

# Muhammad Ali Documentary Coming From Ken Burns



Muhammad Ali is the subject of an upcoming four-hour documentary to be directed by Ken Burns. The filmmaker, his daughter Sarah Burns and her husband David McMahon began work on the project last year. They all worked together previously on the *Jackie Robinson* film from 2016 and 2013's *The Central Park Five*. Burns explained in an official statement the importance of making the documentary:

*“Muhammad Ali may be the most iconic figure of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, he arrived at exactly the right moment, amidst the tumult and upheaval of the 1960s, and he shaped his times with his powerful voice, mesmerizing presence, and achievements in the ring. But beyond the astonishing athletic gifts and mountain of charisma, there’s a very complex, dynamic man whose life story has yet to receive the comprehensive treatment it deserves.”*

Ali died last year after decades of suffering from Parkinson’s disease. The two-part documentary is scheduled to air on PBS in 2021.

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## In Memoriam: 2016



In 2016, several music icons passed and it seemed like the

deaths would not end until the very end of the year. Icons like Prince and David Bowie who commanded the pop landscape for 40 years were gone suddenly and unexpectedly. Sharon Jones was just beginning to gain more recognition before passing of Cancer after a two-year fight. Many music fans are just happy for 2016 to be over after experiencing so much loss. The sadness from the passing of so many important voices is only assuaged by the fact that each artist has an immortal influence through their work.

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## Muhammad Ali Funeral Stream

Muhammad Ali's public memorial service is taking place right now at the KFC Yum! Center in his Louisville, Kentucky hometown. This morning the funeral procession started at 9AM and Will Smith was in the motorcade as they headed to the private burial at Cave Hill Cemetery. Bill Clinton is one of the speakers at the public service that is being attended by Smith, Jesse Jackson, Billy Crystal and others.

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## Media Questions Of The Week



Will Muhammad Ali's passing inspire athletes to be activists?

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Why isn't Chaka Khan involved in BET's Prince tribute? When will she have her event and who will perform at it?



When will the first release from David Bowie's vault be available to the public?