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Stars to mark Hall of Fame's 25th

Musical acts including U2 and Aretha Franklin are to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the US Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at two concerts.



U2 were inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005

The gigs, set to take place in New York in October, will also feature inductees including Bruce Springsteen, Eric Clapton and Metallica.

Both Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel and rock trio Crosby, Stills and Nash are lined up to perform together.

The concerts have been billed as "once in a lifetime" events.

Collaborations

Jan Wenner, chairman of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation, said they are "designed to celebrate the artists and their music."

Tickets for the concert, which are scheduled to take place on 29 and 30 October at New York's Madison Square Gardens, will go on sale on 3 August.

Other stars mentioned in the concert line-ups include Stevie Wonder and Metallica, with various collaborations and guest stars also planned.

The performances are designed to trace the history of rock and roll, from soul to hard rock.

The proceeds from the concerts will go towards permanent funding for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation and Museum, established in 1984 by Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun who died in 2006.

Earlier this year, Metallica and rap group Run DMC were the latest in the line of artists to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Artists qualify for inclusion 25 years after the release of their first record.

A whole host of UK musicians have also been recognised, including Sir Paul McCartney and Dusty Springfield.

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