

# 2017

## “QUEEN BEY”

In February 2017, a pregnant Beyoncé delivered a surprise performance at the Grammys, singing songs from *Lemonade* amid a swirling spectacle of lights, holograms and backup dancers. Although she lost the coveted Album of the Year Grammy to Adele, she did take home two awards, for Best Urban Contemporary Album and Best Music Video.

Known as “Queen Bey,” the famed singer readied to take on the role of a different queen with the November 2017 announcement that she was headlining a live-action remake of Disney’s *The Lion King*. Shortly afterward, it was revealed that Queen Bey was the highest earning female musician of the year. According to *Forbes*, Beyoncé snagged \$105 million in pretax income June 2016 through June 2017.