



The New York Guitar Festival will kick-off next year on Friday, January 11, and run through February 6, 2008. The opening show will be a special tribute to the music of Bob Dylan. Here is a brief run down of what's planned for festival.

Sold Out: Are You Acoustic or Electric?

The Battle for the Best Bob Dylan &quot;Royal Albert Hall&quot; Cover

Friday, January 11, 12:30-2pm

Winter Garden/World Financial Center

Advancing from the semi-final competition at The Bitter End rock club on January 8 sponsored by The Studio, eight performers - groups and soloists - square off in the Winter Garden to see who has the musical chops to be the top Dylan tribute band by performing one song from the classic album Bob Dylan Live 1966: The &quot;Royal Albert Hall&quot; Concert.

Opening Night Event

The Royal Albert Hall Project

Saturday, January 12, 8-10:30pm

Winter Garden/World Financial Center

Opening the 2008 New York Guitar Festival, this concert honors Bob Dylan's storied 1966 show. Vehemently regarded as heretical, the mythic performance has since been embraced by devotees and entered the Dylan canon. Gracing the Winter Garden stage with their own arrangements of Dylan's songs will be:

Laura Cantrell, David Lowery (Cracker/Camper van Beethoven), Stevie Jackson (Belle & Sebastian), Marshall Crenshaw, Nicole Atkins & Lenny Kaye, Jason Isbell (Drive By Truckers), Jim Lauderdale, Toshi Reagon, Citizen Cope, Harry Manx & Kevin Breit, Last Town Chorus/Megan Hickey, Jesse Harris, Richard Julian & Jim Campilongo, Kelly Joe Phelps and others.

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