

## BIO LEDISI

Ledisi is a twelve-time Grammy nominated powerhouse vocalist with a career spanning almost two decades. Since arriving on the scene in the late 1990's, she's garnered three Soul Train Music awards, an NAACP Theater Award and 6 NAACP Image Award nominations. Most recently Ledisi received an LA Alliance Ovation Award nomination for Best Featured Actress in a Musical.

Born in New Orleans, Ledisi has wowed fans with her unparalleled vocals ever since she burst onto the scene in the Bay Area, where she was raised. She has truly earned a place in the pantheon of the greatest singers of her generation. Ledisi is a favorite of The Obamas and a long list of icons including the late-Prince, Patti LaBelle, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Chaka Khan and so many more. She has headlined two nationally sold-out tours, performed alongside Dave Matthews, Kelly Clarkson, Vince Gill and Maxwell as well as jazz greats Herbie Hancock and Patti Austin. Most recently she recorded a duet on a posthumous project with late Miles Davis.

No stranger to the theatre/film and television world, Ledisi landed her first feature, singing in the George Clooney directed film *Leatherheads*. In 2015 she landed a role in the Oscar-nominated movie, *Selma*, portraying the great Mahalia Jackson and had a notable performance in Gabourney Sidibe's Shatterbox Anthology film, *"The Tale of Four"*. In the fall 2019 Ledisi secured her first major television role, playing the legendary Patti LaBelle on the hit BET series *American Soul*.

Ledisi has been on the theater scene for many years starting as a *Radio and Washing Machine* understudy on Broadway appearing in Tony Kushner's *Caroline or Change* directed by George C. Wolfe. She helped workshop the Tony Award winning musical, *The Color Purple* and was offered a role but decided to focus on her recording career instead, signing a deal with Universal Music Group. Ledisi returned to theatre as The Ancestor, in the critically acclaimed off Broadway musical, *Witness Uganda* by Griffith Matthews and Matt Gould, the role for which she received the LA Alliance Ovation Award nomination.

In 2017, Ledisi released her ninth Grammy nominated studio album, "Let Love Rule", which features John Legend, Kirk Franklin, and B.J. The Chicago Kid among others. The album received three GRAMMY nominations in the "Best R&B Album," "Best R&B Performance" (High), and "Best Traditional R&B Performance" (All The Way) categories. Ledisi is not only a singer and actress, she's an author, playwright, film producer and now CEO of her own record label Chinweya Entertainment from which she will launch several projects in the near future.