

**ARETHA FRANKLIN'S SON AND 30 YEAR GUITARIST TEDDY RICHARDS
RESPECTFULLY LAUNCHES THINK RADIO AND RECORDS SONG IN
HONOR OF HIS MOTHER**

The late Queen of Soul's son Teddy Richards (The Duke Of Song) has launched THINK RADIO globally on Live365, broadcasting worldwide. An extreme and eclectic music lover, Teddy developed a vast working knowledge and appreciation of many genre of music. This genre-defying open format radio station will explore: • Ted's 30 years on the road as Aretha Franklin's guitarist, • on-air conversations, interviews with Aretha contemporaries and other music peers • additional music and subject matter, • On-air interviews with fellow musicians, reminiscing over past Aretha concerts and studio sessions. • Interviews with Ted's contemporaries on a variety of subjects: music, travel, personal performance experiences and insights.

Teddy has also re-recorded, produced and released his mother's hit "Until You Come Back To Me" in honor of his mother.

The track includes former Aretha band members:

Francisco Centeno (Bass)

Richard Gibbs (Piano)

Brenda Corbett (Background)

Gloria Ridgeway (Background)

Millie Scott (Background)

"The song has always had a very special home in my heart. As a child, I went to the studio with my mother when she recorded her original version. "It's been an honor and a pleasure to record and share MY version of the song with the world as well. My mother is listening from heaven, singing along and smiling."

"I pray that the world continues celebrating my mother's God-given, soul-stirring voice and song with accolade. As her son, I prefer to revere and celebrate my mother and her career without exploitation and fanfare; I prefer to celebrate her as both a mother and as the world's Queen of Soul, in private reverence and with QUIET dignity. I insist on maintaining my privacy and independence, as her son and as an artist in my own right.

I am extremely proud and honored to have a mother so talented and renowned. It's an honor to be associated with an artist of her magnitude and stature. I, like all music lovers, am completely moved by her God-given gift to song. It would be difficult to NOT be influenced by her immense talent and God-given ability to take a song to such great heights.

As a recording artist and producer, it is also very important to recognize that I am also a hard working international multi-talent who prefers to stand on his own merit, rather than attempting to exploit his mother's name and fame.

I love and honor BOTH of my parents dearly and continue to draw on their knowledge, expertise and insight in music, in business and in life.

As an individual and artist and businessman in my own right, I will always remain true to my artistic and business pursuits. I'll continue to work diligently, establishing my own creative musical identity. It's crucial that I remain true to myself, being my own man."

Additional essential bio content:

After serving 30 years as Aretha Franklin's guitarist, Teddy Richards emerged as a gifted singer/songwriter/guitarist/producer and music publisher.

Teddy has been hailed by the press as 'a brilliant cross-section between Seal and Lenny Kravitz, with the voice of an angel'. With a musical career spanning three decades, his rich musical experience also includes serving as guitarist for Al Green, Natalie Cole, Ashford and Simpson and Joe Cocker at Nelson Mandela's Freedom Fest, serving as opening act for Seal, Lenny Kravitz, INXS, The Verve Pipe and A.J. Croce. Teddy has also collaborated and written with Andrew Farriss (INXS), Gabriel Gordon (Natalie Merchant's guitarist) and Carlos Alomar (David Bowie's guitarist and co-writer of the hit 'Fame') and Marcy Levy (co-writer of Eric Clapton's 'Lay Down Sally') and served as guitarist for Nellie Furtado, Natalie Cole and Joe Cocker. After signing with Germany's Skip Records and releasing his 2nd CD Gravity, Teddy enjoyed many successful tours throughout Germany and Spain, culminating with his performance at Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. Teddy has since returned to the states, performing solo-acoustically. His 'Sunset Serenade' is an eclectic genre-defying experience, filled with crowd favorites and memories spanning the spectrum of popular music, while also writing and producing music beds for CBS Sunday Football, writing and producing commercials for Folgers Coffee and JW Marriott Resorts.

He is currently recording and producing his 3rd release 'Solitaire', due for release in 2022.

For more information, visit:

TeddyRichards.com

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Think Radio Stream: live365.com/station/a83941

Included photos:

Aretha and band on The Late Night Show with Jay Leno

Ted at Atlantic Recording Studio (Aretha's "Until You Come Back To Me" session)

Aretha and Ted in Whitehouse: Presidential Medal of Freedom reception (and more)

Aretha, Obama and Ted

Ted, Michelle Obama and Aretha

Ted and Oprah

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Ted and Aretha Background singers Millie Scott, Brenda Corbett and Gloria Ridgeway: re-recording session: "Until You Come Back To Me"

Ted promo shots