

Latest Album from IndiaArie Hits 1

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India.Arie emerged onto the music scene in 2001 with her platinum plus debut *Acoustic Soul*. A masterful meditation on self-acceptance and womanhood, she was dubbed the new "neo-soulstress" by no less than *Newsweek Magazine*, praising her as "one of the freshest talents to come out of 2001," the emotive singer went on to be nominated for seven Grammys for her debut album, and subsequently has won a host of awards including 2 Grammys, 3 NAACP Awards, as well as being recognized by BET, *Billboard Magazine*, MTV, VH1 and *Essence Magazine*, among others.

2002's *Voyage To India* cemented her rep as a seminal singer/songwriter, netting her 4 Grammy nominations and two statues. With more than six million albums sold, she most recently was nominated for her 12th Grammy in the Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals category for her writing collaboration with Stevie Wonder on the title song of his most recent album, *A Time To Love*.

Now the 12-time Grammy nominee India.Arie enters the *Billboard Top 200 Albums Chart* this week at #1 with her third studio album *Testimony: Vol. 1, Life & Relationship* on Universal Motown Records. The acclaimed release was produced by longtime collaborators Shannon Sanders and Mark Batson (Seal, Beyonce), among others and has been receiving universal critical acclaim. *Entertainment Weekly* says "Testimony may just be your cup of decaffeinated jasmine tea" while *VIBE Magazine* describes it as "pensive and poetic," The album's first video, "I Am Not My Hair," helmed by Barnaby Roper (Moby, Razorlight) has become a staple on both VH1 and BET.

"This is a great milestone for India.Arie and the entire Universal Motown team," stated Sylvia Rhone, President of Universal Motown Records. "The #1 debut of *Testimony* is a powerful testament to the unique bond she has with her audience, as well as affirming India.Arie's rightful place as one of our culture's most uplifting and empowering artists."

Testimony is also being hailed as a more personal expression from the singer/songwriter, with *People Magazine* calls the CD "inspirational" and *Glamour Magazine* names it among "Songs to Download Now" in their July 2006 issue. India.Arie recently completed an international promotional tour for the new disc, drawing raves in Europe: "Another earthy uplifting testimony of empowerment" (*New Nation* 6/12), "This magnificent return shows her at her very best" (*Mirror*, 6/9) and "With *Testimony*, the world will be a better place." (*Daily Star*, 6/7) where she previewed the startling repertoire of new songs.

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India.Arie is also a U.S. Ambassador for UNICEF and is universally recognized as a tireless champion of social and humanitarian causes around the world. She recently returned from a trip to South Africa where she observed and assisted humanitarian efforts taking place in the epicenter of the global AIDS crisis.

She has performed with numerous artists including Sting, Elton John, Sade, Aaron Neville and Sergio Mendes to name a few and has collaborated with many others including; Stevie Wonder, John Mellencamp, Bonnie Raitt, Keb Mo, Rascal Flatts, Cassandra Wilson, and Elmo. She has also written songs for several movie soundtracks including "Good Man" for We Were Soldiers, "Eyes of the Heart" for Radio, "Get It Together" for Shark Tale and "Purify Me" for Diary of a Mad Black Woman.

India.Arie is currently on tour and will be the featured musical guest on Late Night With David Letterman, July 28th, don't miss her.

Tracklist for "Testimony: Vol. 1, Life & Relationship"

1. Intro: Loving
2. These Eyes
3. Heart Of The Matter, The
4. Good Mourning
5. Private Party

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6. There's Hope

7. Interlude: Living

8. India" Song

9. Wings Of Forgiveness

10. Summer - (featuring Rascal Flatts/Victor Wooten)

11. I Am Not My Hair - (featuring Akon)

12. Great Grandmother

13. Better People

14. Outro: Learning

15. I Choose

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