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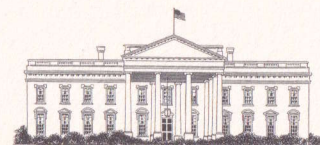


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THE WHITE HOUSE
MUSIC SERIES

*The Musical Legacy
of
Ray Charles*



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YOLANDA ADAMS

Gospel Singer and radio host Yolanda Adams has been amazing audiences for years with her trademark pioneering spirit and boundless optimism. She has received four GRAMMY® Awards and has sold more than 4.5 million CDs worldwide. Adams hosts "The Yolanda Adams Morning Show." Her first book, *Points of Power* provides the tools, wisdom and spiritual guidance for living a joyful life. Adams' greatest and proudest achievement is being the mother of her nine-year-old daughter Taylor, love of her life.

LEON BRIDGES

Fort Worth, Texas native and Columbia Records artist Leon Bridges released his debut album *Coming Home* in June of 2015 to critical and public acclaim. His intimate solo shows from London to New York, have proved him a rare and classic new talent who can do smoldering ballads and elemental rock 'n' roll with equal aplomb. "I'm not saying I can hold a candle to any soul musician from the '50s and '60s," Bridges says, "but I want to carry the torch."

ANDRA DAY

As a kid growing up in San Diego, Andra Day sang in church choir and studied dance, theater and music at the School of Creative and Performing Arts. By 16, Andra knew she wanted to sing professionally. She has performed alongside artists like Erykah Badu, Mary J. Blige, and Patti LaBelle and earned the praise of artists like Alicia Keys, Ryan Tedder, and Jennifer Hudson among others. Her debut album *Cheers To The Fall* was released on August 28, 2015.

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DEMI LOVATO

Singer, songwriter, and actress Demi Lovato rose to prominence starring on Disney's "Sonny with a Chance" (2009). Her 2013 album *Demi* produced a hit single "Heart Attack," which went platinum. She has since released her fifth studio album, *Confident* (2015), and her book titled *Staying Strong: 365 Days a Year* is a *New York Times* best-seller. Lovato is also an avid supporter of anti-bullying organizations and was named the ambassador for Secret's "Mean Stinks," an anti-bullying campaign promoting self-esteem in girls.

JUSSIE SMOLLETT

Entertainer Jussie Smollett stars as Jamal Lyon on the hit TV series *Empire*. The role allows him to blend his acting, singing, and songwriting skills in this high-octane family drama, which is a major hit on FOX. Feature film credits include "The Mighty Ducks," Rob Reiner's "North," and Alex Haley's "Queen," alongside Halle Berry and Danny Glover. Smollett is actively involved in numerous charities including the RuJohn Foundation, which supplies clothes, school materials, and scholarships to children in Jamaica and the U.S.



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The GRAMMY® Museum opened its doors in downtown Los Angeles on December 6, 2008. Through 30,000 square feet of interactive and multimedia exhibits, the Museum explores and celebrates the enduring legacies of all forms of music, the creative process, the art and technology of the recording process, and the history of the premier recognition of excellence in recorded music—the GRAMMY® Award. In its first year alone, The GRAMMY® Museum hosted more than 500 public and educational programs with musicians such as Harry Connick, Jr., Lang Lang, Annie Lennox, Dave Matthews, Smokey Robinson, Andrea Bocelli, Ringo Starr, Dwight Yoakam, and Stevie Nicks. Through thought-provoking and dynamic public and educational programs and exhibits, guests experience music from a never-before-seen insider perspective that only The GRAMMY® Museum can deliver.

ROBERT SANTELLI

Robert Santelli, a leading musicologist and music educator, is the executive director of The GRAMMY® Museum in Los Angeles. Prior to joining The GRAMMY® Museum, Santelli was the vice president of education and public programs at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, before becoming CEO and artistic director at the Experience Music Project in Seattle. Santelli is a longtime member of The Recording Academy, as well as founder and former president of the National Music Museum Alliance. A noted blues and rock historian, Santelli has authored and edited more than a dozen books, including *The Bob Dylan Scrapbook*.

