

# BIOGRAPHY

Tony Orlando is one of America's most endearing and beloved iconic entertainers. 2022 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 business. He 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 top song of 1973 and became Orlando's theme song and grew into an American anthem of hope, homecoming and renewal.

Tony has performed for our armed services around the globe and raised millions of dollars for veteran organizations. His tireless work on behalf of our veterans led to his being named Honorary Chairman at the 40th Anniversary at the NAM-POW's Homecoming Celebration at the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library in 2014. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Eisenhower Foundation as well as Tribute to Valor Foundation, an organization that inspires, impacts and influences young people. Tony also has hosted the Congressional Medal of Honor dinner every year in Dallas to honor our Medal of Honor recipients. He has also served as the Master of Ceremonies at the Secretary of Defense Freedom Awards at the Pentagon.

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.

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 the week of November 11th.

Orlando kicks off his sixty years in music and entertainment with a series of new projects, including the release of "Timeless: The Big Hits" on (via Time Life), that 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 77 WABC Music Radio during his weekly radio program, "Saturday Nights with Tony Orlando", which airs from 10pm to midnight and streams worldwide on 77 WABC, 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.

Tony's musical career has spanned reaching the pinnacle of success in recording, television and the live stage. 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 for five 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 is the 50th Anniversary of 'Tie A Yellow Ribbon' and the celebration of the NAM-POW Homecoming. Tony has been a part of their annual homecoming reunion for the past 50 years and has been invited to perform that song again at the Nixon Library since it welcomed the POWs home at the Cotton Bowl with Bob Hope in 1973.

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 multi-racial singing group and Tony 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.

Tony is a recipient of three American Music Awards and two People's Choice Awards for Best Male Entertainer. He was awarded the Casino Entertainer of the Year Award, recipient of the "Best All Around Entertainer" Las Vegas which he has won a total of five times, and previously four times in Atlantic City;

For outstanding achievements to the entertainment industry in 1990 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 one of the nation's most prestigious awards. And this year's East Coast Music Hall of Fame's Lifetime Achievement Award.

His decades of philanthropic work on behalf of our Nations Veterans and their families as well as the Muscular Dystrophy Association has raised hundreds of millions of dollars in much needed support over the years.

Orlando has a wife Francine, A daughter Jenny and a son Jon.

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