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Steve Tyrell

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Steve Tyrell

Grammy® Award-winning producer and vocalist Steve Tyrell is the definition of a renaissance man. In his nearly five decades in the music business, he has achieved success as a singer, producer, musical supervisor, and most recently, radio host.

His breakthrough performances in *Father of the Bride* and *Father of the Bride II* helped Tyrell reinvent and re-popularize classic pop standards for a modern-day audience. His hits, “The Way You Look Tonight,” “The Simple Life,” “Crush On You” and “The Sunny Side of The Street,” have launched millions of romances. His iconic version of “The Sunny Side of The Street” was even used in outer space to wake up the astronauts.

As an artist, all nine of his American Standards albums have achieved Top 5 status on Billboard’s Jazz charts. His album, *The Disney Standards*, landed in the Top 10. His first album, *A New Standard*, was among the best-selling jazz albums for more than five years. Steve’s latest album, *That Lovin’ Feeling*, also debuted in the Top 5. On it, he celebrates what he calls “The Great American Songbook 2,” featuring seminal rock era classics penned by legendary songwriters, including Carole King, Burt Bacharach, Carole Bayer Sager, Neil Sedaka, Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil, Mike Stoller and Jerry Leiber, among others. He teamed with Judith Hill of 20 Feet From Stardom, as well as Neil Sedaka, Bill Medley, and B.J. Thomas for duets that put a new spin on their signature songs.

In August 2015, Tyrell added radio host to his long line of credits. Every Monday thru Friday, he can be heard on *The Steve Tyrell Show*, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. PT on KJAZZ 88.1 in Los Angeles and online at jazzandblues.org.

With sold out shows across America and raves from around the world, his following increases day by day. Steve has had the pleasure of singing for heads of state, including presidents Bush and Clinton, Prime Minister Netanyahu, President Santos of Colombia, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In 2014, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales invited Steve and his band for a command performance at Buckingham Palace.

As for American royalty, the Sinatra family has long embraced Steve and his music. Together with Quincy Jones, they handpicked



Steve to be the featured performer with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra at their season opening concert in which Frank Sinatra was inducted into the Hollywood Bowl Hall of Fame. Also at the request of the Sinatra family, he reprised that performance at Carnegie Hall. This was one of the rare times the family has reached into the vault of original Sinatra arrangements to share them with another artist.

Although Steve tours mainly with his band, he also enjoys playing with some of the most renowned orchestras in the world. He has enjoyed multiple performances with the Boston Pops, the New York Pops, the Nashville Symphony, Kansas City Symphony and the Houston Symphony.

In 2005, after the passing of the legendary Bobby Short, Steve was asked by New York City’s Café Carlyle to take over their revered holiday season of November and December, which Mr. Short had not missed for 36 years.

Tyrell’s work in the studio as a record producer has included collaborations with such diverse and legendary artists as Rod Stewart, Diana Ross, Ray Charles, Linda Ronstadt, Aaron Neville, Bonnie Raitt and Blood Sweat and Tears, among many others. He produced Woody Allen’s classic comedy album, *Woody Allen – Stand Up Comic*, as well as an album with the late Andy Griffith, which won the Grammy in 1995 for Gospel Album of the Year.

Steve is currently enjoying major success with Tony® and Emmy® Award-winning Broadway superstar, Kristin Chenoweth. Their collaboration on her recently released album, *The Art of Elegance*, debuted in the #1 spot on several of Billboard’s charts.

As a music producer for film and TV, Tyrell has worked with such distinguished directors as Steven Spielberg, Tom Hanks, Nancy Meyers, Steven Soderbergh, and Charles Shyer. As a songwriter, his songs have been recorded by such revered artists as Ray Charles, Diana Ross, LL Cool J, Elvis Presley, and blues legend Joe Bonamassa.

Aside from being a Grammy Award winner, Tyrell is a Daytime Emmy Award winner and has earned two Prime Time Emmy nominations. He’s also garnered three Ace nominations, the 2004 American Society of Young Musician’s “All That Jazz Award,” a 2004 The Wellness Community “Human Spirit Award,” a 2006 Society of Singers “Lifetime Achievement Award,” 2008 Los Angeles Jazz Society’s “Jazz Vocalist of the Year,” and 2013 City of Hope’s “Goodwill Ambassador Award.” His productions have earned over 11 Grammy Awards themselves. The music he produced for the children’s special, *Cartoon All Stars to the Rescue*, which aired on all three major networks simultaneously, was given a special certificate of recognition by the Emmys.