



CAROLE KING FACT SHEET

SONGWRITER AND ARTIST

- To date, over 400 Carole King compositions have been recorded by over 1000 artists
- At the age of 17 Carole King wrote the first of over 100 hit singles--“Will You (Still) Love Me Tomorrow,” by Goffin and King was recorded by The Shirelles, which went to Number One.
- Carole King has released 25 solo albums, the most recent being *The Living Room Tour* double-live CD on her own Rockingale Records label in July 2005.
- In 1994, Carole starred on Broadway in the hit musical, *Blood Brothers*
- Warner Bros.’ *Gilmore Girls* television series features the theme song “Where You Lead” performed by King and her daughter, Louise Goffin. King made guest appearances on the show in 2002 and 2005 as the owner of the town music shop.

ACTIVISM

- King first combined music with political activism in 1971 when she performed with Barbra Streisand and James Taylor in concert for George McGovern. King has since gone out on the campaign trail for Gary Hart and last year for John Kerry
- In 2002 King founded the NREPA Network to promote the passage of HR 1204, the Rockies Prosperity Act. In 1997, King co-founded the White Cloud Council to bring conservationists together to protect rural wild places and urban greenspaces. WCC’s Parks to Peaks projects are currently in progress in three different regions of the country.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- King’s 1971 album, *Tapestry*, received a Diamond certification by the RIAA for sales of over 10 million units in the US, with over 25 million units worldwide.
- Carole King was the first woman to win four Grammys in one year (Best Album, Best Song, Best Record, and Best Vocal Performance in 1972), a feat unsurpassed for over 25 years.
- Her albums have garnered her a total of 6 gold, 2 platinum, and 1 Diamond award.
- *Time Magazine* named Carole King “Woman of the Year” in 1972
- Carole King and Gerry Goffin were inducted into the Songwriter Hall of Fame in 1987 and honored with their Lifetime Achievement Award in 1988. Goffin and King were also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990 and were honored by NARAS in 2004 with the Grammy Trustees’ Award
- King was nominated for an Emmy award in 2000 for “Song of Freedom”
- She was awarded the Songwriter Hall of Fame Mercer Founder Award in 2002
- In 2004 the Library of Congress named *Tapestry* to the National Recording Registry, which deems sound recordings to be culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant
- At the end of the 20th Century, King was named one of the “100 Most Important Women in Rock” by VH1 and was included on virtually everyone’s list of the Most Important Artists/Women/Songs/and Albums of Rock and Roll