

James Taylor will set sail on his Great American Standard Songbook Tour where he will be joined by fellow singer-songwriter Jackson Browne with a stop at Jones Beach Aug 27, 2021 - tix: http://JAMESTAYLOR.jonesbeach.com

The coast-to-coast spring-into-summer run will give Taylor the chance to possibly debut new material from his forthcoming studio album & 19th studio recording, American Standard, which was also announced on Thursday and set to arrive on February 28th via Fantasy Records. Additionally, for Taylor's 19th studio album, American Standard, the veteran guitarist and singer chose to take on a smattering of classic Americana tunes, including "My Blue Heaven", "You've Got To Be Carefully Taught", "Sit Down, You're Rocking The Boat", "Pennies From Heaven", and more. Taylor shared his cover of Gene De Paul and Sammy Cahn's "Teach Me Tonight" with the album's announcement.

James Taylor will take on the Great American Songbook on the singer's upcoming album American Standard, due out February 28th. The LP is Taylor's first since 2015's Before This World and 19th overall. "I've always had songs I grew up with that I remember really well, that

were part of the family record collection — and I had a sense of how to approach, so it was a natural to put American Standard together," Taylor said in a statement. "I know most of these songs from the original cast recordings of the famous Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, including My Fair Lady, Oklahoma, Carousel, Showboat and others." Taylor also unveiled the first single from American Standard, a take on the Gene De Paul-Sammy Chan jazz classic "Teach Me Tonight," previously popularized by Dinah Washington and Frank Sinatra.

Taylor added, "In terms of how they were performed and recorded before, we paid attention to the chords and melody, but we were interested in doing something new, and in bringing something new to it, we've reinterpreted the songs, that's what makes it worth doing."