

# Mary J. Blige To Receive Entertainment Icon Award At Urban One Honors



Credit: Will Sterling

Mary J. Blige will receive the Entertainment Icon Award at the 2024 Urban One Honors. The Urban One Honors: Best In Black will premiere on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 8 PM ET on TV One and will be simulcast on CLEO TV. The award adds to Blige's several accomplishments as the Queen Of Hip Hop Soul. Blige has nine Grammys, an Emmy, two Academy Award nominations, two Golden Globe nominations, and a SAG nomination amongst her achievements. The singer and actress's 15-album discography includes musical landmarks like her debut and sophomore albums, *What's The 411?* and *My Life*, which

affirmed countless Generation X women. Her musical legacy continues to influence contemporary singers and set the standard for the hip-hop and R&B collaboration. Michelle L. Rice, President of TV One and CLEO TV, says,

*“Urban One is thrilled to honor the incomparable Mary J. Blige as our 2024 Entertainment Icon. Mary’s immeasurable talent and award-winning music has shaped our culture and has had a profound impact on artists and music across all genres, but most notably the elevation of female artists in both R&B and Hip Hop across generations. She fully personifies the “Best in Black” theme of this year’s Urban One Honors.”*

Mary J. Blige joins previous honorees: Dionne Warwick received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Chlöe was recognized as the Generation Next honoree, Frankie Beverly was awarded the Living Legend distinction, and Donald Lawrence was celebrated for his inspirational influence.

Angie Stone, Bebe Winans, October London, Teyana Taylor, Damon Little, Keke Wyatt, Chanté Moore and Nicci Gilbert are some of the performers and presenters at the event. Singer and actress LeToya Luckett will host the event’s Backstage Pass segment, where she will interview the honorees and stage talent. The 2024 Urban One Honors kicks off the celebration of TV One’s 20th anniversary.

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**LeToya      Luckett      Featuring**

# Ludacris - Regret

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## Media Questions Of The Week



1. Why do the Republicans feel so comfortable spreading hate like posting a picture of Barack Obama eating fried chicken with a caption that suggests interracial marriages should be outlawed on their Facebook page for [six days](#)?
  2. Is Matthew Knowles really paying radio stations to not play LeToya Luckett's song?
  3. What if all rappers did what Plies did when he saw a young female fan at his concert and gave her [\\$1000 to leave](#) and have her parents use the money to take her somewhere more age appropriate?
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## Letoya Luckett Performs National Anthem At Houston-Lakers Game

Grammy Award winning, chart-topping, platinum-certified

superstar, songwriter and entrepreneur, LETOYA LUCKETT is set to sing the national anthem this Sunday, May 10th in her hometown of Houston, TX when the Houston Rockets square off with the Los Angeles Lakers for game 4 of the playoffs. The game airs today on ABC at 3:30 EST.

In addition, LETOYA is preparing to release her sophomore album LADY LOVE due on June 23rd on Capitol Records. Lady Love follows LeToya's platinum self-titled debut that was released in 2006.

Already shaping up as the female anthem of 2009 is the album's lead single, "Not Anymore." Written and co-produced by Grammy Award-winning artist Ne-Yo, the track pulsates with empowering determination as LETOYA's soulful voice reaches out to females who are "fed up" with straying boyfriends. "That drama, I don't want it anymore," she declares. "I dried my eyes and realize/I deserve somebody who treats me right."

Born and raised in Houston, LETOYA (née Lockett) sang her first solo in church at the tender age of five. After meeting Beyoncé Knowles in elementary school, the pair later joined forces as members of Destiny's Child. During LeToya's seven-year stint, she co-wrote two of the group's gold singles, "Bills Bills Bills" and "Say My Name," and appeared on the group's breakthrough album, "The Writing's on the Wall."

Not only is a talented singer, LETOYA's a successful entrepreneur. She owns and operates two upscale women's boutiques called Lady L. Now in its sixth year, the clothing store is located in Houston's Uptown Park shopping center.

This summer, LETOYA LUCKETT will co-star in her first feature film debut; The Preacher's Kid and is set to begin pre-production on a comedy from Lionsgate Films.