The Brian McKnight 4

Legendary contemporary and R&B artist

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There will be no intermission during this performance.

As an artist who needs no introduction, Brian McKnight has earned himself a spot in contemporary music history. He has released 15 albums to date, with several going two and three times platinum, and he has sold over 25 million albums worldwide. In addition to being a singer, songwriter and producer, McKnight is also a multi-instrumentalist who plays nine instruments, including piano, guitar, bass, drums, percussions, trombone, tuba, flugelhorn and trumpet.

In an industry known for a constantly revolving door of artists, McKnight has easily established himself with an enviable record of chart consistency, has toured successfully for over a decade, and has collaborated with performers across every genre, including Quincy Jones, Justin Timberlake, Mariah Carey, Diddy, Christina Aguilera, Rascal Flatts, Nelly, Vanessa Williams, Willie Nelson and Kenny G.

Born in Buffalo, New York, McKnight’s musical career began as a child when he became a member of his church choir and a bandleader for his high school, Sweet Home High School. By the age of 19, he signed his first recording deal with Mercury Records. In 1992, his self-titled album, Brian McKnight, was released followed by I Remember You (1995) and Anytime (1997). Anytime sold over two million copies and was nominated for a Grammy. In 1999, McKnight released Back at One on Motown Records, which sold over three million copies.

Along with several Grammy nominations, Brian McKnight has been the recipient of American Music Awards, Soul Train Awards, NAACP Image and Blockbuster Awards as well as Billboard Songwriter of The Year. He has crossed the boundaries of every medium. He has hosted Soul Session Countdown with Brian McKnight on BETJ. In addition, The Brian McKnight Morning Show on KTWV the Wave, a smooth jazz radio station, was a top-five rated show for two years. In 2009, Brian started hosting his own radio show, The Brian McKnight Show, which ran in over 60 markets and was syndicated through ABC Radio. Brian also hosted his own nationally syndicated TV show, The Brian McKnight Show. McKnight has also used his vast industry knowledge as a red-carpet host for Extra!, and in 2007, McKnight stepped into Broadway with a successful run as Billy Flynn in Chicago. He was also a contestant on the Donald Trump hit show Celebrity Apprentice and toured nationwide in the JeCaryous Johnson play Cheaper to Keep Her with Vivica A. Fox.

His latest album release, Brian McKnight Remixed, is available now.