

Grammys: Rodrigo Wins Three

John Legend Performance Benefits Ukraine



Olivia Rodrigo's album, Sour, released in May of 2021. Now has over 43.1 million monthly listeners.

People from around the world, especially music lovers, tuned in to watch one of the biggest award ceremonies on April 3, 2022, called the Grammys. The Grammys was made to recognize many artists and their music, ending people's night with the famous red carpet, multiple performances and awards.

This year was the 64th annual Grammys in Las Vegas and was expected to have some wonderful performances along with many awards to be handed out. The award show started at 8 pm EST with over 8 million views worldwide but before that, the famous red carpet started around 6:30 EST with interviewers and celebrities awaiting the show. The style and outfits musicians bring to the red carpet are always big talk after and during the show. People such as Lady

Gaga, a singer and actress, came to the awards in a fancy black and white dress, Chrissy Teigen in a pink ballroom dress and her husband, John Legend in a velvet black suit. Olivia Rodrigo came in a long, purple sparkle dress and hundreds of other luxury fashioned artists. Each of them got their photos taken by paparazzi, were interviewed about their expectations of the show and their own work and given the opportunity to catch up with some other celebrities.

Performances at the Grammys are something that many viewers look forward to because they may see new musicians or their favorites. There were multiple performances by nominees including Olivia Rodrigo with her top song "Drivers License," BTS performing their

song "Butter," among other performances. One performance being talked about a lot is John Legend singing "Free," with Ukrainian musician Siuzanna Iglidan, Ukrainian singer Mika Newton, and Ukrainian poet Lyuba Yakimchuk. Also, Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, gave a recorded, emotional speech asking for help for his country. The performance, donation page and speech were made to honor Ukraine and their struggles within the past month and give people an opportunity to help.

Numerous well-known artists were in the running for awards, counting Taylor Swift, Olivia Rodrigo, ABBA, Billie Eilish, Lady Gaga, and more. Some of them did win awards but like every year, there was a big introduction to some newer



BTS' album, Butter, released in May of 2021. Now has 37.7 million monthly listeners.



Billie Eilish's album, Happier Than Ever, released in July of 2021. Now has over 48 million monthly listeners.

musicians who had happened to Artist Grammy. In May of 2021, win too, which was found exciting she released a very popular by a lot of fans. Rodrigo was already album, Sour, that had included popular before the awards but this 11 songs including "Jealousy, was her first big acknowledgement Jealousy," "I hope ur ok," at the Grammys and winning "Traitor," along with more. Sour three different awards. Her had Rodrigo nominated and skyrocketing popularity started later awarded her the Best Pop because of her large roles in the Vocal Album. She also received Disney+ television show, High Best Pop Solo Performance for School Musical the Musical the her song "Drivers License," Series, as Nini, playing Paige originally published in January in the Disney show Bizaardvark 2021 and later on her Sour and her role as Grace in An Album. Rodrigo has also American Girl: Graces Stirs Up performed "Drivers License," Success. The song "All I want" on live television during the with over 138 million streams, Grammys and has received a lot from HSMTMS and written by of positive feedback. Old fans Rodrigo was just the beginning and new fans are awaiting new of an outstanding singing career. music from Rodrigo along with Fans believe Rodrigo is receiving her Sour Tour this year.

the recognition she deserves for being a newer artist in the music for the Grammys and musicians, industry after it was announced for instance, Olivia Rodrigo, Jon that she had won the Best New Batiste, Doja Cat, Lady Gaga &

Tony Bennett, Kanye West and Jay-z, among others had won. People are talking a lot about the outfits, performances, awards but also a few mess-ups. Rodrigo had accidentally dropped one of her three Grammys and one of them had broken. Although she has made multiple headlines with her clumsiness, one big headline was Doja Cat and her near-miss of receiving her award. On live television, Doja Cat was very close to missing her award because she was in the bathroom. She played it off and made jokes about it, then gratefully and emotionally accepted her very first Grammy award. With the show being done now, people are excited for next year's award show and anticipating big records from their favorite artists.

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