

SEGERSTROM HALL
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Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Diana Ross

ABOUT THE ARTIST



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Diana Ross' remarkable career spanning four decades has resulted in major awards, accolades and music history milestones. Diana Ross is a consummate performer as well as one of the most iconic female singers of all time and one of the most prominent women in popular music history and pop culture of the late 20th century.

Her international achievements were recently acknowledged by the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors in December 2007 in Washington DC. The honor celebrated her illustrious career in music, film, television and theatre, as well as her cultural influences, humanitarian work and her contributions to American culture.

The entertainment industry saluted her portrayal of Billie Holliday in the film *Lady Sings the Blues* with top awards and nominations. The Motion Picture Academy of Arts & Sciences bestowed an Oscar nomination for Best Actress for her extraordinary performance and The Golden Globe Awards gave her a trophy for that same role. Diana Ross went on to star in *Mahogany* and *The Wiz*. Ross won Broadway's top honor with a Tony Award for her one-woman show, *An Evening with Diana Ross*. The same show was later broadcast as a special on television.

Career milestones include induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Songwriters Hall of Fame, National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences Hero Award, NAACP Entertainer Award, Billboard's Female Entertainer of the Century Award, the Soul Train Legend Award and International Lifetime Achievement at the World Music Awards. The icon is forever cemented in history with two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. "Stop! In The Name of Love," "Where Did Our Love Go" and "You Keep Me Hangin' On" have all been inducted into the NARAS Hall of Fame. "Stop! In The Name of Love" and "You Can't Hurry Love" are among The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's Songs that Shaped Rock & Roll.

The Guinness Book of Records awarded her its Lifetime Achievement Award and the

title of "Most Successful Female Vocalist of All Time." She first reached the No.1 position on both the U.S. and UK charts with "Where Did Our Love Go." This was the first of a number of consecutive No. 1 hits in the U.S.

Beginning in the 60s, as lead singer of the world renowned group, The Supremes, Ross achieved the unprecedented feat of 12 number-one singles in the U.S., becoming the most successful American group in history and rivaled only by The Beatles for the position of the biggest hit group of that generation. Ross went on to achieve 6 No. 1 singles as a solo artist, amassing a total of 18 No. 1s. Ross' phenomenal music career is marked by chart and commercial successes. In the U.S. alone, to date, she has tallied 31 Top Ten singles and 14 Top Ten Albums, selling over 100 million units around the globe.

When "Endless Love" hit No. 1 in 1981, Ross became the first female artist in music history to place six singles at the top of the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart. "Endless Love" remains one of the most successful duets in pop history.

Diana Ross' musical repertoire encompasses R&B, soul, pop, disco and jazz. The recently released *I Love You* CD, jumped onto the chart as *Billboard* magazine's Hot Shot Debut title.

As lead singer of The Supremes, in the 60s, Diana Ross helped shape the sound of popular music, changing the landscape and paved way for contemporary music. Her love of life, never-ending wonder, appreciation of goals and achievements, and sheer human spirit define the artist that is Diana Ross, and continue to make her one of the most identifiable, unique, beloved and influential singers of successive pop generations.

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