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The Kennedy Center Announces 46th Class of Honorees

## BILLY CRYSTAL, RENÉE FLEMING, BARRY GIBB, QUEEN LATIFAH, AND DIONNE WARWICK



AMERICA TO CELEBRATE HONOREES' LIFETIME ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

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"The Kennedy Center Honors recognizes artists who have made profound contributions to the cultural life of our nation," stated Kennedy Center Chairman David M. Rubenstein. "A true comedic icon and multi-talented artist since the 1980s who has kept millions laughing around the world, Billy Crystal is responsible for some of the most memorable stand-up moments and hilarious Hollywood scenes in the last half-century; Barry Gibb

recognition for humor, resulting in an Emmy®-nominated tent-pole on the Kennedy Center calendar. Whether it is producing the most-watched television event in history (the London Olympic Opening and Gosing Ceremonies), the Apple TV+ world ratings blockbuster Christmas Special, the ABC hit series of Disney Singalongs, multiple network "roadblocks" including Stand Up To Cancer and Graduate Together, YouTube Originals' most watched live event ever, Dear Gass of 2020, the last five Emmy Awards® (including two during the pandemic), or the ABC ratings sensation Little Mermaid Live, D+D's work bears the distinct badge of quality, spectacle, and storytelling that makes it, unequivocally, "Done+Dusted."

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Each year, Honorees are confirmed by the Executive Committee of the

"This is a wonderful honor! It's hard to be proud and humble at the same time. It is one of the most special moments in my life and something that I will always cherish. When I think back over 50 years to our beginnings in Redcliffe, Queensland, I could never have expected this to happen in my life. Receiving the Kennedy Center Honors is something that everyone hopes might happen one day. I've often thought about but never dreamed it could come true. Thank you to all those who made this dream a reality. I wish my brothers were here so that

## Renée Fleming (soprano)

Renée Fleming is one of the most highly acclaimed singers of our time, performing on the stages of the world's great opera houses and concert halls. Honored with five Grammy® Awards and the U.S. National Medal of Arts, she has sung for momentous occasions from the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony to the Diamond Jubilee Concert

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