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Aretha Franklin's New Album, "A Rose Is A Rose," In Store



Title single, "A Rose Is A Rose," written, produced and arranged by Lauryn Hill, also director of new video.

49th career album for 15-time Grammy winner features guest producers Puff Daddy, Daryl Simmons, Jermaine Dupri, Narada, and others.

Artist recording artist **Aretha Franklin** has put the finishing touches on **A Rose Is A Rose**, an all-star affair that teams the legendary singer with hit making producers Sean "Puffy" Combs, Daryl Simmons, Jermain Dupri, Dallas Austin, Narada Michael

Walden, Michael J. Powell—and Lauryn Hill (of the Fugees), writer, producer and arranger of the title single, "A Rose Is A Rose," who also directed the video. The new album is set for a March 10th in-store date.

The final sequence of songs titles (and producers) is as follows: "Rose Is A Rose" (Hill); "Never Leave You Again" (Puffy, who also co-wrote the track); "In Case You Forgot" (Simmons); "Here We Go Again" and "Every Lil' Bit Hurts" (both Dupri, also co-writer on both); "In The Morning" (Simmons); "I'll Dip" (Austin); "How Many Times" and "Watch My Back" (both Narada);

"Love Pang" (Powell); and "The Woman" (Aretha, who also wrote the track, and Powell co-producer).

A Rose Is A Rose is the 49th career album by the 15-time Grammy award winning artist. It is also Aretha's first new studio recording in over six years, since **What You See Is What You Sweat** in 1991, the same year she received the Grammy Legend Award. In the interim, **Greatest Hits (1980-1994)** was released four years ago, coinciding with Aretha's Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

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