

BIOGRAPHY

Tony Orlando is one of America's most endearing and beloved iconic entertainers. 2024 finds Tony bringing his exhilarating energy, warmth and humor to a tour of live concert shows across the nation as he celebrates over six decades in the entertainment industry. Tony is recognized by his peers and the public - as simply the best!

Grammy Nominee Tony Orlando has sold millions of records, including Five #1 hit records: "Tie A Yellow Ribbon 'Round The Ole Oak Tree," "Knock Three Times," "Candida," "My Sweet Gypsy Rose" and "He Don't Love You (Like I Love You)."

He has 2 Platinum and 3 Gold albums and 15 Top 40 Hits. "Tie A Yellow Ribbon" was the #1 Billboard Song of Year 1973 and became Orlando's theme song and grew into an American anthem of hope, homecoming, and renewal.

Tony was honored to be inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame at the New Jersey Performing Arts center on October 29th, 2023.

Orlando kicked off his sixty years in music and entertainment with a series of new projects, including the hosting of "Saturday Nights with Tony Orlando" on 77WABC Music Radio, which airs from 10pm to Midnight and streams worldwide on WABCMUSICRADIO.COM, and the release of "Timeless: The Big Hits" CD (via Time Life), features re-recorded versions of his million-selling songs as well as a bonus track, "America Is My Hometown." Tony debuted the new track on 77WABC Music Radio during his weekly radio program, which was also the first station to play Orlando's debut single, "Halfway to Paradise" when in his teens Tony was the first vocal pop artist to sign with Epic Records and hit the national music charts in 1961.

Few entertainers have excelled in so many realms as Tony has, a top selling recording artist, songwriter, concert headliner, network television star, Motion Picture actor, Broadway performer and author. Tony was also General Manager and VP of CBS-Music Division April-Blackwood Music from 1966-1970. He represented such songwriters as James Taylor, Laura Nyro, Blood Sweat and Tears and signed and produced Barry Manilow's first recording and represented James Taylor's music publishing while working for the legendary Clive Davis.

The enormously popular Tony Orlando and Dawn television variety show ran for four seasons, from 1973 to 1977, on CBS. The show catapulted Tony Orlando and Dawn from popular recording artists into major stars. Tony Orlando and Dawn was the first television show to feature a multi-racial singing group and Tony is the first and only Latin American to host a network variety television series. Tony Orlando and Dawn rank among the Top 100 Billboard Magazine artists of All-Time.

For outstanding achievements to the entertainment industry Tony was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the American Eagle Lifetime Achievement Award for Latin performers, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and the Lee Greenwood Patriot Award. In 2022, Tony was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the East Coast Music Hall of Fame.

Tony is a recipient of two American Music Awards and the People's Choice Award for Best Male Entertainer. He has been awarded the Casino Entertainer of the Year Award, and "Best All Around Entertainer" multiple times in both in Las Vegas and Atlantic City

He has performed to millions of adoring audiences, from entertaining troops on U.S. bases and in Iraq and around the world to Carnegie Hall, Las Vegas and the White House. Tony has performed and worked for several U.S. Presidents. He is the recipient of The Bob Hope Award for excellence in entertainment from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society honoring his efforts on behalf of our nation's veterans.

2023 marked the 50th Anniversary of 'Tie A Yellow Ribbon' and the celebration of the return of American POWs from Vietnam. At the invitation of Bob Hope, Tony performed the song at the Cotton Bowl in 1973 for nearly 600 Vietnam POWs and has been a part of their annual homecoming reunion for the past 50 years. As a salute to our Nations Vietnam POWs, Tony donated his gold record single "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" to the Nixon Library as a salute to their service and sacrifice.

Tony has performed for our armed services around the globe helping raise millions of dollars for Veterans and Military causes. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Eisenhower Foundation as well as the Tribute to Valor Foundation, an organization that inspires, impacts, and influences young people through the values of Character represented by the Medal of Honor. Tony has served as Master of Ceremonies for several Medal of Honor events in addition to serving as the Master of Ceremonies at the Secretary of Defense Freedom Awards at the Pentagon.

In 1993 he began his Free Veterans Day Homecoming Celebration at his Yellow Ribbon Music Theatre in Branson, Missouri for 20 years. He is credited for helping bring some 175,000 veterans every year during Veterans Day week each November. Most recently, on November 8th, 2022, Branson, Missouri Mayor, Larry Milton declared 'Tony Orlando Yellow Ribbon Day' & presented a proclamation to Orlando during Branson's Veterans Homecoming Week.

For thirty-three years Tony served as cohost of the Muscular Dystrophy telethon helping raise millions of dollars to help Jerry Lewis and the MDA find a cure for Muscular dystrophy

Orlando and his wife Francine, are parents to Jenny and Jon.

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