



GREGORY CHARLES, MULTIFACETED ARTIST

Born February 12, 1968, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Gregory Charles stood out as a classical pianist from early childhood, winning the Grand Prize at the Canadian Music Competition at age 10. Since then, he's never stopped seizing opportunities to share his love of music with the public.

In 1989, while studying law at university, Gregory made his TV acting debut on the TVA drama series *Chambres en ville*. He then went on to excel as a TV host – most notably for 5 years on the game show *Que le meilleur gagne* – before joining the teaching faculty on the smash hit TVA singing competition show *Star Académie*. Meanwhile, his passion for music led him to a brilliant career as a radio host, as well as guiding the *Collège vocal de Laval* to new heights as the choir's musical director.

In 1998, Gregory accompanied Céline Dion on her world tour as a back-up singer and featured pianist. This unique experience inspired him to present his first one-man show in 2002. Titled *Noir et Blanc*, the performance was designed to showcase his vast musical knowledge, with the second act devoted entirely to audience requests. With a huge success to his credit and insatiable audience demand, Gregory followed up his solo stage debut with a succession of new shows – *Vintage*, *Noir et Blanc 2*, *Music Man*, *L'air du temps* – each more dazzling than the one before. Every time he takes the stage, he demonstrates beyond a shadow of a doubt that he was born to perform, whether it's for over a million people during a run at Montreal's Bell Centre, or in more intimate venues such as the legendary Café Carlyle and Beacon Theater in New York.

Through the years, Gregory's many talents have earned him critical praise and a multitude of awards, including four Gémeaux Awards for his TV work, five Félix Awards for his music and singing, and a triple-platinum certification for his hit album *I Think of You*. This accomplished artist is also a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medalist, an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Martin Luther King Jr. Award recipient in recognition of his exceptional musical career, and the recipient of an honorary Ph.D. in Civil Law from Bishop's University.

Never one to rest on his laurels, Gregory also teaches piano and guitar at his own virtual music school, called *L'Académie Gregory*, in addition to running *La Fondation Gregory* and the virtual creative space *Nocturne Studio*. He fills the rest of his days developing upcoming shows, and spending quality time with his wife Nicole and daughter Julia.

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