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R&B LEGENDS TONI BRAXTON & KENNY "BABYFACE" EDMONDS AFRICAN TOUR

21 July 2015 - CANOC LIVE announce that legendary R&B superstars **Toni Braxton and Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds** will be performing in South Africa and Zimbabwe between August 28 and September 4 2015.

Fans will be treated to a Toni Braxton and Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds double bill as they each perform their own shows with songs from their outstanding catalogues of classics for the first time in Africa at the following venues:

Harare, Zimbabwe

Borrowdale Racecourse - 28 August 2015

Durban

Moses Mabhida Stadium – 30 August 2015

Cape Town

Grand Arena, Grandwest – 1 September 2015

Johannesburg

The Ticketpro Dome - 3 September 2015

Tickets start at R450 from www.ticketpro.co.za

Known and loved around the world for their chart-topping radio classics, both iconic singer/songwriters shaped the sound of R&B throughout the 90s both as individual superstars and collaborators.

A hit making machine with enviable longevity, 11-time Grammy award winning **Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds** has to his name no less than 130 Top 10 R&B and Pop hits, 43 number 1 R&B hits and 55 Top 10 Pop hits. Edmonds is the recipient of numerous awards, including Soul Train Music Awards, BMI Awards, NAACP Image Awards and American Music Awards. He was also the recipient of the third BET Walk of Fame Award, and was named BET's "Entertainer of the Year" at the First Annual BET Awards Ceremony. Just a few of the vocalists from which his music can be heard: Whitney Houston, Boyz II Men, Beyonce, Mariah Carey, Madonna, Eric Clapton, Mary J. Blige, Michael Jackson, TLC, Toni Braxton, Celine Dion, John Mellencamp, Anthony Hamilton, Brandy, Aretha Franklin, Fall Out Boy, Pink, Charlie Wilson, Chrissette Michele, Barbra Streisand, Ariana Grande, and Colbie Caillat



Over the course of her storied career, **Toni Braxton** has earned a total of seven Grammy Awards and sold over 66 million records worldwide. Among other achievements, she's received nine Billboard Music Awards and seven American Music Awards and been inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. She appeared on the seventh season of Dancing with the Stars and helped bring the hit reality show WE tv's Braxton Family Values to life as both an executive producer and star. Expanding her pop culture imprint, she serves as an executive producer on Tamar & Vince. Transferring her dynamic presence to the stage, she has starred in Broadway productions of Beauty and the Beast, Aida, and After Midnight. Most recently, her 2014 collaboration with Babyface, *Love, Marriage & Divorce*, debuted at #4 on Billboard's Top 200 (her sixth Top Ten entry on the chart) and #1 on the R&B/Hip-Hop Albums chart. It went on to win a Grammy Award for Best R&B Album. Braxton continues to engage, endear, and enchant audiences worldwide with everything she does.

Decades after 'Give You My Heart', the 1992 hit single on which they first sang together, the two paired up to share their experiences of love on the 2014 co-written Grammy winning duets album '**Love, Marriage and Divorce**'. It struck a chord with South African fans who made it the highest selling album in the country in 2014. Toni Braxton and Babyface's tour has long been in demand in Southern Africa.

"Each date of this tour guarantees a night of authentic R&B music filled with romantic love songs in the form of two spectacular shows from these Grammy Award winning artists," says Pleasure Letsoalo of CANOC LIVE, the leading promoter of live music events in the African urban market. "We have hosted 19 shows with eight international artists and we are now thrilled to welcome Toni Braxton and Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds to Southern Africa."

JHB and CPT tickets available 21st July, DBN and Zim tickets available 24th July at 1PM, via www.ticketpro.co.za and start at R450 each

The Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds and Toni Braxton African Tour is supported by Mzansi Magic, Kaya FM, East Coast Radio & Heart FM.

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44 Isaiah Ntshangase Road, Durban.

Cape Town - Grand Arena, Grandwest – 1 September 2015.

1 Vanguard drive, Goodwood, Cape Town

Johannesburg - Ticketpro Dome – 3rd September.

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KENNY 'BABYFACE' EDMONDS BIOGRAPHY

If you were to closely examine the annals of modern pop music history, few creative forces have been more seminal or impacted the contemporary Pop/Urban genres as much as Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds. In a relatively short time, he has reached icon status as a poignant tune smith, prolific hit maker/producer, superstar recording artist and revolutionary label owner. He is a statistical juggernaut, who keeps adding milestone after milestone to a legacy that seems to have no threshold or peak in sight.

An 11-time Grammy winner with 11 solo albums of his own, Edmonds' impeccably crafted explorations of love, romance and relationships and has made an indelible imprint on the evolution of contemporary pop music throughout the world: more than 130 Top 10 R&B and Pop hits, 43 number 1 R&B hits and 55 Top 10 Pop hits (including 16 number 1s), which have produced single and album sales in excess of 500 million units worldwide.

Just a few of the vocalists from which his music can be heard: Whitney Houston, Boyz II Men, Beyonce, Mariah Carey, Madonna, Eric Clapton, Mary J. Blige, Michael Jackson, TLC, Toni Braxton, Celine Dion, John Mellencamp, Anthony Hamilton, Brandy, Aretha Franklin, Fall Out Boy, Pink, Charlie Wilson, and Christette Michele.

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Edmonds most recent production with other artists includes Barbra Streisand, Celine Dion, Keri Hilson, Ledisi, Colbie Caillat, Jennifer Hudson, Ariana Grande and Aretha Franklin. His 2014 duets album with Toni Braxton titled, 'Love, Marriage & Divorce' won a Grammy for Best R&B Album. Edmonds starred in Broadway show "After Midnight" in 2014. Edmonds is currently working on a new solo album that will be released late 2015

Edmonds' charitable work is as impressive as his professional accomplishments. His caring and generosity has earned him several accolades, including the Essence Award for Excellence, The City of Hope Award and Variety Magazine's "Top of the Town" Honored Award. He was the National Spokesman for Boarder Babies, and personally helped raise more than \$500,000 for a transitional home, The Little Blue House, located in Washington, D.C. He has also personally donated more than \$100,000 to the VH-1 Save the Music program and he continues to contribute to a host of other worthwhile organizations, including the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). In 2008, Edmonds combined his musical prowess with his charitable efforts, co-writing and producing the song "Just Stand Up" with longtime partner Antonio "L.A." Reid, which served as the backbone of a multi-purpose breast cancer awareness special. The song featured such current heavyweights as Beyonce, Rihanna, Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Leona Lewis, Ciara, Carrie Underwood, Sheryl Crow, and Miley Cyrus, to name a few. Edmonds and Reid were honored by the Noble Awards for their contribution to Stand



Up To Cancer. Recently Edmonds has been very active in supporting Carousel of Hope, which benefits the Children's Diabetes Foundation and Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes, as well as Larry Ruvo's "Keep Memory Alive," who are committed to improving the lives of patients and their families as they navigate the extraordinary challenges of brain disorders. In Las Vegas, the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health treats patients with Alzheimer's, Huntington's and Parkinson's disease, as well as frontotemporal dementia and multiple sclerosis.

Among other expressions of Kenny's generosity are his charitable performances at several fund-raising events for FasterCures, the center for accelerating medical solutions of the non-profit Milken Institute. During an extended 2012 performance at FasterCures' Celebration of Science at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., he not only enthralled the audience with his songs, but also moved them by recounting the health challenges of his parents including the lung cancer that took the life of his father, a decorated soldier who succumbed when Kenny was in the eighth grade.

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