

Fans Vote John Tesh’s NBA Basketball Theme “Roundball Rock” As #1 Sports Theme Of All Time

**John Tesh Records New Versions of “Roundball Rock” for New Fall Album;
First Single Debuts on Spotify this Friday, August 9**

LOS ANGELES (August 9, 2024) – In a [poll](#) of its more than 4 million monthly readers, the sports media news and commentary website **Awful Announcing** just crowned John Tesh’s NBA basketball theme “Roundball Rock” as the #1 Sports Theme of All Time.

“‘Roundball Rock’ by John Tesh is the definitive sports theme of our times,” declared the media website, whose readers ranked the song #1 over two dozen other iconic themes, including the Olympics theme song by legendary composer John Williams (#4), Monday Night Football (#3), and March Madness on CBS (#2).

With “Roundball Rock” already receiving a record amount of media coverage this summer because of its potential return to the NBA – over 800 stories in media outlets reaching 3.2 billion readers – Tesh decided the time was right to create some new versions of “Roundball Rock.” In mid-July, he went into Nashville’s legendary Ocean Way recording studio to record two new versions that will appear on a sports-themed album to be released this fall.

The Sports Album (Symphony Sessions) will feature a new symphonic version backed by a 60-piece orchestra, a new hard rock guitar-driven arrangement titled “The Shredded Version,” and the original 1990 vintage fan-favorite mix, along with symphonic treatments of themes from The Tour de France, Ironman Triathlon, NFL football, World Cup Skiing, and more. The album will be available on vinyl and for download.

“The Shredded Version” will make its global debut on Friday, August 9 on Spotify.

Since its release more than 30 years ago, “Roundball Rock” has become a cultural phenomenon. In 2013, “Saturday Night Live” immortalized the song with a comedic [skit](#) starring Jason Sudeikis as Tesh. Thousands of people have also posted videos of themselves playing “Roundball Rock” on social media, sparking Tesh to develop an online piano course on his Tesh.com website to teach fans how to play it.

Stay tuned to RoundballRock.net for further updates.

ABOUT JOHN TESH

John Tesh is internationally recognized as a journalist, composer, broadcaster, concert pianist, and author. His *Intelligence for Your Life* radio show currently airs on over 300 stations and reaches 14 million people each week. John’s highly successful and varied career path also includes six years as a correspondent for CBS News, a ten-year run as anchor on *Entertainment Tonight*, broadcast host and

music composer for the Barcelona and Atlanta Olympic Games, induction into the National Radio Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame, John's live concerts have raised millions for Public Television. In 2020, Tesh published his memoir, *Relentless: Unleashing a Life of Purpose, Grit, and Faith*.

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B-roll of John performing "Roundball Rock" in concert:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_h7Lm7C9Nk

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