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Vail Resorts Turns Up the Volume with ILLENIUM in Vail, John Summit in Whistler and a Full Winter of Music and Mountain Culture

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BROOMFIELD, Colo., Nov. 19, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Vail Resorts is turning up the volume this winter. GRAMMY-nominated producer ILLENIUM opens Vail Mountain's biggest music season to date on Dec. 11, 2026, and John Summit returns to Whistler Blackcomb on March 20-21, 2027, headlining a season of live music, après and mountain culture across the company's resorts. Additional headline performances will be announced as the season gets underway.

From on-mountain DJ sets to village celebrations, intimate dinners and milestone anniversaries, resorts including Vail Mountain, Breckenridge, Whistler Blackcomb, Park City Mountain, Beaver Creek Resort, Keystone Resort, and Heavenly Mountain Resort will host new events and returning favorites that immerse guests in music and mountain culture. Vail Mountain leads the way with seven on-mountain pop-up performances – three more than last season – plus two new on-mountain music venues. **Guests who want a front-row seat to the season should lock in an Epic Pass; last chance to buy a Pass is December 6.**

"Music and après culture have always been part of our mountain experience," said Jody Churich, Senior Vice President of Destination Resorts at Vail Resorts. "From ILLENIUM in Vail and John Summit in Whistler to village performances and dance parties, these are experiences people will remember long after the lifts stop spinning. This winter, we're bringing even more of them to resorts across our mountain portfolio."

Music Across the Mountains

Headline Performances: From GRAMMY-nominated headliners in Vail to a house music takeover in Whistler, the season's biggest names bring festival energy to the mountains.

- At **Vail Mountain** (CO), GRAMMY-nominated, multi-platinum recording artists **ILLENIUM** opens the 2026/27 music season Dec. 11 at the newly renovated Dobson Arena in Lionshead. **Ian Asher** follows Jan. 16, with tickets available at AXS.com. Another headliner will be announced for an April 10 show at Dobson.
- At **Whistler Blackcomb** (BC), **John Summit's Experts Only** returns to Lot 7 March 20–21 after making its Whistler debut last March. More lineup details are coming soon, and tickets are available HERE.
- At **Heavenly** (CA/NV), **Elderbrook** headlines the Season Kickoff party Dec. 19 at Lakeview Lodge, high above Lake Tahoe, setting the tone for a winter of DJ performances.
- At **Park City Mountain** (UT), the energy of Shaun White's The Snow League spills over from the superpipe to Eagle Plaza in Mountain Village where **LP Giobbi** performs Jan. 22 and Dombresky brings **Disco Dom** on Jan. 23. Both shows are free and open to the public.

Après and Live Music: From DJ sets at the base of Vail Mountain's Gondola One to mountaintop music sessions on Whistler Mountain, guests will find new and returning ways to keep the energy going on mountain and after the lifts stop spinning.

- At **Vail Mountain** (CO), this is the biggest music season yet, with **seven on-mountain performances** (three more than last winter) and two new music venues. **Vail Après Club™** builds on a 2025/26 season that brought globally recognized artists including Sofi Tukker, Dillon Francis, Chris Lorenzo and John Summit to the mountain. This season, new artists, venues and mountain activations will be announced on social media @VailMtn. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., **Après All Day at Vail Express Lift Bar** brings more than 50 performing artists to the stage, nearly double than last season, in collaboration with Vail Mountain partner Outer Range Brewing Co. Next to the Legendary Back Bowls Gate, the reimagined **Vail Ice Bar** blends alpine nostalgia with a lively outdoor gathering space for drinks, music and après in the heart of the mountain.

- At **Breckenridge** (CO), the Kingdom of Breck™ comes to life with high-energy live music across the mountain and in town. The excitement begins during the Rockstar Energy Open with free performances by **RL Grime** and **PHRVA** at Blue River Plaza. Throughout the season, and perched high on Peak 9, The Overlook becomes an après destination for the **Après at the Overlook Music Series**, with live DJ sets and drink specials set against 11,000-foot views. Nearby, **Keystone** (CO) brings back **Keystone After Dark**, inviting guests to keep après going into the evening near the largest mountaintop snow structure in North America on six select dates.
- At **Whistler Blackcomb** (BC), the **village après scene** is as much a part of the trip as the alpine. Whistler favorites including the Hairfarmers and Taylor James will play at Merlin's, GLC and Dusty's all season long. Up top, the popular **Corona DJ Sessions** return to the Corona Mountain Top Lodge on Whistler Mountain starting Jan. 17, with more details coming soon.
- At **Park City Mountain** (UT), Canyons Village is the place to be when the lifts stop spinning. **Après at the Airstream** DJ sets keep the energy going at the Umbrella Bar every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. starting Nov. 27. **Canyons Village Silver Sky Nights** pair live music with fireworks over the village on Dec. 18, Jan. 16, Feb. 6 and Feb. 13.
- At **Heavenly** (CA/NV), après comes with a view of Lake Tahoe. The **Views and Vibes** series brings popular DJs including Elderbrook, Bob Moses, Vandelux and Snakehips to the stage high above the lake all season long.
- At **Mount Snow** (VT), the après traditions run deep and the parties run late. **Snow Barn**, a rite of passage for any Mount Snow visit, brings live music, DJs and late-night entertainment starting Dec. 19, with acts including One More Time, Lazer Dad and Haus of Monsters. Local favorite Bruce Jacques returns to Cuzzins for another season of sing-along performances, and reservations go fast. On Jan. 30, the **Carinthia Lodge House Party** fills all three floors of the lodge with music, drinks and games. In spring, **Reggaefest** brings live reggae from IRIEspect to the main stage March 20–22.

"There's an energy in a mountain town when the music starts, and at many of our resorts you'll hear it from the slopes all the way into town," said Churich. "It might be a band on a sunny mountaintop deck or a headliner on a village stage after the lifts stop. Whether guests are front row for the big show or dancing in ski boots with friends after a day on the snow, we want every one of them to leave with a story and an unforgettable moment."

Epic Pass Holders Get More Out of Every Event; Last chance to buy a Pass is December 6

Last chance to buy an Epic Pass is Dec. 6, so guests eager to get on the mountain this winter still have time to lock in access and savings. With new savings for young adults, guests ages 13–30 save 20% on an Epic Pass or Epic Local Pass. Plus, all guests who purchase an Epic Pass or Epic Local Pass now will receive five Epic Friend Tickets offering 50% off adult lift tickets, making it easier to bring the crew along and save. Epic Pass Holders can also save on the rest of their trip with exclusive savings through Epic Mountain Rewards, including 20% off food, lodging, lessons, rentals, and more.

About Vail Resorts, Inc.

Vail Resorts operates a network of 42 iconic mountain resorts across North America, Europe, and Australia. Our portfolio includes premier destinations such as Vail Mountain, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Park City Mountain, Whistler Blackcomb, and Keystone; beloved regional mountains like Stowe, Heavenly, and Northstar; and local resorts close to metro areas that help to introduce the next generation of skiers and riders to the sport. Together, these resorts provide guests with an unmatched range of mountain experiences connected through the Epic Pass. We are passionate about providing an Experience of a Lifetime to our team members and guests. Through our environmental and social responsibility work, we are committed to reaching a zero net operating footprint by 2030, supporting our employees and communities, and broadening engagement in our sport. Beyond our resorts, Vail Resorts operates industry-leading ski and ride school programs, rental operations, distinctive dining and hospitality experiences, retail operations, and the Grand Teton Lodge Company. Learn more about our company at www.VailResorts.com, or discover our resorts and Pass options at www.EpicPass.com.

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