

RECORDING ACADEMY® AND CBS PRESENT "CHRISTMAS WITH ANDREA BOCELLI AND FRIENDS: A GRAMMY® HOLIDAY SPECIAL" AIRING CHRISTMAS EVE 2024

FEATURING VERONICA AND VIRGINIA BOCELLI, SOFIA CARSON, JOSH GROBAN, JENNIFER HUDSON, AND DUA LIPA

SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (DEC. 16, 2024) — The Recording Academy[®], Ken Ehrlich Productions and CBS are celebrating the holidays with GRAMMY[®]-nominated classical music legend Andrea Bocelli on "CHRISTMAS WITH ANDREA BOCELLI AND FRIENDS: A GRAMMY[®] HOLIDAY SPECIAL," airing Christmas Eve, **Tues, Dec. 24, at 8 p.m. ET/PT** on the CBS Television Network, and streaming live and on-demand on Paramount+*.

The special features GRAMMY winners <u>Jennifer Hudson</u> and <u>Dua Lipa</u>, GRAMMY-nominated singer and songwriter <u>Josh Groban</u>, and singer and actress **Sofia Carson**, alongside Andrea Bocelli's wife **Veronica Bocelli** and daughter **Virginia Bocelli**.

In association with Andrea Bocelli Management, the show is produced by Ken Ehrlich Productions, with Ken Ehrlich, Veronica Bocelli, Harvey Mason jr., and Francesco Pasquero serving as executive producers, Renato Basile as supervising producer, Branden Chapman as producer, and Julia Knowles as director. Ken Ehrlich also writes.

"With this special, we are not only celebrating the holidays, but also one of music's greatest voices," said Harvey Mason jr., CEO of the Recording Academy. "We invite families everywhere to tune in and enjoy the festive performances that Andrea and his amazing guests have in store for us all."

"All my life, I've enjoyed entertaining people in person, on record, on film, and on television, and to have the opportunity of doing so on CBS, where I have had many memorable appearances over the years, and with the Recording Academy, which has been a supporter of classical music for decades, is quite exciting," said Andrea Bocelli. "I am really looking forward to sharing performances with both friends and family on my own Christmas special."

"I am thrilled to have executive produced a show that can be enjoyed by the entire family, full of Christmas music performed by Andrea, incredible guests, and his beloved wife and daughter," added Ken Ehrlich. "Thank you to CBS and the Recording Academy for agreeing to bring this show to life and air on a night when families are gathered to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year."

The Christmas special bookends an incredible year celebrating Andrea Bocelli's 30th anniversary in music, which started with the Oscars performance by Andrea and Matteo Bocelli, included the release of his new album <u>Duets</u> (Decca Records / Sugar Music), and the concert film <u>Andrea Bocelli 30: The Celebration</u>. **Duets** debuted at **No. 1 on** Billboard's Classical Albums chart and Classical Crossover Albums chart, marking his 22nd and 16th leaders on the lists, respectively, extending his record for the most No. 1s in each chart's history.



With nearly 90 million records sold worldwide, and one of the most recognizable voices in the entertainment industry, Andrea Bocelli has sold out arena-sized concert events and performed record-breaking live-streams. Bocelli has shared his talents at many major events including the Olympic Games, the World Cup, and Global Citizen. He has earned five GRAMMY® Award nominations and six Latin GRAMMY® Award nominations, a Golden Globe, seven Classical BRITs and seven World Music Awards, plus a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Photos are available here.

*Paramount+ with SHOWTIME subscribers will have access to stream live via the live feed of their local CBS affiliate on the service, as well as on-demand. Paramount+ Essential subscribers will not have the option to steam live, but will have access to on-demand the day after the special airs.

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