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After nine wonderful and successful seasons on 'American Idol,' we are sad to bid a fond farewell to our friend Simon Cowell.

Simon will leave 'Idol' after the completion of this season to explore exciting opportunities on his new endeavor, 'The X-Factor,' a promising and exciting new FOX series, in the same vein as 'Idol.'

I am sure that I speak for all of our dedicated staffers in wishing Simon all the best, remembering all the great times and looking forward to the most successful season yet on 'American Idol.'

The best is yet to come.

Thank you



Simon Fuller