

# The Emmys Open With A Tribute To Biz Markie

Cedric The Entertainer was the host for the 73rd Emmys and for the first time ever a rapper was honored with a tribute to Biz Markie. Cedric led the crowd in a singalong of Biz's "Just A Friend" with participation from LL Cool J, Dave "Lil Dicky" Burd, and Rita Wilson. Audience members who also could be seen singing along included Tracee Ellis-Ross, Anthony Anderson, Billy Porter and MJ Rodriguez. Biz Markie died July 16th from diabetic complications. The opening was unusual but well-received despite no mention of Biz Markie's work on the children's television show *Yo Gabba Gabba!* The segment is already one of the most talked about parts of the show this year.

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