

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **An All-Star Recording of “THIS CHRISTMAS,” Donny Hathaway’s Holiday Classic Performed by Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald, and more**

#### **Holiday release of “THIS CHRISTMAS” coming this December**

**November \_\_\_\_, 2022, Los Angeles, CA** – This holiday season, The Tribe, a collective of Los Angeles based professional musicians, has joined together with an all-star cast of singers including Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald, Richard Marx, Melissa Manchester, Lamont Dozier, Jr., Freda Payne, Frank McComb, Florence LaRue, and more to pay tribute to one of the greatest Christmas songs of all time and to legendary soul singer, Donny Hathaway, who made it famous.

The Tribe’s recording of “This Christmas” will feature an arrangement created by singer, vocal coach, and producer Ken Stacey (Elton John, Michael Jackson, Ambrosia), putting a unique spin on this timeless holiday tune known and loved by all.

The song, which was co-written by Hathaway and Nadine McKinnor, was first released in 1970. At the time of its release, Hathaway’s genius impacted Christmas music with a style much different than traditional Christmas songs... one that represented African Americans. Guitarist Phil Upchurch, who played on the original recording of “This Christmas,” said the song was "absolutely the premiere holiday song written by an African American."

Since 2015, The Tribe’s live concerts and recording projects have raised money and awareness for organizations including the Get Together Foundation, MusiCares®, the Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation, The Midnight Mission, Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission, City of Hope, and more. Through the power of music, they make a difference.

Proceeds from this tribute will go to benefit the Donny Hathaway Legacy Project (DHLP), established by Hathaway’s youngest daughter Donnita Hathaway to honor his rich musical legacy and provide effective resources to aid those who suffer from mental illness. Hathaway himself suffered from severe mental illness which eventually resulted on his untimely death in 1979 at just 33 years of age. *“It is my life’s goal to honor my father by addressing the issues that tragically ended his life,”* said Donnita.

Hathaway’s legacy lives on in his music. His interpretations of well-known songs include renditions of Leon Russell’s “A Song for You,” and famed duets with Roberta Flack, “Where is the Love” and “The Closer I Get to You.” Hathaway won one Grammy Award and was also posthumously honored with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.

Watch for “This Christmas” by The Tribe this coming holiday season.

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