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John Legend Biography

EGOT-winning, critically acclaimed, multiplatinum singer-songwriter John Legend has garnered 11 Grammy Awards, an Academy Award, a Golden Globe Award, a Tony Award, and an Emmy Award, among others.

Legend is the first African-American man to earn an EGOT and one of only fifteen people in the prestigious EGOT club. Legend has released seven celebrated albums over the course of his career, including, *Get Lifted* (2004), *Once Again* (2006), *Evolver* (2008), *Love in the Future* (2013), *Darkness and Light* (2016), *A Legendary Christmas Deluxe* (2019), and *Bigger Love* (2020). Currently, Legend's "All of Me" ties with Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee and Justin Bieber's "Despacito" as the highest certified track in Recording Industry Association of America's history.

Legend starred as Jesus in NBC's "Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert" in April 2018. That year, he was nominated for an Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie and won an Emmy as a producer in the category of Outstanding Variety Special (Live) for the show.

Legend joined "The Voice" for Season 16 (2019) and is currently a coach on Season 19. In October 2018, Legend released his first Christmas album, *A Legendary Christmas*, and closed out the year with his *A Legendary Christmas* tour. He released a special *A Legendary Christmas Deluxe* version in 2019.

Beyond his music career, John, along with partners Mike Jackson and Ty Stiklorius, is a principal in the *Get Lifted* Film Co. Most recently, *Get Lifted* produced David E. Talbert's acclaimed holiday film "Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey" for Netflix, the HBO docu-series "Atlanta's Missing And Murdered: The Lost Children," the IFC and AMC comedy series "Sherman's Showcase" and "Sherman's Showcase: Black History Month Spectacular," and "Rhythm + Flow" for Netflix. Their forthcoming projects include the documentary "40 Years A Prisoner," launching on HBO Max on December 8, 2020, the documentary "Giving Voice," which premiered at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival and will be available for streaming on Netflix on December 11, 2020, the film "Monster," which was recently acquired by Netflix, the sports drama "Signing Day" in partnership with Steph Curry's Unanimous Media for Sony Pictures, a female-fronted film written by Adam Hoff about a modern-day Jerry Maguire, the film adaptation of S.A. Cosby's novel "Blacktop Wasteland," and "Paper Gods" with Sony Pictures Television for ABC.

As a philanthropist, Legend initiated the #FREEAMERICA campaign in 2015 to change the national conversation surrounding our country's misguided criminal justice policies and to end mass incarceration. In addition to Legend's signature initiatives, he serves on the Board of Directors of Harlem Village Academies and Management Leadership for Tomorrow, and on the Advisory Board for The Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Teach for All.

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