

SOUNDBYTE: "There's all of this dimension to most people but the record business thrives off cartoons and caricatures." — Bono

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As our Indian summer (sky) of love and COVID begins to wind down, AtU2 brings you the latest in U2 news.

Record Store Day 2020 Reminder

Record Store Day 2020 is just around the corner! Happening August 29, RSD will look a little different this year as stores take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Be sure to check with your local record store(s) to find out how you can safely shop and still walk away with all the best vinyl!

[As we previously reported](#) via Sam Moore at *NME*, U2 will be releasing a remastered, 40th-anniversary edition of their first single, "11 O' Clock Tick Tock." Portions of all RSD 2020 proceeds will go to War Child UK, an international charity that supports children who have been impacted by war.

The Latest News And TidBits From U2 X-Radio

It's been about a month and a half since U2 X-Radio launched on SiriusXM, and the channel's exclusive band member- (and affiliate-) hosted shows continue to engage and enlighten. On August 14, longtime U2 friend Gavin Friday launched his own show, "Gavin Friday Presents." Gavin's hour will be a monthly show airing on Fridays at 11pm ET, and next month (September) he'll discuss U2 and the Virgin Prunes, launching something called "The Cedarwood Chronicles." This month, "Gavin Friday Presents" was a tribute to U2 associate Hal Willner, who [passed away in April](#); it also contained some interesting tunes, including a (very NSFW) song by Allen Ginsberg, "C'Mon Jack."

A new “Bono Calling” also premiered on U2 X-Radio on August 18. This month’s guest was award-winning Immaker Ava DuVernay. Their conversation on-air was relaxed, detailing the time Ava and Bono spent time together with Oprah in 2018 after a U2 show in Nashville. Ava also named a deep cut from *War* as a song that saved her life. What U2 fans might be most excited about, however, was Bono’s revelation that he is currently writing “prose” that centers on themes of home. This might be for his highly-anticipated autobiography, which we previously reported on (via Ken Sweeney at *The Irish Sun*) [last September](#).

SiriusXM subscribers can access “Bono Calling,” “Gavin Friday Presents,” and all the other U2-exclusive shows on-demand. Sign up for a 3-month trial of SiriusXM for \$1 [here](#).

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