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'Glee' star Darren Criss' summer tour to stop in Boston

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Darren Criss performs at VERTE Grades of

Green's annual fundraising event to benefit environmental education at Bel-Air Bay Club on April 11, 2013 in Pacific Palisades, California. Criss announced today that he will embark on a 16 city tour this summer entitled the "Listen Up Summer Tour." *Photo by Todd Williamson/Invision for Fox/AP Images*

Darren Criss will be using his summer break from shooting "Glee" to enhance his solo music career as he hits the road for his "Listen Up Summer Tour."

Criss, best known for playing the role of Blaine Anderson on "Glee" and for portraying Harry Potter in "A Very Potter Musical" and its sequels with his theatre group **Starkid**, will be traveling to 16 cities throughout May and June.

Criss released the tour information today after building hype last week with a cryptic tweet announcing he had a major announcement coming.

The tour will kick off in Criss' hometown of San Francisco on May 29 and will proceed across the U.S. until June 30, including a stop at the **Boston House of Blues** on June 29. Criss will be traveling with a full band and performing songs from his EP "Human," from "Glee," from Starkid, and brand new music.

"I'm gonna be playing song old songs, some new songs, I'm just gonna be having a great time," Criss stated in a **Youtube video to his fans** today. "I have been working on a collection of music for a solo album, it's hard to get everything together because of how busy I am with Glee and with Starkid but I still have these songs and I want to share them with people before we put them out to the world."

Select dates during the tour will feature Criss' close friend, singer/songwriter Theo Katzman, as an opening act. Criss will also make a return to Ann Arbor, Michigan and his alma mater the UMich for a free show on June 13.

Criss' 2009 EP "Human" was a self-released album that Billboard.com states, has sold 27,000 copies in the U.S. according to Nielsen SoundScan. Criss' fanbase was formed when he performed the Harry Potter parody "A Very Potter Musical" at the University of Michigan, the play was released on to Youtube getting musical views. The group of friends then formed the theatre group Starkid and has since released "A Very Potter Sequel" and most recently "A Very Potter Senior Year," among other productions.

Criss joined the cast of "Glee" in 2010, as the out and proud member of the Dalton Academy Warblers, Blaine Anderson, who quickly became the love interest of Chris Colfer's character Kurt. Criss is the only member of the "Glee" cast who has sung live on set on two occasions; once when he performed an acoustic version of Katy Perry's "**Teenage Dream**" and again at the piano performing Phil Collins' "**Against All Odds.**"

Select tickets for the "Listen Up Summer Tour" will go on sale tomorrow on **Ticketmaster** to those fans that are signed up for Criss' email list and obtain the pre-sale code. Another round of presale will happen on Thursday if you obtain the code from the Darren Criss Facebook page. General ticket sales will begin on Saturday on Ticketmaster.

