



FOUR-TIME GRAMMY®-WINNING BAND AEROSMITH TO BE HONORED AS 2020 MUSICARES® PERSON OF THE YEAR

GALA BENEFITING MUSIC CREATORS AND PROFESSIONALS IN NEED WILL CELEBRATE ITS 30TH MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY ON JAN. 24

SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (OCT. 4, 2019) — MusiCares® announced today that four-time GRAMMY®-winning band **Aerosmith** will be honored as the **2020 MusiCares® Person of the Year**. The tribute will take place during the 30th Anniversary MusiCares benefit gala, two nights prior to the 62nd Annual GRAMMY Awards® telecast. In the midst of celebrating 50 years as a band, Aerosmith will be recognized for their considerable philanthropic efforts over five decades and undeniable impact on American music history. Over the years, Aerosmith has shown support for a number of charity organizations around the world, including MusiCares and vocalist Steven Tyler's philanthropic initiative Janie's Fund, which supports young women who've suffered the trauma of abuse and neglect. The band made a surprise announcement about the honor onstage during their Park MGM Las Vegas residency *Aerosmith: Deuces Are Wild*, on Thursday night. Watch it [here](#).

"MusiCares has been saving lives for 30 years," said Deborah Dugan, President/CEO of MusiCares and the Recording Academy™. "The Person of the Year gala is the pinnacle of the essential work that MusiCares is doing year-round, and it's truly magical in the way that it unites and galvanizes our community and inspires others to take action on their own. As we continue to expand our services to people in need, we are thrilled to pay tribute to one of the most beloved bands of all time. Aerosmith has walked the walk when it comes to raising funds to impact music people in recovery. It is sure to be an amazing evening."

The MusiCares Person of the Year tribute ceremony is one of the most prestigious events held during GRAMMY Week each year. The 30th anniversary benefit gala will begin with a reception and silent auction offering an exclusive and unparalleled selection of luxury items, VIP experiences, and one-of-a-kind celebrity memorabilia for bidding guests. The reception and silent auction will be followed by a gala dinner, a tribute concert featuring renowned musicians and other artists, and the award presentation. Proceeds from the gala will provide essential support for MusiCares initiatives year-round.

GRAMMY Week culminates with the 62nd Annual GRAMMY Awards at STAPLES Center in Los Angeles on Sunday, January 26, 2020. The telecast will be broadcast live on the CBS Television Network at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Established in 1989 by the Recording Academy, MusiCares provides a safety net of critical assistance for music people in times of need. MusiCares' services and resources cover a wide range of financial, medical and personal emergencies, and each case is treated with integrity and confidentiality. MusiCares also focuses the resources and attention of the music industry on human service issues that directly influence the health and welfare of the music community.

For more information, please contact **MusiCares** at **310.392.3777** or personoftheyear@musicares.org, or visit www.musicares.org.

ABOUT AEROSMITH



Steven Tyler (vocals), Joe Perry (lead guitar), Brad Whitford (guitar), Tom Hamilton (bass), and Joey Kramer (drums) are a living piece of American music history, having sold more than 150 million albums worldwide and been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. They are the recipients of countless awards, including four GRAMMYs®, eight American Music Awards, six Billboard Awards, and 12 MTV Video Music Awards, among many other honors. Proving that they can cross genre boundaries with ease, these rock legends have even taken home a Soul Train Award for Best Rap Single for their remix of Run DMC's "Walk This Way." On April 6, 2019, the band kicked off their highly successful 35-date MGM Las Vegas residency, Aerosmith: Deuces Are Wild and due to popular demand, announced additional dates for 2020. The show also traveled to the East Coast in August for a special edition Aerosmith: Deuces Are Wild—East Coast Run at three MGM Resorts' properties—MGM National Harbor (National Harbor, Maryland), Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa (Atlantic City, New Jersey) and MGM Springfield (Springfield, Massachusetts). With scores of multiplatinum albums, Aerosmith continues to inspire generations to get their wings, get a grip and just push play. It is no wonder why they are one of the most beloved bands of all time.

ABOUT MUSICARES

A friend and ally of the music community, MusiCares was established by the Recording Academy to safeguard the health and well-being of all music people. A four-star charity and safety net in times of need, MusiCares offers confidential preventative, recovery, and emergency programs to address financial, medical, and personal health issues. Through the generosity of our donors and volunteer professionals, our dedicated team works across the country to ensure the music community has the resources and support it needs.

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