



IT'S A MUSICAL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

MISTER ROGERS SONGS TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT WITH PERFORMANCES BY CELEBRITY ARTISTS INCLUDING VANESSA WILLIAMS, KELLIE PICKLER, MICKY DOLENZ, THE COWSILLS and RITA WILSON ON NEW ALBUM,

Thank You, Mister Rogers: Music & Memories

This Fall, Both Rita Wilson and Tom Hanks Are at Home in Mister Rogers' Neighborhood! October 25th Release Marks the Start of 'Thank You, Mister Rogers' Month

(Nashville, Tennessee) The rebirth of interest in Fred Rogers, which includes an upcoming Tom Hanks film, inspires a unique musical tribute that celebrates a special side of the man known as “America’s Favorite Neighbor.” A newly recorded collection of Fred’s songs, *Thank You, Mister Rogers: Music & Memories*, will be available wherever music is sold or streamed on October 25th. View the album trailer [HERE](#).

Providing delightful listening for the whole family, the album embodies unforgettable performances by award-winning artists performing re-imagined renditions of Fred Rogers classics as well as uncovered gems from his 200-plus catalogue of songs. The cast includes **Kellie Pickler, Vanessa Williams, Rita Wilson, Lee Greenwood, The Cowsills, Jaci Velasquez, Jim Brickman, Jon Secada, Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis, Jr., Micky Dolenz, Tom Bergeron, and Sandi Patty**. Significantly, Wilson joins her husband Tom Hanks “in the Neighborhood,” by way of singing a Fred Rogers song on this album. Hanks portrays the children’s television pioneer himself in the upcoming biopic.

The album’s arrival also ushers in “**Thank You, Mister Rogers Month**” – a time set aside to honor Fred’s legacy by encouraging people to act on his simple but eloquent message, “Be kind.” Nashville, Tennessee, where much of the album was recorded, is the first city to proclaim November as a time to “Be Like Fred.”

Fred Rogers wrote more than 200 of the songs made popular on his PBS television show, “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” which celebrated its 50th anniversary last year. Two-time Grammy winner **Dennis Scott** produced the album, observing, “Fred was a gifted songwriter and understood how music could serve as an effective way to teach and share important life lessons. We hope that both adults and children familiar with Fred’s songs will enjoy hearing how well they lend themselves to a variety of musical styles and genres.”

The album includes some surprises, including Spanish lyrics put to the tune of “Won’t You Be My Neighbor,” which features a heartfelt performance by Cuban-born pop artist **Jon Secada**. And TV spokesperson **Tom Bergeron**, best known for hosting “America’s Funniest Home Videos” and “Dancing with the Stars,” makes his singing debut with a jazzy rendition of “Some Things I Don’t Understand.” It’s also the first-time audiences will experience his talent as a gifted whistler.

Actor, songstress **Rita Wilson** delivers a touching performance of “Sometimes People Are Good,” a sentiment also reflected in Tom Hanks’ on screen portrayal of Fred. Wilson aptly observes, “Mister Rogers’ melody and lyrics are beautifully integrated together. His words of kindness, acceptance, and peace are a classic message.”

David Newell, who portrayed Mr. McFeely on the show, describes the eclectic and joyful nature of this album: “Each song in this collection is different from the other...and each singer has made it their own. Fred would be delighted to know that his music lives on to new generations.”

Perhaps the talented and lovely **Vanessa Williams** describes the audience for *Thank You, Mister Rogers* best, “As a child you appreciated the songs but as an adult you really appreciate his music.”

In the words of Fred Rogers, “It’s such a good feeling” to know that [*Thank You, Mister Rogers – Music & Memories*](#) will be available on CD and all digital platforms soon. Pre-release singles will launch on September 27th and October 18th. Mister Rogers fans are invited to submit their own happy memories of the show and Fred’s music at: <http://www.thankyoumisterrogers.com>.

Keep up to date on the #ThankYouMisterRogers release on Facebook and Instagram via @thankyoumisterrogers.

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Note to editors:

Most featured artists, producer Dennis Scott, and David Newell (Mr. McFeely) are available for interviews.

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THANK YOU, MISTER ROGERS
Track list with credits. Total run time: 45 minutes

- 1) Won't You Be My Neighbor / The Cowsills
Music & lyrics by Fred Rogers, © 1967 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 2:44
- 2) You Can Never Go Down the Drain / Jaci Velasquez
Music & lyrics by Fred Rogers, © 1969 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 2:46
- 3) Sometimes People Are Good / Rita Wilson
Music & lyrics by Fred Rogers, © 1968 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 3:32
- 4) Perfectly Beautiful Day / Micky Dolenz
Music & lyrics by Fred Rogers, © 1967 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 3:07
- 5) Many Way to Say I Love You / Vanessa Williams
Music & lyrics by Fred Rogers, © 1967 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 4:41
- 6) Some Things I Don't Understand / Tom Bergeron
Music & lyrics by Fred Rogers , © 1968 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 3:21
- 7) This Is My Home / Jim Brickman
Music & lyrics by Fred Rogers, © 1967 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 2:46
- 8) Let's Be Together Today / Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr.
Music & lyrics by Fred Rogers, © 1967 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 3:19
- 9) Please Don't Think It's Funny / Sandi Patty
Music & lyrics by Fred Rogers, © 1968 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 4:33
- 10) It's Such a Good Feeling / Kellie Pickler
Music & lyrics by Fred M.Rogers © 1970 /ASCAP 3:37
- 11) When the Day Turns into Night / Lee Greenwood
Music & lyrics by Fred M. Rogers © 1968 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP 3:50
- 12) Podemos ser Amigos? / Jon Secada
Music by Fred Rogers, © 1967 Fred M. Rogers /ASCAP
Spanish lyrics by Rev. Reinaldo C. Toledo 3:32
- 13) Thank You for Being You / Ensemble
Music & lyrics by Dennis Scott, © Act IV Music 2006 /ASCAP 3:27