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## **BILLY JOEL TO PERFORM NATIONAL ANTHEM FEBRUARY 4 AT SUPER BOWL XLI ON CBS**

Grammy–Award winning performer **BILLY JOEL** will sing the National Anthem during the **SUPER BOWL XLI PREGAME SHOW** on CBS at Dolphin Stadium in South Florida on Sunday, February 4, the NFL announced today. Joel becomes the first performer to sing the National Anthem twice in the Super Bowl.

Joel, who has won six Grammys and been nominated for 23 total, is one of the world's most-popular recording artists. His extensive list of accomplishments includes selling more than 100 million records, 33 Top 40 hits. He was awarded the Grammy Legend Award (1991), inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame (1992) and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (1999).

Joel's other Super Bowl performance was also in South Florida, prior to Super Bowl XXIII in 1989.

Super Bowl XL was watched by more than 141 million viewers in the U.S. last year. It is annually the nation's highest-rated TV program and the most-watched single-day sporting event. The game will be broadcast to a potential worldwide audience of 1 billion in more than 230 countries and territories.

Joel is among many great performers who have been honored with singing the Super Bowl National Anthem including: Diana Ross, Neil Diamond, Whitney Houston, Harry Connick, Jr., Garth Brooks, Natalie Cole, Vanessa Williams, Luther Vandross, Jewel, Cher, Faith Hill, the Backstreet Boys, Mariah Carey, Dixie Chicks, Beyoncé Knowles and many more. (*See below for a complete list of National Anthem performers from past Super Bowls.*)

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## ***SUPER BOWL NATIONAL ANTHEM HONOR ROLL***

<b>Super Bowl</b>	<b>Performer</b>	<b>Super Bowl</b>	<b>Performer</b>
<b>Super Bowl I</b>	Universities of Arizona & Michigan Bands	<b>Super Bowl XXII</b>	Herb Alpert
<b>Super Bowl II</b>	Grambling University Band	<b>Super Bowl XXIII</b>	Billy Joel
<b>Super Bowl III</b>	Anita Bryant (Pledge of Allegiance by Apollo Astronauts)	<b>Super Bowl XXIV</b>	Aaron Neville
<b>Super Bowl IV</b>	Al Hirt (Pledge of Allegiance by Astronauts)	<b>Super Bowl XXV</b>	Whitney Houston
<b>Super Bowl V</b>	Tommy Loy (trumpeter)	<b>Super Bowl XXVI</b>	Harry Connick, Jr. (Signed by Lori Hilary)
<b>Super Bowl VI</b>	U.S. Air Force Academy Chorale	<b>Super Bowl XXVII</b>	Garth Brooks (Signed by Marlee Matlin)
<b>Super Bowl VII</b>	Andy Williams & Little Angels of Holy Angels Church (Chicago) Pledge of Allegiance by Apollo 17 crew	<b>Super Bowl XXVIII</b>	Natalie Cole with Atlanta University Center Chorus (Signed by Courtney Keel Foley)
<b>Super Bowl VIII</b>	Charlie Pride	<b>Super Bowl XXIX</b>	Kathie Lee Gifford (Signed by Heather Whitestone)
<b>Super Bowl IX</b>	Grambling University Band with Mardi Gras Chorus	<b>Super Bowl XXX</b>	Vanessa Williams (Signed by Mary Kim Titla)
<b>Super Bowl X</b>	Tom Sullivan	<b>Super Bowl XXXI</b>	Luther Vandross (Signed by Erika Schwarz)
<b>Super Bowl XI</b>	Vicki Carr (America the Beautiful)	<b>Super Bowl XXXII</b>	Jewel (Signed by Phyllis Frelich)
<b>Super Bowl XII</b>	Phyllis Kelly of NE Louisiana State University	<b>Super Bowl XXXIII</b>	Cher (Signed by Speaking Hands)
<b>Super Bowl XIII</b>	Colgate University Thirteen	<b>Super Bowl XXXIV</b>	Faith Hill (Signed by Briarlake Elementary School Signing Choir)
<b>Super Bowl XIV</b>	Cheryl Ladd	<b>Super Bowl XXXV</b>	Backstreet Boys (Signed by Tom Cooney); "America The Beautiful" performed by Ray Charles
<b>Super Bowl XV</b>	Helen O'Connell	<b>Super Bowl XXXVI</b>	Mariah Carey (Signed by Joe Narcisse); "America The Beautiful" performed by Mary J. Blige & Marc Anthony
<b>Super Bowl XVI</b>	Diana Ross	<b>Super Bowl XXXVII</b>	Dixie Chicks (Signed by Janet Maxwell); "God Bless America" performed by Celine Dion
<b>Super Bowl XVII</b>	Leslie Easterbrook	<b>Super Bowl XXXVIII</b>	Beyoncé Knowles (Signed by Suzanna Christy)
<b>Super Bowl XVIII</b>	Barry Manilow	<b>Super Bowl XXXIX</b>	More than 100 representatives from the four branches of the military (Signed by Wesley Tallent )
<b>Super Bowl XIX</b>	Children's Choir of San Francisco	<b>Super Bowl XL</b>	Aaron Neville and Dr. John with Aretha Franklin & Detroit based 150-member choir (Signed by Angela LaGuardia of Michigan School for Deaf).
<b>Super Bowl XX</b>	Wynton Marsalis	<b>Super Bowl XLI</b>	Billy Joel
<b>Super Bowl XXI</b>	Neil Diamond		