

71ST EMMY AWARDS GOVERNORS BALL *TALENT BIOS*

Featured Singers:



James Graham:

Joining the 71st Emmy Awards Governors Ball event as a featured artist is James Graham, an "X-Factor" finalist and winner of the second season of "The Four," Fox's televised music competition. Highly acclaimed for his powerful voice, vocal range, and signature take on Funk, Soul and R&B, Graham has taken the world by storm as a rising musician. Over the past year, Graham has been named iHeart Radio's "On the Verge Artist of 2018" and is anticipating the release of a new EP album

Stephanie Zelaya:

An energetic crowd-pleasing Latin performer and distinguished Latin American artist and influencer, Zelaya rose to prominence in her home country of Guatemala, having multiple "Top 5" radio hits and a role in Pepsi's "Guatemorfosis" campaign. Zelaya represented her home country on "The Four," Fox's televised music competition, where she performed for artists such as Diddy Combs, Fergie, DJ Khaled and Meghan Trainor. Since then she has opened for a plethora of major singers, including Enrique Iglesias, Alejandro Sanz and II Divo (among others). She has been named as one of the Top 10 most influential women in Guatemala as well as one of the Top 50 young leaders in Latin America.





Majeste Pearson:

Making her Broadway and TV debut in 2018, Majeste Pearson has performed for a wide array of audiences, from Carnegie Hall to "The Four" on Fox. While on Broadway, Pearson became the youngest female vocalist to be cast in the Broadway revival of "Rocktopia" and received a two-year scholarship to the New York Film Academy's professional conservatory of musical theater. Pearson's drive and ambition are noticed by all who meet her, including Stevie Wonder whose belief and support in her talents propelled her to success. With this platform she continues to inspire, encourage and promote the impacts of arts education while bridging the gap between new and old generations.

Featured Dancers:

Radiance and Embodiment (Choreographer: Rudy Abreu): Originally from Miami, Florida, Rudy Abreu has performed on various reality TV shows including Paula Abdul's "Live to Dance," "America's Got Talent," and NBC's "World of Dance." At the age of 18, after placing in the top 8 of the hit TV show,



"So You Think You Can Dance," he performed on a 77 city tour around the U.S. and Canada with the



"So You Think You Can Dance" tour. Credits include Jennifer Lopez, Derek and Julianne Hough, Bebe Rexha, Ben Platt, Camilla Cabello, Leona Lewis, Jacky Cheung, Inana, J Blavin, and Little Mix. Rudy founded and is currently directing his all-male company "Embodiment The Collective" and all-female company "Radiance Dance Company," which have both been featured on NBC's "World of Dance," industry work, and various music videos.

L.A. School of Gymnastics:

Founded in 1975, the L.A. School of Gymnastics has helped realize the athletic dreams of more than 1 million families. With over three decades of community involvement, the Los Angeles-based school has over 10 faculty members with master's degrees from 14 different nations and was the first school in the U.S. to send an athlete to the Olympics, representing the nation at the 1984 Summer Games. With programs starting as early as preschool, the L.A. School of Gymnastics is not only incredibly diverse in age and skill, but widely recognized throughout the U.S., with Former Presidents Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama giving them honorable praise. Managed by Tanya Berenson, former athlete and co-founder of CHeer4uathletics, the school has achieved innumerable success.

Bands:

Downbeat L.A.: Performing for Creative Arts

Nationally renowned full-service entertainment agency Downbeat L.A. boasts world-class musicians, high-energy dance bands, professional DJ services and specialty music acts spanning over five years of international services. Performing for popular programs such as "The Voice," "The Four" and "American Idol," Downbeat L.A. prides itself on versatility, having anywhere from three- to 17-piece ensembles that can perform a wide range of styles, eras and genres.

The Midnight Special: Performing for Primetime

A dynamic mix of classic American tunes (spanning over 60 years of content), The Midnight Special performs everything from 50's rock 'n' roll to modern radio hits. With frontline vocalists from notable programs like "The Voice," this 12-piece ensemble boasts double guitars and three energetic horns that have authentically covered artists as varied as Amy Winehouse, Justin Bieber, Tina Turner and Michael Jackson. The bands leader is a decorated musician, having toured extensively with Childish Gambino selling out venues like Madison Square Garden, Outside-Lands Festival, the NBA All-Star Kickoff and the Staples Center. Traveling both domestically and internationally, The Midnight Special has performed some of WCM's most exotic events, landing the group as far as Italy and Cabo San Lucas and as close as Colorado Springs, Austin, Seattle, Indianapolis and Northern Michigan. Their credits include the weddings of Cheyenne Jackson, Indianapolis Colts' owner Jim Irsay's daughter, the annual Beverly Hills Tennis Tournament, and services for the Hearst Family in San Simeon, California.

DJ:



Albert Gonzalez:

A high-profile Hollywood DJ and entertainer, Gonzalez has been performing since the early 1990s. His transition into Hollywood clubs and nightlife during the mid-2000s rocketed him to success, and since then he has performed for a number of premium events and mainstream L.A. gatherings. His credits include partnerships with Warner Bros, FOX, Red Bull, New Balance, WeWork, TrueX, eHarmony, Serato, Ableton, Steve Madden, L.A. Fashion magazine, TAO group, Insomniac, OneHope and Bunim-Murray. His style and genre ranges, performing any number of tracks from Hip-Hop, 90s, 80s, R&B, rock, indie, alternative, EDM, house and Latin.