

# Mavis Staples

*"Mavis Staples is the most underrated diva of the century. She has an almost superhuman ability to implant the pure power of passion and emotion."*  
- Rolling Stone

With the groundbreaking family gospel group **The Staple Singers** ("I'll Take You There", "Respect Yourself") and on her own, Mavis is responsible for blazing a rhythm & blues trail while never relinquishing her gospel roots

**Rolling Stone** named **The Staple Singers'** "I'll Take You There" and "Respect Yourself" among **Top 500 Songs of All Time**

Featured in **The Band's** *The Last Waltz* with **The Staple Singers**, and has appeared with icons ranging from **Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** and **Bill Cosby** to **Presidents Kennedy, Carter** and **Clinton** to **Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers**, **Prince**, **Bob Dylan**, **Los Lobos**, **Aretha Franklin**, **Ry Cooder** and many, many more

*One True Vine* (Anti-Records, produced by **Jeff Tweedy**)  
- **2014 GRAMMY Nominee** - Best Americana Album

**2013** Featured on **Willie Nelson's** *To All The Girls* along with **Dolly Parton**, **Sheryl Crow**, **Norah Jones**, **Alison Krauss**, **Carrie Underwood** and **Emmylou Harris**

**2013** Featured as part of "In Performance at the White House: **Memphis Soul**" along with **Justin Timberlake**, **Booker T. Jones**, **Ben Harper**, **Cyndi Lauper**, **William Bell** and **Queen Latifah** broadcast nationally on **PBS**

**2013** During the televised **GRAMMY Awards Ceremony**, performed **The Band's** "The Weight" with **Elton John**, **Mumford & Sons**, **T Bone Burnett**, **Brittany Howard** (of **Alabama Shakes**), and **Zac Brown** in tribute to the late **Levon Helm**

**2013** Performed at **MusiCare's Person of the Year** tribute concert honoring **Bruce Springsteen**. Other featured



**Mavis Staples Reunites With Wilco's Jeff Tweedy For Her GRAMMY-Nominated New Album, *One True Vine*, June 25, 2013**

performers included **Neil Young**, **Elton John**, **Jackson Browne**, **Sting**, **Tim McGraw**, **Faith Hill**, **Mumford & Sons**, **Kenny Chesney**, **Ben Harper**, **Tom Morello**, **Emmylou Harris**, **Jim James**, **John Legend**, **Eddie Vedder** and **Alabama Shakes**

*You Are Not Alone* (Anti-Records, produced by **Jeff Tweedy**) - **2011 GRAMMY WINNER** - Best Americana Album

**2010 GRAMMY Nominee** for *Live: Hope At The Hideout* (Best Contemporary Blues Album) and featured on *Oh Happy Day* (Best Traditional Gospel Album), "Waiting For My Child To Come Home" performed with **Patty Griffin**

*Live: Hope at the Hideout* was named one of the **Best Live CDs of All Time** by **Amazon.com** editors.

*Have A Little Faith* (2005) honored among **DownBeat's Best of the 2000's**

**2012 Living Blues Awards** – winner in the **Readers' Poll** for **Most Outstanding Blues Singer**

**2011 DownBeat Critics Poll** - ranked among the best in the **Beyond Album** category

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2011 **DownBeat** magazine **Readers Poll** - ranked among **Best Beyond Albums** for *You Are Not Alone*

2011 **Living Blues Awards** - winner in the **Critics' Poll Blues Artist of the Year Award (Female)** and winner of the **Most Outstanding Blues Singer Award**

2011 - **Honorary Doctor of Music Degree** From Berklee College of Music

Featured in 2009 **GRAMMY Nominated *Respect Yourself - The Stax Records Story*** (named after **The Staple Singers** hit) - Best Long Form Music Video category

2005 **GRAMMY Nominations**: collaboration with **Dr. John** on "Lay My Burden Down" (Best Gospel Performance) from **Dr. John's N'awlins Dis Dat Or D'udda** (Best Contemporary Blues Album) and was featured performing "Hard Times Come Again No More" on the album **Beautiful Dreamer - The Songs of Stephen Foster** (Best Traditional Folk Album)

2003 **Grammy Nominee** with **Bob Dylan** (Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals) for their duet "Gotta Change My Way of Thinking" on **Gotta Serve Somebody: The Gospel Songs of Bob Dylan** which was nominated for Best Traditional Soul Gospel Album

**Blues Music Award Winner**: Soul/Blues Female Artist of the Year 2005 & 2006; Winner of 2005 Blues Album of the Year and Soul/Blues Album of the Year for her acclaimed release, **Have A Little Faith**

**First Amendment Center / Americana Music Association Spirit of Americana Free Speech Award** (2007)

**National Heritage Fellowship Award Winner** (2006) by **The National Endowment for the Arts**

**GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award Winner** (2005)  
**Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame Inductee** with **The Staple Singers** (1999)  
Included on **Rolling Stone's Greatest Singers of All Time** and **VH1's Greatest Women of Rock and Roll**

"**Mavis Staples Day**" declared June 19, 2007 by **Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn**, in recognition of Mavis' legendary career and lifelong dedication to civil rights

## OTHER TV APPEARANCES:

★June 2013 Featured on **Conan O'Brien's TBS show, *Conan*** (for the second time)

★June 2013 Featured on **The Daily Show with Jon Stewart**

★December 2012 Featured on **The Colbert Report** (for the second time) with **Jeff Tweedy** and **Sean Lennon**

★October 2012 Featured on **Austin City Limits** along with **Bonnie Raitt** on PBS

★September 2012 Featured on the PBS special, **From Dust to Dreams: Opening Night at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts**, which was hosted by **Neil Patrick Harris** and also featured **Willie Nelson, John Fogerty, Carole King, Merle Haggard, Jennifer Hudson, Martina McBride** and **Emmylou Harris**

★November 2011 Featured on **VH1's Divas Celebrate Soul** along with **Chaka Khan, Erykah Badu, Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings**, and **Boyz II Men**

★April 2011 Featured on **CBS Sunday Morning**

★February 2011 Featured on **Conan O'Brien's TBS show, *Conan***

★December 2010 Featured at the **Kennedy Center Honors** tribute to **Paul McCartney** broadcast on PBS

★October 2010 Featured on the **Late Show with David Letterman** with **Jeff Tweedy**

★April 2007 Featured on the **Tonight Show with Jay Leno**

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Mavis Staples  
*One True Vine*



# ONE TRUE VINE

JUNE 25, 2013, ANTI- RECORDS  
GRAMMY NOMINEE

**Mavis Staples Confirms New Album Produced By Wilco's Jeff Tweedy, 'One True Vine,' Out June 25 on Anti-**

**Follow Up To 2010's Grammy-Winning 'You Are Not Alone' Features New Compositions By Tweedy and Nick Lowe, Plus Covers of Lowe, Funkadelic, and More**

Soul/Gospel legend, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, and Civil Rights icon Mavis Staples will release her second collaboration with Wilco's Jeff Tweedy, **One True Vine**, June 25 via Anti-. The follow-up to 2010's Grammy-winning **You Are Not Alone**, **One True Vine** finds Staples traversing darker terrain with stark, acoustic arrangements and the most honest, unvarnished vocal performances of her career. Featuring ten tracks, including new compositions written specifically for Staples by Tweedy and Nick Lowe along with covers ranging from Funkadelic to Lowe, the record is the most personal and emotional statement from the "American treasure" (Chicago Tribune) yet.

Recorded at The Loft, Wilco's studio in Chicago, the album features Jeff Tweedy on nearly every instrument except drums, which were played by Tweedy's 17-year-old son Spencer. From album opener "Holy Ghost," written by Low's Alan Sparhawk, to the new Tweedy composition "Jesus Wept," the gravity in Staples' voice is transfixing, heavy with burdens but blessed with the promise of true redemption that shines through on Nick Lowe's deft and driving "Far Celestial Shore," Funkadelic's "Can You Get To That," and Pops Staples' uplifting "I Like The Things About Me."

Staples' last collaboration with Tweedy, **You Are Not Alone**, earned her the highest Billboard chart debut of her 50+ year career, her first Grammy award, and universal critical acclaim. NPR enthused, "she could move a listener to tears," while People Magazine said she "provides the comfort of a higher power." Mavis performed at the Kennedy Center Honors, took the stage at Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert's massive televised "Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear," and performed at the NAACP Image Awards and 2011 VH1 Divas broadcast. She also provided one of the most indelible moments of the 2013 Grammy telecast with a moving tribute to Levon Helm alongside Elton John, Mumford & Sons, Brittany Howard (The Alabama Shakes), T Bone Burnett, and Zac Brown.

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## One True Vine Tracklisting:

Holy Ghost  
Every Step  
Can You Get to That  
Jesus Wept  
Far Celestial Shore  
What Are They Doing in Heaven Today  
Sow Good Seeds  
I Like the Things About Me  
Woke Up This Morning  
(With My Mind On Jesus)  
One True Vine

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- 2013 One True Vine  
- **GRAMMY NOMINEE**
- 2010 You Are Not Alone  
- **GRAMMY WINNER**
- 2008 Live: Hope At The Hideout  
- **GRAMMY NOMINEE**
- 2007 We'll Never Turn Back
- 2004 Have A Little Faith
- 1996 Spirituals & Gospel:  
Dedicated to Mahalia Jackson  
(with Lucky Peterson)
- 1993 The Voice
- 1990 Don't Change Me Now
- 1989 Time Waits For No One
- 1984 Mavis Staples
- 1979 Oh What A Feeling
- 1977 A Piece Of The Action
- 1970 Only For The Lonely
- 1969 Mavis Staples

### Guest Appearances

- 2013 *Love For Levon*
- 2009 Ann Peebles  
*Fill This World With Love*
- 2005 John Scofield  
*That's What I Say: John Scofield  
Plays Ray Charles*
- 2004 Dr. John  
*N'Awlinz: Dis Dat Or D'Udda*
- 2004 Los Lobos  
*The Ride*
- 2004 *Touch My Heart: Tribute to  
Johnny Paycheck*
- 2004 *Beautiful Dreamer*  
- *The Songs of Stephen Foster*
- 2003 Bob Dylan  
*Gotta Serve Somebody:  
Gospel Songs of Bob Dylan*  
- **GRAMMY NOMINEE**
- 2001 Natalie Merchant *Motherland*
- 1999 Nona Hendryx *Transformation:  
Best of Nona Hendryx*
- 1997 Delbert McClinton  
*One of the Fortunate Few*

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## Discography

### The Staple Singers

- 2007 I Had A Dream
- 1994 Reach Out And Touch...Live!
- 1991 Swing Line
- 1991 Sit Down Servant
- 1984 Turning Point
- 1981 This Time Around
- 1981 Hold On To Your Dream
- 1978 Unlock Your Mind
- 1977 Family Tree
- 1976 Pass It On
- 1975 Let's Do It Again
- 1974 City In The Sky
- 1973 Be What You Are
- 1972 Be Altitude: Respect Yourself
- 1971 The Staple Singers
- 1970 We'll Get Over
- 1970 Landlord
- 1969 Will The Circle Be Unbroken
- 1968 Soul Folk In Action
- 1967 For What It's Worth
- 1965 Freedom Highway
- 1965 Amen!
- 1964 This Little Light
- 1963 Gamblin' Man
- 1962 The 25<sup>th</sup> Day Of December
- 1962 Swing Low
- 1962 Hammer And Nails
- 1961 Swing Low Sweet Chariot
- 1959 Uncloudy Day

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