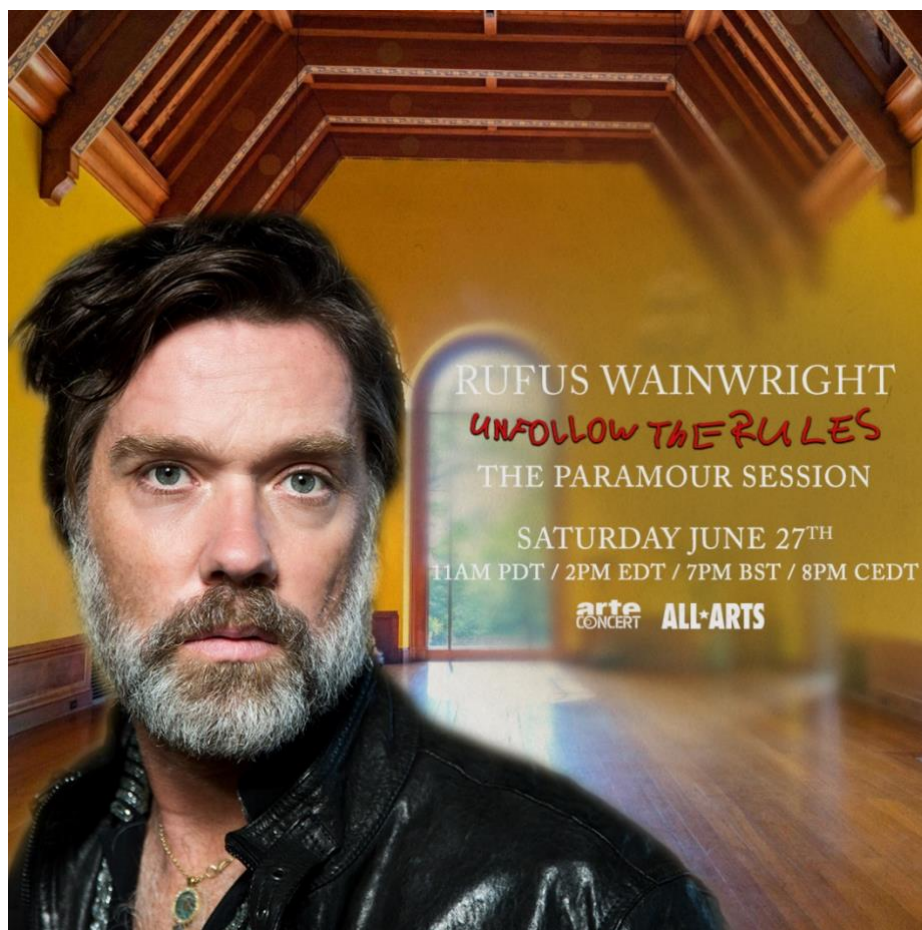


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**ALL ARTS and ARTE CONCERT PRESENTS:
RUFUS WAINWRIGHT's UNFOLLOW THE RULES: THE PARAMOUR SESSION**

**RUFUS WAINWRIGHT ANNOUNCES LIVESTREAM CONCERT PARAMOUR SESSION
CONCERT INCLUDES THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED UPCOMING ALBUM, *UNFOLLOW THE RULES*,
TO BE PLAYED IN ITS ENTIRETY PLUS OTHER SONGS**

**CONCERT TO TAKE PLACE IN THE BALLROOM OF THE HISTORIC PARAMOUR ESTATE IN LOS ANGELES'
SILVERLAKE DISTRICT**



Today GRAMMY® Award-nominated singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright announces ***Unfollow the Rules: The Paramour Session***, a concert that will be livestreamed on Saturday, June 27 at 2pm EST / 8pm CET.

The livestream will premiere in Germany and France on [ARTE Concert](#) and [ARTE Concert's Facebook](#) and [ALL ARTS' Facebook](#) for the U.S. and all other territories. ARTE's stream of the concert will be available as VOD for 90 days. The livestream will also be accessible via [Rufus Wainwright's Official Facebook](#).

Rufus will perform acoustically, with a socially distanced string section, piano and guitar to accompany him, in the ballroom of LA's [Paramour Mansion](#), former home of silent film star Antonio Moreno. The concert will feature Rufus' upcoming album *Unfollow the Rules* in its entirety plus some additional songs from Wainwright's existing repertoire and some new compositions, one of them written during and reflecting on the lockdown period reflecting.

To commemorate the album's release on July 10, the TV broadcast of *Rufus Wainwright's Unfollow the Rules: The Paramour Session*, will be available for viewing in the U.S. starting at 5pm PST / 8pm EST on the ALL ARTS broadcast channel, free streaming app and [allarts.org](#).

Details for ARTE's TV broadcast for Germany and France will be announced soon.

Rufus Wainwright has released this statement regarding the concert:

"The Paramour Session will show a completely different side of Unfollow the Rules. Acoustic, stripped back, sparser, but in a Rufus Wainwrightian sense of course. Good songs can survive in many different environments. I want my fans to have an opportunity to hear the music live when the album comes out. The only way we can do this responsibly during these times is with acoustic instruments, and fewer musicians in a large space, where everyone can be 6 feet or more apart, with a super small crew. Rather than attempting to imitate the sound of the album I think it's both more responsible and more creatively interesting to try something new. There are no drums, no effects, no bass, no horns, no flutes, no back-up vocals — only strings that are bowed, picked, hammered, or strummed, and my voice. Let's hope less is more. Of course, it helps that we are filming and live streaming this from the gorgeous ballroom of the Paramour Estate, a 1920s Hollywood silent film star's mansion."

UNFOLLOW THE RULES has already been met with remarkable praise from some of Wainwright's friends, fans, and fellow artists. "This is pop music on a grand scale; sweeping, symphonic, unabashedly emotional and fearlessly agnostic in style and delivery," says Sting, while Cyndi Lauper described the album as "Rufus' *PET SOUNDS*. It sounds like a culmination of everything he has done. It's a great album, catchy and intelligent."

The band will consist of:

Brian Green, guitar and music director

Jacob Mann, piano and celeste

Rebecca Schlappich Charles, violin

Eliza James, violin

Jayna Chou, viola

Danica Pinner, cello

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<https://rufus.lnk.to/UnfollowTheRules>

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