

Body Count, Fantastic Negrito, Thundercat, Brittany Howard, Nas, Megan Thee Stallion, Ledisi & More Take Home Grammys



The 63rd Grammy Awards took place at the Los Angeles Convention center with Trevor Noah as the host. There were performances from Bruno Mars with anderson.paak, Doja Cat, Megan Thee Stallion and Cardi B. Beyonce made history and became the woman with the most Grammys after taking her home her 28th one. She joined Megan Thee Stallion onstage for their joint win for Best Rap Song for "Savage" which Jay-Z also won his 23rd Grammy for because he helped write the song. Their daughter Blue Ivy became the second-youngest winner ever at 9-years old for Best Music Video for "Brown Skin Girl." Megan Thee Stallion became the first woman to win Best Rap Song. Ice-T's Body Count took the award for Best Metal Performance. Nas won his first Grammy after 14 nominations over his almost 30-year career. Fantastic Negrito picked up his third Grammy for Contemporary Blues Album. Fans questioned why Taylor Swift became the first woman to win album of the year three times and why Billie Eilish won Record Of The Year two years in a row. See all the winners below:

Song Of The Year:

"I Can't Breathe" – WINNER

Dernst Emile II, H.E.R. & Tiara Thomas, songwriters (H.E.R.)

Best New Artist:

Megan Thee Stallion

Best Dance Recording:

“10%”

Kaytranada Featuring Kali Uchis

Kaytranada, producer; Neal H. Pogue, mixer

Best Dance/Electronic Album:

BUBBA – Kaytranada

Best Metal Performance:

Bum-Rush – Body Count

Best Rock Song:

“Stay High” – Brittany Howard, songwriter (Brittany Howard)

Best R&B Performance:

“Black Parade” - Beyoncé

Best Traditional R&B Performance:

“Anything For You” – Ledisi

Best R&B Song:

“Better Than I Imagined” – Robert Glasper, Meshell Ndegeocello & Gabriella Wilson, songwriters (Robert Glasper Featuring H.E.R. & Meshell Ndegeocello)

Best Progressive R&B Album:

It Is What It Is -Thundercat

Best R&B Album:

Bigger Love -John Legend

Best Rap Performance:

“Savage” -Megan Thee Stallion Featuring Beyoncé

Best Melodic Rap Performance:

“Lockdown” -Anderson.Paak

Best Rap Song:

“Savage” -Beyoncé, Shawn Carter, Brittany Hazzard, Derrick Milano, Terius Nash, Megan Pete, Bobby Session Jr., Jordan Kyle Lanier Thorpe & Anthony White, songwriters (Megan Thee Stallion Featuring Beyoncé)

Best Rap Album:

King’s Disease -Nas

Best Contemporary Christian Music Album:

Jesus Is King-Kanye West

Best Gospel Album:

Gospel According To PJ -PJ Morton

Best Contemporary Blues Album:

Have You Lost Your Mind Yet? -Fantastic Negrito

Best Traditional Blues Album:

Rawer Than Raw – Bobby Rush

Best Reggae Album:

Got To Be Tough-Toots & The Maytals

Best Global Music Album:

Twice As Tall – Burna Boy

Best Music Video:

“Brown Skin Girl”-Beyoncé, Blue Ivy & WizKid

Beyoncé Knowles-Carter & Jenn Nkiru, video directors; Astrid Edwards, Aya Kaida, Jean Mouglin, Nathan Scherrer & Erinn Williams, video producers

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Throwback: Rihanna-Umbrella Feat. Jay-Z



Rihanna’s “Umbrella” featuring Jay-Z is from her third album *Good Girl Gone Bad*. The single and album marked a new direction for Rihanna’s sound and image. She moved away from Caribbean-influenced styles and into an edgier American mix of pop, rap and R&B. Christopher “Tricky” Stewart, The-Dream, Kuk Harrell and Jay-Z wrote “Umbrella” which was originally intended for Britney Spears whose record label rejected it. The compressed hi-hat, the ‘ella ella’ hook plus Jay-Z’s verses were memorable and quickly sunk into pop culture.

“Umbrella” was a worldwide hit and the video received five MTV Video nominations. It was a defining moment for Rihanna and she morphed from a moderately known singer into an icon and superstar. Looking back, “Umbrella” is accepted by most fans and critics as Rihanna’s signature song. Rihanna released her eighth studio album *Anti* in 2016. In the past five years, she has launched the popular Fenty fashion brand, Fenty Beauty cosmetics, Savage X Fenty lingerie and Fenty Skin.Â

Jay Electronica: A Written Testimony Feat. Jay-Z Listening Session

[youtube id="_Gplpq10AEc"] Jay Electronica surprises with the release of his *A Written Testimony* debut album featuring Jay-Z. Electronica’s introduction happened in 2007 with “Act I: Eternal Sunshine (The Pledge.)”Â The rapper had some guest appearances on songs like “Exhibit A” and Exhibit C” with producer Just Blaze in 2009 and then disappeared. There were listening parties planned for *A Written Testimony* in multiple cities but they were canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Electronica hosted a private listening that was available as a livestream. Jay-Z is on most of the album and even calls it Watch The Throne 2 on a song. *A Written Testimony* is available on Tidal and will enter other platforms soon.Â

Media Questions Of The Week



How did *People* magazine choose John Legend as the Sexiest Man Alive?Â



Free agent Colin Kaepernick participates in a workout for NFL football scouts and media Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 in Riverdale, Ga. (AP Photo/Todd Kirkland)

Did Jay-Z have anything to do with Colin Kaepernick's Workout Day?Â