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## ABC NEWS' 'SUPERSTAR' SERIES PROFILES AALIYAH, EXPLORING THE LIFE, MUSIC AND ENDURING LEGACY OF THE R&B ICON

**One-Hour Special Features Exclusive Interviews With Those Close to Aaliyah and Acclaimed Hip-Hop and R&B Artists Who Reflect on Her Impact and Continuing Relevance**

**'Superstar: Aaliyah' Airs Wednesday, June 14 (10:00-11:00 p.m. EDT), on ABC, Next Day on Hulu**



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R&B icon Aaliyah — who helped redefine the genre with her unique mix of old school and new school sound — continues to inspire and influence music, fashion and culture decades after her untimely death in an August 2001 plane crash. ABC News announced today “**Superstar: Aaliyah**,” a one-hour special that follows the legendary artist’s life, music and enduring legacy.

The primetime event explores how Aaliyah emerged as a chart-topping musician, actress on the rise and fashion trendsetter as a young teenager. The program sheds light on the circumstances of her underage marriage to R. Kelly, who has since been convicted as a sex offender, and shows how Aaliyah’s relevance continues as a new generation experiences her music decades later.

The program features exclusive interviews with those who were close to Aaliyah, including music executive **Damon Dash**, her former boyfriend; **Barry Hankerson**, her uncle and CEO/founder of Blackground Records; and recording engineer and producer **Jimmy Douglass**, who worked with Aaliyah in the studio. ABC News also has exclusive interviews with recording artists who cite Aaliyah as an influence, including **Justine Skye**, **Sevyn Streeter** and **will.i.am**. In addition, the program features exclusive interviews with fashion designers **Karl Kani**, who opens up about what it was like to style Aaliyah, and designer and stylist **Aleali May**, who reflects on Aaliyah as an enduring sartorial

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"Superstar" is produced by ABC News. David Sloan is senior executive producer. Muriel Pearson is executive producer. Gabriel Noble is a producer.

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