

# 'Voice' silenced

## Adam Levine departs NBC's singing competition

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**'Voice' silenced:** One of the pillars of NBC's long-running musical competition series has sung his swan song — for now, at least. Adam Levine recently announced that he's stepping down from his role as one of "The Voice's" coaches to work on other projects, leaving a job that he's held for eight years and 16 seasons.

The Maroon 5 frontman was one of the four original coaches, competing with Blake Shelton, Christina Aguilera and CeeLo Green to land the most talented amateur singers onto his team so that he could coach them to victory in the competition. With Levine's departure, country singer Shelton becomes the sole torchbearer from the original four, and the only one left who has appeared in every season.

Of course, while the comforting stability of Levine and Shelton's presence has been a big part of "The Voice's" massive success, the way the show is set up makes it easy for other big-name artists to pop in for a season or two. Both Aguilera and Green have returned on numerous occasions when their busy schedules permitted, and there's no reason to think that this is truly the end of the line for Levine's relationship with the series.

The first Levine-less season is scheduled to premiere this fall, and even though it's still months out, the new lineup of coaches has already been revealed. Although Levine's absence will be felt by the fans, the coaching lineup is still a familiar one. Shelton will be there in one of the show's iconic rotating red chairs alongside Kelly Clarkson, who coached the previous three seasons, and John Legend, who took home a win for his chosen singer in his first season as coach this past spring.

Don't worry, Levine's seat won't be left empty — in fact, it's already been filled. Gwen Stefani, who has previously



Adam Levine as seen in "The Voice"

coached three seasons, will return for the new season this fall on NBC. With Carson Daly also returning as host and the coaching chairs filled with series veterans, "The Voice" remains in good hands.

**Day by day:** Man oh man, the pace of change in the world just feels like it's speeding up all the time, doesn't it? With innovative new technologies and political turmoil seemingly the norm these days, I guess the only thing you can do is take things day by day.

That's the premise behind HBO's new drama "Years and Years," premiering Monday, June 24. The British miniseries

aired in the United Kingdom this past spring and was met with rave reviews. Now audiences on this side of the pond get a chance to see what the near future might look like.

Springing from the mind of Russell T Davies, who created "Queer as Folk" and revived "Doctor Who," "Years and Years" follows several generations of the Lyons family through 15 years of their lives, beginning with a crucial event in 2019. In this version of the not-so-distant future, the U.K. leaves the European Union, President Trump wins re-election and a new political figure, played to the hilt by two-time Oscar winning actress

Emma Thompson ("Love Actually," 2003), further divides an already fractured nation.

Rory Kinnear ("Penny Dreadful") stars as Lyons family patriarch Stephen. He has a wife (T'Nia Miller, "Witless") and two young daughters and is the eldest of four siblings, played by Russell Tovey ("Quantico"), Jessica Hynes ("Paddington 2," 2017) and Ruth Madeley ("Cold Feet").

Over the span of 15 years, the world changes in dramatic ways, but something stay the same, and the Lyons family just tries to navigate life as well as they can, much like the rest of us. Tune in for the acclaimed British miniseries "Years and

Years," premiering Monday, June 24, on HBO.

**Across America:** Miss America is on the move. Not the current title holder, New York's Nia Franklin, who was crowned last September and who has spent the months since her coronation advocating for the arts. It's the competition itself that's moving, shifting from one network to another.

The annual contest has aired on ABC since 2011, but the 2019 event is making a new home at NBC. It's a bit of a homecoming for the event as NBC aired the proceedings for more than two decades before the alphabet network snatched

it up. A host city and venue have not yet been announced.

Last year's Miss America saw some massive changes to the event, which has been held annually (with a few skipped years during the Great Depression) since 1921. All beauty-based criteria were dropped, and the event became focused on empowering women to make powerful changes in the world, bringing it into the modern age.

Those changes are expected to remain for this year's competition, as it settles back into its old home on NBC. Watch for more details about Miss America, including a date and a host city, later this summer.