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**THE ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION UNVEILS ELECTRIFYING CLASS OF
2025 INDUCTEES**

2025 Induction Ceremony Set for Saturday, Nov. 8, in Los Angeles and Airing Live on Disney+

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INDUCTION 2025

The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Foundation pulled back the curtain on its 2025 Inductees – a powerhouse lineup of trailblazers, icons and music legends who have shaped the ever-evolving sounds of Rock & Roll. This year’s announcement delivered live by Ryan Seacrest on the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame episode of “American Idol,” setting the stage for an unforgettable celebration of music’s highest honor.

Performer Category:

- Bad Company
- Chubby Checker
- Joe Cocker
- Cyndi Lauper
- Outkast
- Soundgarden
- The White Stripes

Musical Influence Award:

- Salt-N-Pepa
- Warren Zevon

Musical Excellence Award:

- Thom Bell
- Nicky Hopkins
- Carol Kaye

Ahmet Ertegun Award:

- Lenny Waronker

The 2025 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction will be live on **Saturday, Nov. 8**, at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles, California. The 2025 ceremony will once again stream live on [Disney+](#), with a special airing on ABC at a later date and available on [Hulu](#) the next day.

“Each of these inductees created their own sound and attitude that had a profound impact on culture and helped to change the course of Rock & Roll forever,” said John Sykes, chairman of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. “Their music gave a voice to generations and influenced countless artists that followed in their footsteps.”

The Inductees were announced live on ABC this evening by Ryan Seacrest during the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 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 next day on Hulu.

To be eligible for induction, an individual artist or band must have released its first commercial recording at least 25 years prior to the year of nomination. Chubby Checker, Joe Cocker, Bad Company, and Outkast are first-time nominees, whereas Cyndi Lauper, Soundgarden, and The White Stripes have all been nominated before.

The Induction categories include the following:

- Performers: artists who have created music whose originality, impact and influence has 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 culture
- Musical Excellence Award: given to artists, musicians, songwriters and producers whose originality and influence 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 culture.

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 rockhall.com/membership to learn more.

Press can access high-resolution images and bios for the 2025 Inductees at rockhall.com/press-room. 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 an inclusive and welcoming non-profit Museum that encourages and embraces creativity and innovation. As a community leader, we

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