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#### **ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2024 INDUCTEES**

Induction Ceremony To Take Place in Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, Oct. 19

The 2024 Ceremony Returns to Disney+ and ABC

Inductees Announced Live on 'American Idol' by Ryan Seacrest and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Inductee Lionel Richie



The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Foundation announced tonight the 2024 Inductees for music's highest honor in the following categories:

### **Performer Category:**

- Mary J. Blige
- Cher
- Dave Matthews Band
- Foreigner
- Peter Frampton
- Kool & The Gang
- Ozzy Osbourne
- A Tribe Called Quest

### **Musical Influencer Award:**

- Alexis Korner
- Big Mama Thornton
- John Mayall

### **Musical Excellence Award:**

- Dionne Warwick
- Jimmy Buffett
- MC5
- Norman Whitfield

### **Ahmet Ertegun Award:**

Suzanne de Passe

Music's highest honor, the 2024 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction will be live on **Saturday**, **Oct. 19**, at the Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland, Ohio. The 2024 ceremony will once again stream live on <u>Disney+</u> with a special airing on ABC at a later date and available on <u>Hulu</u> the next day.

"Rock & Roll is an ever-evolving amalgam of sounds that impacts culture and moves generations," said John Sykes, chairman of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Foundation. "This diverse group of inductees each broke down musical barriers and influenced countless artists that followed in their footsteps."

The Inductees were announced live on ABC this evening by Ryan Seacrest and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee Lionel Richie during the "Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Night" episode of "American Idol," where the Top 14 American Idol finalists took on songs from legendary Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Inductees as America voted live for the Top 12. The episode will be available tomorrow on <u>Hulu</u>.

The Induction categories include the following:

- Performers: artists who have created music whose originality, impact, and influence have changed the course of rock & roll.
- Musical Influence Award: artists whose music and performance style have directly influenced, inspired, and evolved rock & roll and music impacting youth culture.
- Musical Excellence Award: given to artists, musicians, songwriters and producers whose originality and influence creating music have had a dramatic impact on music.
- Ahmet Ertegun Award: non-performing industry professionals who have had a major influence on the creative development and growth of rock & roll and music that has impacted youth culture.

To be eligible, an individual artist or band must have released its first commercial recording at least 25 years prior to the year of nomination. 4 out of the 8 Inductees in the Performer category were on the ballot for the first time, including Cher, Foreigner, Kool & the Gang and Peter Frampton.

Ticket on sale information will be announced at a later date. Select Rock & Roll Hall of Fame donors and members receive exclusive Induction ticket opportunities. Donate or join by June 30 to be eligible. Visit <a href="mailto:rockhall.com/membership">rockhall.com/membership</a> to learn more.

Press can access hi-resolution images and bios for the 2024 Nominees at <u>rockhall.com/press-room</u>. Media credential applications for the Induction Ceremony will open in July.

#### About the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Born from the collision of rhythm & blues, country, and gospel, rock & roll is a spirit that is inclusive and ever-changing. The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame celebrates the sound of youth culture and honors the artists whose music connects us all. We share stories of the people, events, and songs that shape our world through digital content, innovative exhibits, live music, engaging programs, and our annual Induction Ceremony. We intentionally foster a diverse and equitable non-profit Museum that encourages and embraces creativity and innovation. As a community leader, we value, empower, and respect all people. Join the millions who love rock & roll as much as you do. Visit us in Cleveland, Ohio or at <a href="rockhall.com">rockhall.com</a> and follow us on Facebook (@rockandrollhalloffame), Instagram (@rockhall), Twitter (@rockhall), TikTok (@RockHallFame), and YouTube (<a href="youtube.com/rockhall">youtube.com/rockhall</a>).

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