

**THE QUEEN OF HIP HOP SOUL MARY J. BLIGE
UNVEILS 2025 'THE FOR MY FANS TOUR' DATES
INCLUDING UBS ARENA ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11**

Featuring Special Guests NE-YO and Mario

*Tickets Available Starting on Tuesday, October 1 with Artist Presale;
General On-sale Begins on Friday, October 4 at 10 AM at [LiveNation.com](https://www.livenation.com)*

New Album "Gratitude" Set for Release on November 15



For approved artist images and hi-res tour art, please download [HERE](#).

Grammy and Emmy award-winning and Oscar-nominated, “Queen of Hip-Hop Soul,” **Mary J. Blige** announced her 2025 “**The For My Fans Tour**” with special guests **NE-YO and Mario**. The tour comes on the heels of her new album “**Gratitude**,” set for release on **November 15**. The tour and album are a celebration of the love and gratitude that Mary has towards her life, family, friends, and her beloved fans.

Produced by Live Nation, the 27-city tour includes a stop at UBS Arena, located 30 minutes from Penn Station or Grand Central via LIRR in Belmont Park, NY, on Friday, April 11, 2025.

“I am so excited to kick off this tour. I have amazing fans and am so grateful for all of the love and support they have given me throughout the years,” **said Mary J. Blige**. “This tour is for them, and I cannot wait to be able to travel to all these cities

and see everyone. I am in such a place of immense gratitude and peace at this moment, so also having the chance to release my new album “Gratitude” on November 15 ahead of this tour is really special to me.”

Blige will release her new studio album, “Gratitude,” on Friday, November 15, through her own Beautiful Life Productions and in partnership with 300 Entertainment. In August, she dropped the first single off the album, “Breathing” featuring Fabolous.

Ahead of both the album release and tour, Blige will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with the rest of the class of 2024 on October 19 in Cleveland, OH.

VIP: The tour will also offer a variety of different VIP packages and experiences for fans to take their concert experience to the next level. Packages vary but include premium tickets including reserved booths & tables, access to the VIP Lounge, exclusive VIP merch item, limited edition VIP poster & more. For more information, visit vipnation.com!

TICKETS: Tickets will be available starting with artist presale beginning on Tuesday, October 1. Additional presales will run throughout the week ahead of the general on-sale beginning on Friday, October 4 at 10 AM at LiveNation.com.

PRESALE: Citi is the official card of The For My Fans Tour presale. Citi cardmembers will have access to presale tickets beginning on Wednesday, October 2 at 10 AM until Thursday, October 3 at 11:59 PM through the Citi Entertainment program. For complete presale details visit [www.citi.com/entertainment.com](http://www.citi.com/entertainment).

MARY J. BLIGE – THE FOR MY FANS TOUR 2025 DATES:

Thu Jan 30 - Greensboro, NC - Greensboro Coliseum
Fri Jan 31 - Raleigh, NC - Lenovo Center
Mon Feb 03 - Atlanta, GA - State Farm Arena
Thu Feb 06 - Charlotte, NC - Spectrum Center
Sat Feb 08 - Tampa, FL - Amalie Arena
Tue Feb 11 - Hollywood, FL - Hard Rock Live
Fri Feb 14 - New Orleans, LA - Smoothie King Center
Tue Feb 18 - Houston, TX - Toyota Center
Fri Feb 21 - Ft. Worth, TX - Dickies Arena
Tue Feb 25 - Denver, CO - Ball Arena
Sat Mar 01 - Los Angeles, CA - Intuit Dome
Fri Mar 07 - San Francisco, CA - Chase Center
Sat Mar 08 - Sacramento, CA - Golden 1 Center
Wed Mar 12 - St. Louis, MO - Enterprise Center
Fri Mar 14 - Chicago, IL - United Center

Sun Mar 16 - St. Paul, MN - Xcel Energy Center
Wed Mar 19 - Detroit, MI - Little Caesars Arena
Sat Mar 22 - Buffalo, NY - KeyBank Center
Mon Mar 24 - Toronto, ON - Scotiabank Arena
Wed Mar 26 - Washington, DC - Capital One Arena
Fri Mar 28 - Atlantic City, NJ - Boardwalk Hall
Wed Apr 02 - Columbus, OH - Nationwide Arena
Fri Apr 04 - Baltimore, MD - CFG Bank Arena
Sun Apr 06 - Newark, NJ - Prudential Center
Thu Apr 10 - New York, NY - Madison Square Garden
Fri Apr 11 - Belmont Park, NY - UBS Arena
Mon Apr 14 - Boston, MA - TD Garden

ABOUT MARY J. BLIGE

Iconic Grammy and Emmy Award-winning and Oscar-nominated artist, actress, producer, and entrepreneur Mary J. Blige is a figure of inspiration, transformation, and empowerment. With a track record of eight multi-platinum albums, nine Grammy Awards (37 nominations), an Emmy award, two Academy Award nominations, two Golden Globe nominations, and a SAG nomination, Blige has cemented herself as a global superstar.

Influenced at an early age by the music of Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan and Gladys Knight, Blige brought her own gritty, urban-rooted style—fusing hip-hop, soul, and honest, frank lyrics—to the forefront on her 1992 debut album *What's the 411?* Blige continued to redefine R&B and began forging a unique niche for herself on her second album, 1994's *My Life*.

Each subsequent album she released reads like a chapter from an autobiography leading to February 2022, when Blige released *Good Morning Gorgeous*, which has since earned her six 2023 Grammy nominations including Album and Record of the Year. The album release led into a historic performance at the Pepsi Super Bowl LVI Halftime Show at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, CA alongside Dr. Dre, Eminem, Snoop Dogg, and Kendrick Lamar. Her performance earned her a 2022 Emmy Award for Outstanding Variety Special (Live).

On the acting side, Blige starred as Florence Jackson in the 2017 Netflix breakout film *Mudbound*, to which she received critical acclaim including two Academy Award nominations for Best Support Actress and Best Original Song. She became the first person ever to be nominated in an acting and song category for the same film. Among many other credits, Blige is currently starring in STARZ's *POWER BOOK II: GHOST*. The fourth and final season is currently airing on Starz and continues to break records for the network.

On the producing side, Blige launched her production company, Blue Butterfly, and signed a first-look TV deal with Lionsgate. Blige also signed a first-look non-scripted deal and a second-look scripted deal with BET. In 2021, Blige worked with Oscar-winning filmmaker Vanessa Roth and Amazon on her documentary *Mary J. Blige's My Life* celebrating the 25th anniversary of her famed album *My Life*, of which she was the focus and EP. Following her 2023 Lifetime films "Real Love" and "Strength of a Woman," Blige has signed on to executive produce multiple new projects for Lifetime, beginning with "Family Affair" (working title) coming in 2025.

ABOUT NE-YO

NE-YO is a three-time GRAMMY® Award-winning R&B hitmaker, iconic songwriter, actor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist whose illustrious catalog has generated a combined total of 23 billion streams worldwide.

His debut single, 2005's "So Sick," hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 and was certified quadruple-platinum. Since then, the Motown Records/Compound Entertainment recording artist has racked up a collection of global hits including "Sexy Love," "Closer," "Because of You," "Miss Independent," and "Push Back" [feat. Bebe Rexha and Stefflon Don].

Additionally, NE-YO has proven to be as powerful with his pen as he is in the recording studio and on stage, penning bangers like Rihanna's "Unfaithful," "Russian Roulette," and "Take a Bow," along with Beyoncé's 2006 breakup anthem "Irreplaceable" and songs for such artists as Jennifer Hudson, Usher, Carrie Underwood, Celine Dion and Mario among others.

The multihyphenate has also leveraged his platform as a musician to pivot into acting. His film and television credits include NBC's *World of Dance*, Netflix's *Dance Monsters*, *Empire*, *Stomp the Yard*, *Save the Last Dance, Battle: Los Angeles*, George Lucas' *Red Tails*, *The Wiz Live!*, Starz' *Step Up: High Water*, *Hip Hop Family Christmas Wedding* and *The Sound of Christmas*. He starred in the latest season of 50 Cent's acclaimed drama series *BMF* on STARZ.

ABOUT MARIO

Mario is a GRAMMY-nominated, platinum-selling R&B singer, songwriter and hitmaker hailing from Baltimore, MD. A dominant 2000s run, which began after the church-bred singer was signed by Clive Davis to J Records during his teenage years, included Top 5 hit "Just A Friend," and "Let Me Love You," the generation-defining serenade that spent nine weeks at no. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100, earning the singer widespread acclaim. Mario's subsequent album, *Turning Point*, generated a 'Best Contemporary R&B Album' GRAMMY nomination as well as two *Billboard* Awards, and is part of a robust catalog that includes four debuts inside the Top 5 of *Billboard* R&B/Hip Hop Albums chart, beginning with his gold-certified debut, *Mario*.

Mario's hit-making prowess and status as a superior vocal performer led to a spot on Billboard's 'Artist of the Decade' list. His expanded entertainment profile includes an independent label, New Citizen, launched in 2016, and a slew of marquee acting appearances, including major roles in blockbuster films and shows *Step Up*, *Freedom Writers*, and *Empire*. Mario will make his film production debut this holiday season, when his New Citizen-produced Christmas film, *Style Me For Christmas*, airs on BET.

This December, Mario releases his sixth studio album as part of his new deal with Epic Records, marking his first solo LP since 2018. *Glad You Came*, is executive-produced largely by James Fauntleroy, who worked for over a year on the project in-studio with Mario.

About UBS Arena

UBS Arena is made for music and built for hockey. New York's newest premier entertainment and sports venue and proud home of the New York Islanders is developed in partnership with Oak View Group, the New York Islanders, and Jeff Wilpon. The state of the art arena has welcomed top artists from around the globe since opening in November 2021 including Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Chris Stapleton, Dua Lipa, Drake, Harry Styles, Marc Anthony and Suga. The venue delivers an unmatched live entertainment experience for guests including clear sightlines and premier acoustics.

UBS Arena is at the forefront of sustainability, recently achieving Zero Waste TRUE Silver certification in May 2024 in addition to its LEED Green Building Certification and carbon neutrality for operations.

Located on the historic grounds of Belmont Park, UBS Arena is located just 30 minutes by LIRR from Grand Central or Penn Station and is easily accessible from across the region via mass transit or car. To plan your trip, please visit UBSArena.com/plan-your-trip.

For additional information, please visit UBSArena.com or @UBSArena on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Mary J. Blige

Amanda Silverman | Amanda.Silverman@ledecompany.com

Amanda Della Ragione | Amanda.Dellaragione@ledecompany.com

Live Nation Concerts

Monique Sowinski | moniquesowinski@livenation.com
Navier Grimes | naviergrimes@livenation.com

UBS Arena

Kerry Graue | kerry.graue@ubsarena.com

To apply for media credentials for show coverage:
livenation.com/pressrequests