***LIONEL RICHIE:*** ***THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE FOR POPULAR SONG***

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**Lionel Richie**

International superstar Lionel Richie has a discography of albums and singles that are second to none. His music is part of the fabric of pop music. With more than 125 million albums sold worldwide, an Oscar®, a Golden Globe®, four Grammy Awards®\*, the distinction of MusiCares Person of the Year in 2016, and Kennedy Center Honoree in 2017.  In March 2018, Richie put his handprints and footprints in cement at the TCL Chinese Theatre IMAX in Hollywood, one of the oldest awards in Hollywood. He recently received the Ivor Novello PRS for Music Special International Award. The Tuskegee, Alabama native is a true music icon.

Lionel Richie is known for his mega-hits such as “Endless Love,” “Lady,” “Truly,” “All Night Long,” “Penny Lover,” “Stuck on You,” “Hello,” “Say You, Say Me,” “Dancing on the Ceiling,” and co-wrote one of the most important pop songs in history, “We Are the World,” for USA for Africa. His song catalog also includes his early work with The Commodores, where he developed a groundbreaking style that defied genre categories, penning smashes such as “Three Times a Lady,” “Still,” and “Easy.” Richie has had 11 consecutive years where he wrote #1 songs\*.

Richie sold out arenas worldwide with a set list of his brightest and best anthems on his All The Hits, All Night Long Tour. In recent years, he also headlined festivals including Bonnaroo, Outside Lands, and Glastonbury, drawing the festival’s biggest crowd ever with more than 200,000 attendees.

Richie took fans on a spectacular musical journey with his latest album, Live from Las Vegas along with his most recent tour, the “Hello” tour, which kicked off in Summer 2019. The album, which was released on August 16, 2019 was #1 on the Billboard Artist 100 chart. The album also marks the legendary artist’s first release on Capitol Records.

Richie was a judge on ABC’s American Idol for the past 4 seasons and is set to return to the ‘Judge’s’ chair for the show’s 20th season.  He launched his Las Vegas headlining residency show, Lionel Richie—All the Hits in April 2016. In an unforgettable evening featuring his brightest and best anthems which have defined the music icon’s unparalleled career, Richie took his fans on a spectacular musical journey, performing a variety of his seminal hits. Richie recently extended his “Back to Las Vegas” residency at Wynn Las Vegas’ Encore Theater with a twelve-show engagement in 2022.

*\* Grammy Awards include: Album of the Year (1984) – Can’t Slow Down, Best Male Pop Performance (1982) – Truly, Producer of the Year (1984), Song of the Year (1986) – We Are The World,*

*\* #1 songs include: 1976 Just to Be Close to You (R&B #1), 1977 Easy (R&B #1), 1978 Three Times a Lady, 1979 Still, 1980 Lady, 1981 Endless Love, 1982 Truly, 1983 All Night Long (All Night), 1984 Hello, 1985 Say You, Say Me + We Are The World, 1986 Dancing on the Ceiling (Radio & Records #1)*

**Tim Swift**
Tim Swiftis the founder and CEO of Bounce, a full-service Emmy Award winning television production company. For over 30 years, Tim has successfully produced live televised events

in venues ranging from the Dodger Stadium and Royal Albert Hall to Carnegie Hall and the White House.

In addition to producing *The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song* every year since 2015, Tim has also produced many other PBSspecials, including the annual *National Christmas Tree Lighting* and multiple episodes of the long-running and highly acclaimed PBSseries, *In Performance at The White* *House*.

The roster of A-list artists Tim has worked with throughout his career includes everyone from Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Elton John, and Tony Bennett to Aretha Franklin, Bruce Springsteen, and Lady Gaga, from Dolly Parton and Sting to Tom Hanks, Reese Witherspoon, and Miss Piggy.

Tim also produced the Grammy Foundation’s *MusiCares Person of The Year* for over 25 years and is known throughout the music industry for creating unique, unforgettable, and truly once-in-a-lifetime musical collaborations.