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During a dazzling 50-year musical career, Sir Elton John has risen from playing the piano in the pubs of Pinner, north London, to become a multi-award-winning global superstar with record sales of over £300 million.

'Elton John – This one's for you' tells his extraordinary story.

His 1970 breakthrough single 'Your Song' began his domination of the pop charts and established his credentials to fill the post-Beatles landscape with his unique take on piano-based ballads, pop and rock. Not since 50s stars Little Richard and Jerry Lee Lewis had a man and his piano made such an impact on modern music. Few would have imagined that Elton's early success and real emotional connection with fans would be sustained over the next 50 years to see him become a singer-songwriter extraordinaire and one of the most successful musical theatre composers in history.

Flamboyant and prone to excess, Elton has overcome problems with drink, drugs, food and his sexuality along the way to become a notable fundraiser and charity campaigner, most famously through the Elton John AIDS Foundation. Now married with two sons, Elton's priorities have changed and he has announced his retirement from performing after 2021. So it's the perfect time to celebrate his amazing achievements.

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- The major hollywood film based on his life 'Rocketman' is released worldwide in Cinemas in May 2019 starring Taron Egerton.
- Sir Elton John has won five Grammy Awards, and five Brit Awards – winning two awards for Outstanding Contribution to Music an Academy Award, a Golden Globe Award, a Tony Award and the Kennedy Center Honors in 2004.
- In 2013, Billboard ranked him the most successful male solo artist on the Billboard Hot 100 Top All-Time Artists
- He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994, is an inductee into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and is a fellow of the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors.
- Elton is currently playing sold out dates worldwide on his farewell tour comprising more than 300 performances through to 2021.

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