

## **BMI R&B/Hip Hop Awards**

**Honoring Patti LaBelle Thursday, August 31, 2017**

**Symphony Hall**

**[2017] BMI R&B Hip-Hop Awards**

### **[Performance]**

**Video Screen: Alternate with BMI Animated Logo and the hashtag:  
#bmirnbhiphopawards**

**T-PAIN PLAYS AS GUESTS COME INTO THE ROOM. MUSIC PLAYED  
THROUGHOUT THE VENUE.**

### **[VO #1]**

- ***Ladies and Gentlemen, Please take your seats so the award show may begin on time.***

### **[VO #2]**

- ***Ladies and Gentlemen, Please take your seats. The award show will begin in 10 minutes.***

### **[VO #3]**

- ***Ladies and Gentlemen, Please take your seats. The award show will begin in 5 minutes.***

### **[VO – INTRO BIG BOI]**

**He's an ATLien who is one half  
Of one of the most popular and  
Top-selling rap groups of all time, a group  
That helped put Atlanta on the map– OutKast,  
With sales over 25 million. The only duo to go Diamond,  
Their reunion tour – AT Last, was one of the  
Most anticipated and successful tours  
Of 2014.  
Hot off the heels of his latest solo  
release “Boomiverse” and the single  
“Mic Jack” featuring Adam Levine**

He's here to set it off A-T-L style  
Please welcome Atlanta's own superstar Big Boi

[Performance]

"Bombs Over Baghdad"  
"Ghetto Muzic"

[VO Intros Mike O'Neill]

Please welcome, BMI President and  
Chief Executive Officer, Mike O'Neill!  
*\*\*Walk-On Music: "Unforgettable" – French Montana\*\**

[MIKE]  
Good evening  
and welcome  
to BMI's 2017  
R&B/Hip-Hop awards!

What an incredible opening performance by Big Boi.  
Thanks for kicking off the show in true Atlanta fashion!

Thank you for coming out to  
Celebrate with us tonight.

We have the best and brightest in  
this hall right now,  
Including former BMI Icons

Kenny Gamble of Gamble and Huff

It's great to have you with us.

Please stand up so we can recognize you.

(applause)

We are extremely excited about inducting  
Our new honoree in the BMI family -  
She's a legend, an electrifying vocalist  
And one of the most celebrated

**contemporary performers – Patti LaBelle!**

**Patti, we're thrilled to be honoring you tonight,  
and to highlight your musical career.**

**[Mike intros Catherine Brewton]**

**Now, please help me welcome a visionary  
leader and friend without whom tonight  
wouldn't be possible,  
BMI's Vice President of Creative  
Catherine Brewton!**

**[Walk on music: "Wild Thoughts –DJ Khaled and Rihanna]**

**[Mike O'Neill exits stage]**

**[Catherine Brewton]  
Wow, thanks Mike.**

**We're so glad to be back in Atlanta  
Again this year! The A-T-L  
Continues to dominate the music scene!  
We've got the hottest artist, producers  
and songwriters. As this city  
Continues to expand in TV and Film  
Production, we are sure this trend will  
Continue. BMI is here for all of the  
Creativity in the A!**

**Tonight, in this beautiful space  
BMI is pleased to recognize and award  
Our outstanding  
songwriters,  
artists,  
producers  
and  
publishers.**

**BMI talent continues to top  
The charts,**

**creating some of the best  
Music out.**

**Thank you for allowing BMI  
to serve you.**

**We've produced an  
Amazing show.  
We are excited to be paying tribute to  
the lovely and talented Patti LaBelle.  
I would like to thank all in advance  
for helping us to honor this iconic  
artist and humanitarian.  
Some of Patti's special guests here  
with us tonight are:**

**Her son Zuri, and Norma Gordon Harris, who's been  
With her for years as her trend-setting stylist of her  
Over the top hairdos.**

**I hope you all are ready for  
An amazing evening.  
Our Twitter and Instagram handle is @BMI.  
Please be sure to use  
the hashtag #BMlrnbhiphopawards. Also, don't  
forget to use our SnapChat geo filter!**

**[Catherine Intros Host – Kenny Burns]**

**We welcome tonight's  
Co-host, Kenny Burns-  
The Lifestyle Specialist who is no stranger to  
Atlanta – having got his start promoting while  
In college, producing and hosting events  
And a successful radio show.  
He's an influencer, branding expert, tastemaker,  
Master of promotions and event production,  
Music industry exec, speaker and author  
and SVP of Combs Enterprises and Revolt TV!  
Like he always says, "The Dream is Real"**

and we are excited that he is here to host  
the BMI Awards for the second time.

*(Walk On Music: **Song - Artist**)*

**[KENNY BURNS]**

Catherine, thank you for inviting me  
Back to be part of such  
a special night in music, here at the 2017  
BMI R&B/Hip-Hop Awards.

Also, we ask if you are in  
an assigned seat,  
please stay in your seat.

**[Kenny ad-libs for 3 minutes]**

And with that,  
we're ready to start the show and present  
some awards!