

ITV TO CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF THE BLACK EYED PEAS

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One of the best-selling groups of all time, with a phenomenal 76 million record sales, The Black Eyed Peas have won the love of the UK and the world. This year will.i.am, apl.de.ap and Taboo celebrate 20 years at the top, and viewers are being invited along to chart their incredible journey. Joanna Lumley presents this very special one-hour spectacular to feature exclusive performances of some of the global super group's greatest hits - filmed at dock10 studios.

A whole host of international celebrities and faces from the music industry, as well as the friends and family that have shaped their lives, will share their insights into the group and what makes them such a unique and special act. Away from the bright lights on stage, the show will take a look back at how The Black Eyed Peas came to be.

Starting with going right back to their childhoods, friends and family share their memories of those early beginnings and how they watched the group grow. The story will pick up from how and when they met, right through to their breakout album Elephunk and the ongoing international success they enjoy today, including their highly anticipated "Masters of The Sun" European Tour that kicks off October 27 in London at the Eventim Apollo.

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Returning to Los Angeles, the trio will all be going back to their childhood neighbourhoods. They'll be taking a trip back to the club where they were discovered - Whisky A Go Go on the Sunset Strip - and first got signed to a record deal. And they'll also be revisiting the studio where they recorded many of their big hits and reminiscing about that time.

Back in the UK, as they take to the stage to perform,

there will be surprises in store with some of music's most renowned names joining them for special performances of their biggest hits.

will.i.am said: "I have my family, my Black Eyed Peas family and my Voice UK family. I've always felt at home in the UK and, as a group, we continue to feel Big Love from our fans over here. We are excited to be sharing the backstory of our journey to success with you all."

apl.de.ap said: "It's very special to be celebrating this

landmark moment in The Black Eyed Peas story. There's nothing better than performing with my best friends on stage. We're looking forward to everyone joining us for this party, and we know our UK fans know how to party."

Taboo said: "Twenty years of Black Eyed Peas and so much more. will.i.am and apl.de.ap are my brothers. We have incredible memories to be treasured and we're excited for everything to come with the 'Masters of the Sun' European tour."

Joanna Lumley added: "I'm both a friend to and a big fan of The Black Eyed Peas. It's very exciting to be part of this and I'm looking forward to it enormously."

Katie Rawcliffe, Creative Director, ITV Studios commented: "will.i.am is a much-loved part of the ITV family and we are delighted to be producing this one off special that pays tribute to one of the world's greatest groups. Combined with the wonderful Joanna Lumley, this will offer a unique celebration of twenty years of the Black Eyed Peas."



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