



SMOKEY ROBINSON TO MAKE SPECIAL APPEARANCE AT "ARETHA! A GRAMMY® CELEBRATION FOR THE QUEEN OF SOUL" ON JAN. 13, 2019

SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (JAN. 9, 2019)— Added to the all-star lineup, GRAMMY Award® winner Smokey Robinson will pay special tribute to his childhood friend, Aretha Franklin, at "Aretha! A GRAMMY Celebration For The Queen Of Soul." Honoring his lifelong friend with a special appearance, he joins previously announced performers Yolanda Adams, Shirley Caesar, Alessia Cara, Brandi Carlile, Chloe X Halle, Kelly Clarkson, Common, Celine Dion, H.E.R., Jennifer Hudson, Alicia Keys, John Legend, Patti LaBelle, Janelle Monáe, SZA, and BeBe Winans. Actor and filmmaker Tyler Perry will host the unforgettable night.

The Recording Academy™, AEG Ehrlich Ventures, Clive Davis, and CBS will pay tribute to the legendary career of GRAMMY winner Aretha Franklin with a live concert on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, at 6 p.m. PT at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. The special will broadcast Sunday, March 10, 2019 (9–11 p.m., ET/PT) on the [CBS Television Network](#). Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at [AXS.com](#).

"Aretha! A GRAMMY Celebration" continues the tradition of previous Emmy-winning TV specials presented by the Recording Academy, AEG Ehrlich Ventures, and CBS: "Sinatra 100—An All-Star GRAMMY Concert," "Stevie Wonder: Songs In The Key Of Life—An All-Star GRAMMY Salute," and "The Beatles: The Night That Changed America—A GRAMMY Salute."

"Aretha! A GRAMMY Celebration" is produced by AEG Ehrlich Ventures, LLC. Ehrlich and Clive Davis are executive producers, Ron Basile and Chantel Sausedo are producers, and David Wild is the writer/producer.

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