

Scoop



ADAM LEVINE
Levine, 38, has won three times.

KELLY CLARKSON
Clarkson, 35, is a *Voice* newbie.

BLAKE SHELTON
The reigning Sexiest Man Alive, 41, has won six times.

ALICIA KEYS
The coach, 38, won in 2017.

The latest season of *The Voice* airs Mondays and Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on NBC.

THE CAST OF THE VOICE

KELLY CLARKSON JOINS THE COACHES!

What's it like having Kelly on board?

LEVINE I was really excited when I heard she was going to join. Alicia and Kelly are both people I love and admire.

KEYS I love that there's two women! I think it has really equalized the show. Kelly is phenomenal and so much fun. I think America is going to really enjoy getting to know her.

SHELTON We have the best part of *American Idol* here at *The Voice*.

We have it all on this show because of her.

Kelly, why did you want to join?

CLARKSON I come from a show like this. The blind auditions were my favorite part because I grew up singing opera, and we had a similar process so there wasn't any favoritism. I love that it was a full-circle thing.

Are you taking advice from Blake?

CLARKSON I don't take his advice; I take a note from his actions. He really does care and helps people after the show, and I'd like to do that as well. But he will mess with me left and right!

LEVINE Blake says things that are straight-up deceptive.

SHELTON Make no mistake, Kelly Clarkson is my friend. But when she's on this show, she is my enemy.

CLARKSON I'm a threat. I love that.

Since your husband, Brandon Blackstock, also manages Blake, is he taking sides?

CLARKSON He's like Switzerland! He's for both. I always do say, though, that at least I put out—so unless he's doing something I don't know about, I should win.

SHELTON If I fire Brandon, it's one thing. If Kelly fires him, it's going

to be real bad. He knows who to suck up to.

What do your kids think?

CLARKSON My 3-year-old daughter River Rose loves Blake. He has this gravitational pull. I've even seen him with [Shelton's girlfriend Gwen Stefani's] sons, and he's like this tree that they all climb on.

SHELTON I'm an amusement ride for kids.

At this point who's the biggest competition?

KEYS I'm always going to say me.

LEVINE The truth is we all say that it's us. But we all know deep down the real answer is that it's Blake. The dude has a strange hold on America.

CLARKSON He has a great voting base, but I've won something where people voted.

KEYS As long as Blake doesn't win, we're all happy. We're ready for a change!

—BRIANNE TRACY



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