

Arts ENTERTAINMENT

Rhino Celebrates 50 Years Of Ray Charles

With 5-Volume Box Set

Genius & Soul: The 50th Anniversary Collection is First Compendium to Span Legendary Artist's Entire Career

Following hot on the heels of Rhino's January acquisition of the North American rights to all of Ray Charles' ABC/Paramount, Tangerine, and Crossover label master recordings, comes the announcement of the September 16 release of a five-volume box set titled *Genius & Soul: The 50th Anniversary Collection*.

The extensive liner notes for *Genius & Soul* are a combination of long and short essays, with the longer biographical piece and track-by-track notation by Charles and R&B historian David Ritz, and shorter contributions from such notables as B.B. King, Stevie Wonder, Willie Nelson, Billy Joel, Dr. John, Jimmie Vaughan, and Etta James.



COURTESY OF RAY CHARLES

"I remember discovering Ray Charles in 1958 with the song 'What'd I Say,'" says box set producer and Rhino Senior Director of A&R James Austin. "To have the opportunity to create the ultimate Ray Charles package that I would want to buy, is not only a labor of love, but truly an honor. It's not everyday that you get to work with a genius of this proportion."

One would be hard-pressed to find a musical artist with as much crossover success as Ray Charles. Not only did this legend define both soul and rock 'n' roll as we know it today, scoring hit after amazing hit, but he also struck gold on the R&B charts, the pop charts, and the country charts, and even had time to record a few blues, gospel, and jazz albums. Ray Charles is arguably the most versatile musical artist of the 20th century.



COURTESY OF ATLANTIC RECORDS

On behalf of his Love 4 One Another Charities, The Artist is joining Muhammad Ali's campaign against racism, bigotry and intolerance by contributing his time and talent to the World Healing Honors.

The Artist will deliver one of the evening's electrifying live performances. He is actively trumpeting Ali's mission while lending unwavering support to the event. The World Healing Honors will be held October 9, 1997 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

The World Healing Honors is designed to foster increased awareness of the wretched situations created by hate, and encourage citizens of the world to reflect on and embrace issues of tolerance, brotherhood and understanding.

The World Healing Honors is the kick-off event for Ali's World Healing Project, which provides a platform for addressing and eliminating bigotry and prejudice. The World Healing Project also supports existing organizations and individuals working with great courage towards creating a harmonious world. The project will assist organizations and individuals across the globe, including the United States, Bosnia, Zaire and Northern Ireland.

The World Healing Project spreads its message of healing through publications, grassroots educational programs and entertainment events such as the World Healing Honors.

The Muhammad Ali World Healing Honors



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In case you would like to talk with us about Art on Alberta, following are key contacts:

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