

Fender Honors Raphael Saadiq By Naming Guitar After Him



Fender Musical Instruments Corporation honored Raphael Saadiq today with a limited edition Telecaster carrying his name. The singer, songwriter, musician, and producer has been innovating R&B music for more than three decades as a member of Tony! Toni! Tony! and as a solo artist. Saadiq has collaborated with D'Angelo, Mary J. Blige, Beyoncé, Whitney Houston, Adele, Stevie Wonder and many more. His Lucy Pearl supergroup with Dawn Robinson, Joi, and Ali Shaheed Muhammad was a brief but unforgettable music moment of the late '90s and early 2000s.

The Raphael Saadiq Limited Edition Telecaster has a '59 "C" shaped neck, shiny red metallic finish, and a psychedelic custom-tooled pickguard inspired by his *Instant Vintage* album. The chrome hardware and black headstock add to the guitar's striking appearance. Saadiq was impressed with the instrument

and shared his feelings in a press statement.

“Fender truly went hard in the paint with my signature Tele. It goes beyond the richness and snap I love to play with. Thanks to mentors like the incomparable Tony Maiden, Prince, and Ray Parker Jr., Eric Gales, Rob Fonksta Bacon, I’ve learned to play the Telecaster to amplify sound like no other. Collaborating with the iconic Fender brand to introduce my own signature Telecaster is a great honor. I’m excited for young musicians to pick up this guitar, write with it, and take the stage with confidence.”

Saadiq is the latest artist to be honored through the Fender Artist Signature Series. Go to [Fender.com](https://www.fender.com) to find a retail partner in your area.





Raphael Saadiq Is Touring With Tony! Toni! Toné!



Raphael Saadiq is touring with Tony! Toni! Toné! for the first time in 25 years. The Raphael Saadiq Revisits Tony! Toni!

Toné!, Just Me & You Tour 2023 starts on September 21st in Birmingham, Alabama at the BJCC Concert Hall. The long-awaited reunion will be a chance for fans to hear Tony! Toni! Toné's classics like "It Never Rains (In Southern California)" "Feels Good" and "Anniversary." Saadiq will perform music from his solo catalog including songs from his short-lived R&B group Lucy Pearl as well as songs he wrote for Solange, Daniel Caesar, Brent Faiyaz and D'Angelo. He says,

"I've always wanted to put my family back together. Playing with the Tonys again is a thank you to the fans, the Super Tonians, for supporting all my musical efforts. Without those who were with us from Day One, where would I be? But the main reason is that my father, Charlie Wiggins, would've wanted it this way—to see me, D'Wayne, and Tim playing together again."

Fans have always wanted to see the original Tonys again and this tour will finally bring the group together again. Citi presale tickets are available today. Live Nation and Spotify presale tickets will go on sale tomorrow (Thursday) and general tickets can be purchased Friday, June 23 at 10 AM local time. All of the ticket categories can be bought from RaphaelSaadiqMusic.com.

Tour Dates

Thu September 21 – Birmingham, AL – BJCC Concert Hall
Fri September 22 – Charlotte, NC – Ovens Auditorium
Sun September 24 – Washington, DC – The Theater at MGM
National Harbor
Tue September 26 – Baltimore, MD – Lyric Opera House
Thu September 28 – Philadelphia, PA – The Met
Sat September 30 – New York, NY – Radio City Music Hall
Sun October 1 – Durham, NC – Durham Performing Arts Center
Thu October 5 – Boston, MA – Orpheum Theatre
Sun October 8 – Cleveland, OH – State Theatre
Tue October 10 – Louisville, KY – Louisville Palace
Wed October 11 – Nashville, TN – Ryman Auditorium
Thu October 12 – Chicago, IL – Chicago Theatre
Fri October 13 – Detroit, MI – Fox Theatre
Thu October 19 – Greensboro, NC – Steven Tanger Center for
the Performing Arts
Fri October 20 – Columbia, SC – The Township Auditorium
Sat October 21 – Jacksonville, FL – Moran Theater
Sun October 22 – Atlanta, GA – Fox Theatre
Thu October 26 – Memphis, TN – Orpheum Theatre
Fri October 27 – New Orleans, LA – Orpheum Theatre
Sat October 28 – Dallas, TX – Music Hall at Fair Park
Sun October 29 – Sugar Land, TX – Smart Financial Centre at
Sugar Land
Fri November 10 – Las Vegas, NV – Pearl Concert Theater at
Palms Casino Resort
Sat November 11 – Los Angeles, CA – YouTube Theater
Mon November 14 – Oakland, CA – Paramount Theatre
Fri November 17 – San Francisco, CA – The Masonic

