specials .

On February 7 , 2014 , ABC reached a long @-@ term deal with Dick Clark Productions , seeing both New Year 's Rockin Eve and the DCP @-@ produced American Music Awards remain on the network through the end of 2023 . Taylor Swift and Florida Georgia Line headlined from Times Square for the 2014 @-@ 15 edition of New Year 's Rockin Eve ; they were among 38 acts featured in total during the special . Fergie hosted the re @-@ christened Billboard Hollywood Party segments of the special , and also performed . The special featured studio appearances by Bastille , Charli XCX , Idina Menzel , Iggy Azalea , Magic ! , Meghan Trainor , One Direction , Pentatonix , Ella Henderson , and Rixton . The special featured live performances by Gavin DeGraw and Lady Antebellum from the Bash on Broadway New Year 's festivities in Nashville , and a performance by Elton John from his New Year 's concert at Barclays Center .

On October 28 , 2015 , Carrie Underwood was announced as a live headliner from Times Square for the 2015 @-@ 16 edition . She was joined by Demi Lovato , Luke Bryan , and Wiz Khalifa , the last of whom performed " See You Again " with Charlie Puth . On November 18 , One Direction was announced as a headliner for the Billboard Hollywood Party segments , in what was their final televised performance before their planned hiatus . Additional Los Angeles performers included Alessia Cara , Andy Grammer , DNCE , Ellie Goulding , Elle King , Fall Out Boy , Macklemore and Ryan Lewis , Nathan Sykes , Nick Jonas , Omi , Pentatonix , Rachel Platten , Tove Lo , and Walk the Moon . The special also featured a performance by Jimmy Buffett from his New Year 's concert at Barclays Center . New Year 's Rockin ' Eve was once again the highest rated of the New Year 's Eve specials across the major networks ; for the late @-@ night portion , while overall household viewership was down by 7 % , ratings in the 18 @-@ 49 demographic were up by 3 % .