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Walt Disney Records Celebrates 60 Years, -An Evening With Alan Menken- Event

Set For June 1 At The Grammy Museum

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This Academy Award, Grammy'Award, and Golden Globe Award winner is responsible for unforgettable Disney classics including 'Part of Your World' ('Little Mermaid'), 'Under the Sea' ('Little Mermaid'), 'Be Our Guest' ('Beauty and the Beast'), 'Beauty and the Beast' ('Beauty and the Beast'), 'A Whole New World' ('Aladdin'), 'Colors of the Wind' ('Pocahontas'), 'The Bells of Notre Dame' ('Hunchback of Notre Dame'), 'I Won't Say (I'm in Love)' ('Hercules') and 'I See the Light' ('Tangled').

The selected albums and tracks represent numerous key releases that have been important to the label and The Walt Disney Company (TWDC) such as 'Some Day My Prince Will Come' from Snow White (first soundtrack), 'When You Wish Upon a Star' from Pinocchio (theme song for TWDC), 'The Ballad of Davy Crockett' (first single from a television show), 'Monkey's Uncle' by Annette Funicello (the label's first teen sensation), tracks from Mary Poppins (album held the #1 position on Billboard's Top 200 Chart for 14 weeks) and 'Hakuna Matata' from The Lion King (soundtrack earned WDR its first Diamond Award from the R.I.A.A., certifying sales of 10 million units).

Also highlighted is the chart-topping multi-platinum Frozen soundtrack, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Disney-Pixar classics (Toy Story, Finding Nemo, Inside Out and more), plus albums and songs from Disney Channel Original Movies and series including and High School Musical and Hannah Montana. The special 60th Anniversary commemorative artwork was designed by UK-based graphic artist Steven Wilson.

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