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POP LIFE.



You might have forgotten this thanks to the annual cultural ubiquity of her signature hit (and you'd be forgiven for doing so), but [Mariah Carey](#) actually has multiple Christmas albums on her career resume. However, thanks again to that aforementioned hit, the veteran singer — who has more classic albums under her belt than most artists of her generation have *Billboard*-charting singles — has become the unquestioned queen of the holiday season.

So it's a no-brainer that her latest tour takes advantage of this fact to put the full range of her talent (and her Christmas catalog) on display. With a set that hit seemingly every standard and contemporary classic and enough sparkles to put Swarovski out of business after running out of stock, Carey's *Merry Christmas One And All Tour* kicked off in style at Yaamava' Resort & Casino at San Manuel, just an hour and a half outside of Los Angeles on Wednesday night.

The cozy 3,000-cap theater at the Native-owned resort made for the perfect venue, as it's big enough for a dry run of the theaters she'll be playing for the next month and a half, but small enough to allow her and her team to make any tweaks they need to or mitigate any of the borderline technical glitches that arise at just about any tour openers.

Aaron Williams — [Mariah Carey Season Has Arrived In Style](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Taylor Swift is in the running to be the *Time* Person Of The Year (Vladimir Putin and Barbie).

Spotify announced a new wave of mass layoffs, which leaves a lot of questions about the streaming giant.

Cher revealed she hated chicken nuggets, while on *Chicken Shop Date*.

Uproxx also dropped our list of the Best Albums Of 2023, including **Janelle Monáe**, **Gracie Abrams**, **Holly Humberstone**, and more.

NUMBER ONE STUNNERS



BRENDA LEE

Brenda Lee made history this week as the oldest artist to reach No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100, as her “Rockin Around The Christmas Tree” song got a significant boost this holiday season. She also now holds the record for the longest climb to the top, as the track was released 65 years ago. (The record was previously held by Mariah Carey’s “All I Want For Christmas Is You.”)

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OLIVIA DEAN

Over the summer, Olivia Dean released her album, *Messy* — and now it seems she's gearing up for a possible deluxe version. The record's next single, "Ladies Room," propels itself forward with layered vocals at just the right moments, and a thrilling, danceable instrumental. As for the rest of Dean's debut, she starts with the lyrics in her creation process, and it shows, even from the second that "UFO" starts as the opening track.

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CHECK OUT

COLDPLAY — HOLIDAY SWEATER



Cozy up this holiday season in a limited-edition Coldplay holiday sweater.

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REMEMBER WHEN



BEYONCÉ'S 'I AM... SASHA FIERCE'

On this day in 2008, Beyoncé reached No. 1 on the *Billboard* 200 Albums Chart for her record, *I Am... Sasha Fierce* — her third studio one. This made her the third female pop star in the 2000s to have her first three albums debut on top, with Britney Spears and Alicia Keys being the other talented company. Overall, it sold over ten million copies worldwide, and spawned another No. 1 hit with the massive anthem, “Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It).”

LOVE LETTERS



LANA DEL REY

Lana Del Rey reminded fans exactly why they love her this week, as she put her own spin on John Denver's “Take Me Home, Country Roads.” It gives her calming vocals a chance to shine on the Americana track. She also paid tribute to another of her biggest inspirations by appearing on the *Christmas At Graceland* special a few days ago, where she performed “Unchained Melody” — which Elvis himself had even covered.

And, if you haven't listened to her latest album, *Did You Know That*

There's A Tunnel Under Oceans, it is one from this year not to miss — as we've been reflecting on 2023's releases. Arguably her best full body of work since 2019's *Norman F*cking Rockwell*, Del Rey incorporates everything from using her loved ones as inspiration on "Margaret" to bringing in collaborations with Jon Batiste and Father John Misty.

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