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THE LIVE VERSION WITH THE FILM:  
"AMAZING GRACE"

HOSTED BY:

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GUEST ARTISTS AND SPEAKERS

MUSIC:

BERNARD PURDIE, CHUCK RAINEY

THE AMAZING GRACE

COMMUNITY CHOIR



INTRO

## ARETHA FRANKLIN: THE QUEEN OF SOUL

An unparalleled force in music and culture, Aretha Franklin's body of work is a foundation of American popular music, and her critical awards and achievements defined her throughout the decades as a pioneer and icon. Her music and singular performances not only provided the soundtrack of a generation, but remain deeply moving, powerful, and relevant into today.



*MOST CHARTED FEMALE ARTIST IN HISTORY*

*75 MILLION RECORDS SOLD WORLDWIDE*

*WINNER OF 19 GRAMMY AWARDS ACROSS  
40 YEARS*

*FIRST WOMAN INDUCTED INTO THE ROCK  
AND ROLL HALL OF FAME*

*KENNEDY CENTER HONOREE*

*PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF THE ARTS  
RECIPIENT*

# AMAZING GRACE

THE BEST REVIEWED FILM OF THE LAST TWO DECADES.

"AS DIVINELY WORTHY OF STAINED GLASS OR THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY."

*WESLEY MORRIS, THE NEW YORK TIMES*

"TRANSCENDENT. AMAZING GRACE IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, ONE OF THE FINEST DOCUMENTARIES EVER."

*MARK KERMODE, THE GUARDIAN*

"UNMITIGATED JOY."

*JUSTIN CHANG, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES*

"THE FILM IS ESSENTIAL.

A TRANSCENDENT, SPINE-TINGLING, UPLIFTING, UTTERLY JOYOUS EXPERIENCE.

THE FILM IS NOTHING SHORT OF A REVELATION."

*ANASTASIA TSIOLUCAS, NPR*

"AN ESSENTIAL FILMED RECORD OF ONE OF THE GREATEST GOSPEL PERFORMANCES EVER."

*OWEN GLEIBERMAN, VARIETY*



# AMAZING GRACE LIVE!

"AMAZING GRACE" FEATURES THE REV. DR. CARLTON PEARSON,  
A LIVE GOSPEL SHOW, AND AFTER AN INTERMISSION, THE FILM "AMAZING GRACE."

THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAM (45 MINS.) WILL BE THE SHOWING OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE  
"AMAZING GRACE" FILM.

AFTER INTERMISSION, THE ORIGINAL BAND WILL BE FEATURED WITH DRUMMER BERNARD PURDIE AND  
CHUCK RAINEY AND LOCAL CHOIRS AND FEATURED MUSICIANS TO FILL OUT THE RHYTHM SECTION.  
THEY WILL PLAY ONE OR TWO SONGS WITH THE FILM AND THEN TRANSITION TO...

THE SECOND HALF OF THE PROGRAM (45 MINS.) TAKES OUR AUDIENCE TO CHURCH. THE REV. DR.  
CARLTON PEARSON WILL DELIVER A TALK AND WILL LEAD THE CONGREGATION.

FEATURED GOSPEL GREATS WILL PERFORM WITH A LIVE BAND AND CHOIR.

EACH CITY WILL HAVE A FEW DAYS OF REHEARSAL WITH THE CHOIR. THE BAND WILL BE CONSISTENT  
THROUGHOUT WITH: PIANO, ORGAN, BASS, DRUMS AND PERCUSSION.

# AMAZING GRACE LIVE!

IN 1972 ARETHA FRANKLIN RETURNED TO HER GOSPEL ROOTS WITH THE TRIUMPHANT DOUBLE ALBUM "AMAZING GRACE" WHICH SOLD OVER 2 MILLION COPIES IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE, AND IS THE BEST SELLING ALBUM OF HER ENTIRE 50 YEAR CAREER, AND AT THE TIME WAS THE BEST SELLING GOSPEL ALBUM IN HISTORY.

"AMAZING GRACE" CAPTURES ARETHA AT HER VOCAL PEAK. RECORDED LIVE AT THE NEW TEMPLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES, AND JOINED BY LEGENDARY GOSPEL FIGURE REV. JAMES CLEVELAND AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CHOIR.

ARETHA IS SUPPORTED BY AN ALL-STAR BACKUP BAND OF R&B/POP MUSICIANS ASSEMBLED BY ICONIC MUSIC PRODUCER JERRY WEXLER. HER VERSIONS OF "HOW I GOT OVER" AND "YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND" ARE ICONIC.

THE LIVE CONCERT RECORDING WAS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED AS A JOINT ALBUM/FILM PROJECT BETWEEN WARNER BROTHERS PICTURES AND ATLANTIC RECORDS (ARETHA FRANKLIN'S RECORD LABEL).

WARNER BROTHER PICTURES HIRED DIRECTOR SYDNEY POLLACK TO DIRECT A FOUR CAMERA SHOOT OF THE CONCERT. DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES, THE FOOTAGE WAS NEVER EDITED AND REMAINED IN THE WARNER BROS. VAULTS FOR 40 YEARS.



AMAZING GRACE: LIVE AT  
THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL  
**A CONCERT BRINGING  
THE FILM TO LIFE**











# AMAZING GRACE LIVE!

## MUSEUM PARTNERS:

- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE
  - LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART
    - MUSEUM OF MODERN ART
    - CHARLES WRIGHT MUSEUM

## OTHER PARTNERS:

- CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CONGRESS
- GOSPEL MUSIC WORKSHOP OF AMERICA

THANK YOU.

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