

# Audra McDonald

**Audra Ann McDonald**<sup>[1]</sup> (born July 3, 1970)<sup>[2]</sup> is a German-born American actress and singer. Primarily known for her work on the Broadway stage, she has won six Tony Awards, more performance wins than any other actor, and is the only person to win all four acting categories.<sup>[note 1]</sup> She has performed in musicals, operas, and dramas such as *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, *110 in the Shade*, *Carousel*, *Ragtime*, *Master Class* and *Porgy and Bess*. As a classical soprano, she has performed in staged operas with the Houston Grand Opera and the Los Angeles Opera and in concerts with symphony orchestras like the Berlin Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic. In 2008 her recording of Kurt Weill's *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny* with the Los Angeles Opera won the Grammy Award for Best Classical Album and the Grammy Award for Best Opera Recording. She has a close working relationship with composer Michael John LaChiusa who has written several works for her, including the Broadway musical *Marie Christine*, the opera *Send (who are you? i love you)*, and *The Seven Deadly Sins: A Song Cycle*. With her full lyric soprano voice,<sup>[3]</sup> she maintains an active concert and recording career throughout the United States performing a wide repertoire from classical to musical theater to jazz and popular songs. In 2016, McDonald was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President Barack Obama. In 2017 she was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame.<sup>[4]</sup>

On television, McDonald portrayed Dr. Naomi Bennett as a main cast member of Shonda Rhime's ABC television drama *Private Practice* from 2007-2011. She also portrayed the recurring character of Liz Lawrence in Season 4 of *The Good Wife*; a role that she reprises as a main cast member in the spinoff series *The Good Fight*. In 2013 she performed the role of Mother Superior in *The Sound of Music Live!* opposite Carrie Underwood as Maria. She has twice been nominated for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie for her portrayals of Susie Monahan in *Wit* opposite Emma Thompson in 2001 and for her performance of Ruth Younger in *A Raisin in the Sun* in 2008. In 2016 she was nominated for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie and a Screen Actors Guild Award for her performance in *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* for HBO in which McDonald portrayed jazz legend Billie Holiday. She won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Special Class Program in 2015 for her work hosting the program *Live from Lincoln Center*. On film she is best known for her portrayals of Maureen in *Ricki and the Flash* (2015) opposite Meryl Streep and Madame de Garderobe in the 2017 film version of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. She has been nominated five times for the NAACP Image Awards for her work in television and film.

**Audra McDonald**



Audra McDonald, 2008

<b>Born</b>	Audra Ann McDonald July 3, 1970 West Berlin, Germany
<b>Alma<span> </span>mater</b>	Juilliard School (BM, 1993)
<b>Occupation</b>	Actress, singer
<b>Years<span> </span>active</b>	1994–present
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Peter Donovan ( <span>m.</span> <span> </span> 2000 <span>;</span> <span> </span> <span>div.</span> <span> </span> 2009) Will Swenson ( <span>m.</span> <span> </span> 2012)
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## Early life and education

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McDonald was born in West Berlin, Germany, the daughter of American parents, Anna Kathryn, a university administrator, and Stanley McDonald Jr., a high school principal.<sup>[1]</sup> At the time of her birth, her father was stationed with the United States Army. McDonald was raised in Fresno, California, the elder of two daughters. McDonald graduated from the Roosevelt School of the Arts program within Theodore Roosevelt High School in Fresno.<sup>[5]</sup> She got her start in acting with Dan Pessano and Good Company Players, beginning in their junior company. "I knew I wanted to be involved in theater when I had my first chance to perform with the Good Company Players Junior Company." "The people who have had the most impact on my life: Good Company director Dan Pessano and my mother"<sup>[6]</sup> She studied classical voice as an undergraduate under Ellen Faull at the Juilliard School,<sup>[7]</sup> graduating in 1993.<sup>[8]</sup>

## Career

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### Theatre

McDonald was a three-time Tony Award winner by age 28 for her performances in *Carousel*, *Master Class*, and *Ragtime*, placing her alongside Shirley Booth, Gwen Verdon and Zero Mostel by accomplishing this feat within five years. She was nominated for another Tony Award for her performance in *Marie Christine* before she won her fourth in 2004 for her role in *A Raisin in the Sun*, placing her in the company of then four-time winning actress Angela Lansbury. She reprised her *Raisin* role for a 2008 television adaptation, earning her a second Emmy Award nomination. On June 10, 2012, McDonald scored her fifth Tony Award win for her portrayal of Bess in *Broadway's The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess*, thus tying Angela Lansbury and Julie Harris.<sup>[9]</sup> Her 2014 performance as Billie Holiday in *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* earned McDonald her sixth Tony award and made her the first person to win all four acting categories.

McDonald appeared as Lizzie in the Roundabout Theatre Company's 2007 revival of *110 in the Shade*, directed by Lonny Price at Studio 54, for which she shared the Drama Desk Award for Best Actress in a Musical with Donna Murphy.<sup>[10]</sup> On April 29, 2007, while she was in previews for the show, her father was killed when an experimental aircraft he was flying crashed north of Sacramento, California.<sup>[11]</sup>

McDonald is known for defying racial typecasting in her various Tony Award-winning and -nominated roles. Her performances as Carrie Pipperidge in Nicholas Hytner's 1996 revival of *Carousel* and Lizzie Curry in Lonny Price's 2007 revival of *110 in the Shade* made her the first black woman to portray those (traditionally white) roles in a major Broadway production. Of her groundbreaking work in encouraging diversity in musical theatre casting, she said in an interview for *The New York Times*, "I refuse to be stereotyped. If I think I am right for a role I will go for it in whatever way I can. I refuse to say no to myself. I can't control what a producer will do or say but I can at least put myself out there."<sup>[12]</sup> In a *Talk of the Nation* interview on NPR, Asian-American actor Thom Sesma said McDonald's performance in *Carousel* "transcended any kind of type at all", proving her to be "more actress than African-American."<sup>[13]</sup>

McDonald is also no stranger to the opera stage. In 2006 she made her opera debut at the Houston Grand Opera performing Francis Poulenc's *La Voix humaine* and the world premiere of Michael John LaChiusa's one-woman opera *Send (who are you? I love you)*.<sup>[14]</sup> She had previously performed in the world premiere of John Adams' I Was Looking at the Ceiling and Then I Saw the Sky which was given in concert, and can be heard on the 1997 recording of the opera. In 2007 she performed the role of Jenny Smith in Kurt Weill's *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny* at the Los Angeles Opera.<sup>[15]</sup> Her performance was recorded and won the Grammy Award for Best Opera Recording in 2009. She appeared in a revised version of George Gershwin's opera *Porgy and Bess*, at the American Repertory Theatre (in Cambridge, Massachusetts) from August through September 2011, and recreated the role on Broadway at the Richard Rodgers Theatre, which opened on January 12, 2012 and closed on September 23, 2012.<sup>[16]</sup> For this role, McDonald won her fifth Tony Award and her first in a Leading Actress category.<sup>[17]</sup> This American Repertory Theater production was "re-imagined by Suzan-Lori Parks and Diedre Murray as a musical for contemporary audiences."<sup>[18]</sup>

In 2014, she was featured in Lynn Nottage's short play *Poof!*, alongside Tonya Pinkins. It was produced for radio and podcast by Playing On Air.<sup>[19]</sup>

She appeared at the Williamstown Theatre Festival, Williamstown, Massachusetts, in Eugene O'Neill's play *A Moon for the Misbegotten* in August 2015, co-starring with her husband Will Swenson.<sup>[20]</sup>

In 2016, McDonald starred on Broadway as the vaudeville performer Lottie Gee in a new musical titled *Shuffle Along, or, the Making of the Musical Sensation of 1921 and All That Followed* about the making of the 1921 musical *Shuffle Along*.<sup>[21]</sup> McDonald left the show on July 24, 2016 to begin maternity leave. *Shuffle Along* closed on July 24, 2016.<sup>[22][23]</sup>

## ***Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill***

McDonald played Billie Holiday on Broadway in the play *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* in a limited engagement that ended on August 10, 2014.<sup>[24]</sup> After previews that began on March 25, 2014, the play opened at the Circle in the Square Theatre on April 13, 2014.<sup>[24]</sup> Of the play, McDonald said in an interview:

It's about a woman trying to get through a concert performance, which I know something about, and she's doing it at a time when her liver was pickled and she was still doing heroin regularly...I might have been a little judgmental about Billie Holiday early on in my life, but what I've come to admire most about her – and what is fascinating in this show – is that there is never any self-pity. She's almost laughing at how horrible her life has been. I don't think she sees herself as a victim. And she feels an incredible connection to her music – she can't sing a song if she doesn't have some emotional connection to it, which I really understand.<sup>[24]</sup>

McDonald won the Tony Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Play for this role, making her the first person to earn six Tony Award wins for acting (not counting honorary awards) and the first person to win a Tony Award in all four acting categories.<sup>[25]</sup> In her acceptance speech, "she thanked her parents for encouraging her to pursue her interests as a child."<sup>[26]</sup>

She also thanked the "strong and brave and courageous" African-American women who came before her, saying in part, "I am standing on Lena Horne's shoulders. I am standing on Maya Angelou's shoulders. I am standing on Diahann Carroll and Ruby Dee, and most of all, Billie Holiday. You deserved so much more than you were given when you were on this planet. This is for you, Billie."<sup>[27]</sup> This performance was filmed at Cafe Brasil in New Orleans and broadcast on HBO on March 12, 2016.<sup>[28]</sup> McDonald received a 2016 Emmy Award nomination for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie for her role in the broadcast.<sup>[29]</sup>

McDonald had planned to make her West End debut as Holiday in *Lady Day* in June through September 2016,<sup>[30]</sup> but after becoming pregnant she postponed these plans.<sup>[31]</sup> She performed in *Lady Day* in June 2017 through September 9, 2017, at the Wyndham's Theatre in the West End.<sup>[32]</sup>

## Recordings and concerts

McDonald has maintained ties to her classical training and repertoire. She frequently performs in concert throughout the U.S.<sup>[33]</sup> and has performed with musical organizations such as the New York Philharmonic and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Carnegie Hall commissioned the song cycle *The Seven Deadly Sins: A Song Cycle* for McDonald, and she performed it at Carnegie's Zankel Hall on June 2, 2004.<sup>[34]</sup> She sang two solo one-act operas at the Houston Grand Opera in March 2006: Francis Poulenc's *La voix humaine* and the world premiere of Michael John LaChiusa's *Send (who are you? I love you)*.<sup>[35]</sup> On February 10, 2007, McDonald starred with Patti LuPone in the Los Angeles Opera production of Kurt Weill's opera *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny* directed by John Doyle.<sup>[36]</sup> The recording of this production of *Mahagonny* won two Grammy Awards, for Best Opera Recording and Best Classical Album in February 2009.<sup>[37]</sup>



McDonald performing at the Wight Center in 2011

In September 2008, American composer Michael John LaChiusa was quoted in *Opera News Online*, as working on an adaptation of Bizet's *Carmen* with McDonald in mind.<sup>[38]</sup>

McDonald has recorded five solo albums for Nonesuch Records. Her first, the 1998 *Way Back to Paradise*, featured songs written by a new generation of musical theatre composers who had achieved varying degrees of prominence in the 1990s, particularly LaChiusa, Adam Guettel and Jason Robert Brown.

Her next album, *How Glory Goes* (2000), combined both old and new works, and included composers Harold Arlen, Leonard Bernstein and Jerome Kern.<sup>[7]</sup> Her third album, *Happy Songs* (2002), was big band music from the 1920s through the 1940s.<sup>[39]</sup> Her fourth album, *Build a Bridge* (2006), features songs from jazz and pop.<sup>[40]</sup>

In May 2013, Audra McDonald released her first solo album in seven years, *Go Back Home*, with a title track from the Kander & Ebb musical *The Scottsboro Boys*. To coincide with the album's release, McDonald performed a concert at Avery Fisher Hall in New York City that aired on the PBS series *Live from Lincoln Center* titled *Audra McDonald In Concert: Go Back Home*.<sup>[41]</sup>

At the 2010 BCS National Championship Game on January 7, McDonald sang *America the Beautiful* for the sold-out stadium fans to celebrate the final game of the college football season.<sup>[42]</sup>

In May 2000, Audra McDonald appeared as "The Beggar Woman" in Lonny Price's concert version of Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, performed at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center, New York, with the New York Philharmonic with George Hearn and Patti LuPone. She reprised the role in some performances of the March 2014 Lincoln Center concert production, again directed by Price, this time opposite Bryn Terfel and Emma Thompson. She performed three concerts, titled "Audra McDonald Sings Broadway", in the Sydney Opera House in November 2015, which also included "The Facebook Song" by Kate Miller-Heidke.<sup>[43]</sup>

## Television and film

McDonald has also made many television appearances, both musical and dramatic. In 2001, she received her first Emmy Award nomination for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Miniseries or Movie for the HBO film Wit, starring Emma Thompson and directed by Mike Nichols.<sup>[44]</sup> She also has appeared on Homicide: Life on the Street (1999), Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (2000), Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years (1999), the short-lived Mister Sterling (2003), The Bedford Diaries (2006), and Kidnapped (2006–2007), and in the 1999 television remake of Annie as Daddy Warbucks' secretary & soon-to-be wife, Miss Farrell.<sup>[45]</sup> She sang with the New York Philharmonic in the annual New Year's Eve gala concert on December 31, 2006, featuring music from the movies; it was televised on Live from Lincoln Center by PBS.<sup>[46]</sup> In 2013, she appeared in the HBO documentary Six by Sondheim.<sup>[47]</sup>

McDonald appeared as Naomi Bennett in Private Practice, a spinoff of Grey's Anatomy. She replaced Merrin Dungey, who played the role in the series pilot.<sup>[48]</sup> McDonald left Private Practice at the end of season four, but returned for the series finale at the end of season six to bring closure to Naomi's storyline.<sup>[49][50]</sup>

In films, McDonald has appeared in Beauty and the Beast (2017), Ricki and the Flash (2015), Best Thief in the World (2004), It Runs in the Family (2003), Cradle Will Rock (1999), The Object of My Affection (1998), and Seven Servants by Daryush Shokof which was her film acting debut in (1996).<sup>[45]</sup>

McDonald played Mother Abbess in the 2013 NBC live television production of The Sound of Music Live!<sup>[51][52]</sup>

Since 2012, McDonald has served as host for the PBS series Live From Lincoln Center, for which she shared an Emmy Award for Outstanding Special Class Program with the show's producers. On August 1, 2017, it was announced that she had been added to the main cast for the second season of The Good Fight, reprising her role as Liz Lawrence from The Good Wife season 4.<sup>[53]</sup>

## Personal life

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McDonald married bassist Peter Donovan in September 2000.<sup>[7]</sup> They have one daughter, Zoe Madeline Donovan, named after McDonald's close friend and Master Class co-star Zoe Caldwell. McDonald and Donovan divorced in 2009.<sup>[54]</sup> She married Will Swenson on October 6, 2012.<sup>[55]</sup> On October 19, 2016, they became parents to a girl, Sally James McDonald-Swenson.<sup>[56][57]</sup>

McDonald attended Joan Rivers' funeral in New York on September 7, 2014, where she sang "Smile".

McDonald lives in Croton-on-Hudson, New York.<sup>[58]</sup>

## Discography

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### Solo recordings<sup>[59]</sup>

- Way Back to Paradise (Nonesuch, 1998)<sup>[60]</sup>
- How Glory Goes (2000)<sup>[61]</sup>
- Happy Songs (2002)
- Build a Bridge (2006)
- Go Back Home (2013)
- Sing Happy (2018)

### Featured recordings<sup>[62]</sup>

- Dawn Upshaw Sings Rodgers & Hart– duet on "Why Can't I?" (1996)
- Leonard Bernstein's New York – duet with Mandy Patinkin on "A Little Bit in Love" and "Tonight" (1996)
- George and Ira Gershwin: Standards and Gems– sings "How Long Has This Been Going On?" (1998)
- George Gershwin The 100th Birthday Celebration– sings Porgy and Bess selections (1998)

- *Myths and Hymns*– sings "Pegasus" (1999)
- *My Favorite Broadway: The Leading Ladies*– sings "The Webber Love Trio" (1999)
- *Broadway In Love*– sings "You Were Meant For Me" from *The Object of My Affection*(2000)
- *Broadway Cares: Home for the Holidays*– sings "White Christmas" (2001)
- *Bright Eyed Joy: The Songs OfRicky Ian Gordon*– sings "Daybreak in Alabama" (2001)
- *Zeitgeist* – sings "Think Twice" (2005)
- *The Wonder of Christmas*with the *Mormon Tabernacle Choir* (2004)<sup>[63]</sup>
- *Barbara Cook at the Met*– sings "When Did I Fall In Love?" and "Blue Skies" (2006)
- *Jule Styne in Hollywood*– sings "10,432 Sheep" (2006)<sup>[64]</sup>
- *Sondheim: The Birthday Concert*– sings "Too Many Mornings" and "The Glamorous Life" (2010)
- *Stages* – duet on "If I Loved You", 2014

## Cast recordings

- *Carousel* (1994 Broadway Revival Cast Recording) (1994)
- *Ragtime* (Original Cast Recording) (1998)
- *I Was Looking at the Ceiling and Then I Saw the Sky* by John Adams (Studio Cast Recording) (1998)<sup>[65]</sup>
- *Wonderful Town* (Berlin Cast Recording) (1999)
- *Marie Christine* (Original Cast Recording) (1999)
- *Sweeney Todd Live at the New York Philharmonic* (2000)
- *Dreamgirls in Concert* (2001 Concert Cast Recording) (released February 2002)<sup>[66]</sup>
- *Wonderful Town* (Studio Recording) (2005)
- *110 in the Shade* (2007 Broadway Revival Cast Recording) (2007)
- *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny* (Concert Cast Recording) (2007)
- *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Allegro* (First Complete Recording) (2009)<sup>[67]</sup>
- *The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess* (New Broadway Cast Recording) (2012)<sup>[68]</sup>
- *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* (Original Broadway Cast Recording) (2014)<sup>[69]</sup>

## Video recordings

- *Audra McDonald – Live at the Donmar London*, VHS (1999)
- *My Favorite Broadway: The Leading Ladies* ("The Webber Love Trio"), DVD & CD (1999)
- *Bernstein – Wonderful Town* with *Kim Criswell*, *Thomas Hampson*, *Wayne Marshall*, *Simon Rattle*, and *Berlin Philharmonic*, DVD (2005)
- *The Wonder of Christmas* with the *Mormon Tabernacle Choir* and *Orchestra at Temple Square*, DVD (2005)
- *Weill – Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny*, DVD (2007)
- *Sondheim! The Birthday Concert* Blu-ray DVD (2010)

## Audio books

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- *Alice Walker, By The Light of My Father's Smile* (1998)
- *Connie Briscoe, A Long Way From Home* (1999)
- *Rita Dove, Second-Hand Man* (2003)<sup>[70]</sup>
- *Jodi Picoult, Small Great Things* (2016)

## Filmography

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### Film

<b>Year</b>	<b>Film</b>	<b>Role</b>
1996	<i><u>Seven Servants</u></i>	Opera Singer
1998	<i><u>The Object of My Affection</u></i>	Wedding Singer
1999	<i><u>Cradle Will Rock</u></i>	Blitzstein – "Joe Worker" Singer
1999	<i><u>Annie</u></i>	Grace
2003	<i><u>It Runs in the Family</u></i>	Sarah Langley
2004	<i><u>The Best Thief in the World</u></i>	Ruth
2011	<i><u>Rampart</u></i>	Sarah
2015	<i><u>Ricki and the Flash</u></i>	Maureen
2017	<i><u>Beauty and the Beast</u></i>	Madame de Garderobe
2017	<i><u>Hello Again</u></i>	Sally (The Actress)

## Television

Year	Title <sup>[45]</sup>	Role	Notes
1999	<i>Annie</i>	Miss Grace Farrell	TV movie
	<i>Homicide: Life on the Street</i>	Teresa Giardello	Episode: "Forgive Us Our Trespasses"
	<i>Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years</i>	Bessie in her 20s	TV movie
2000	<i>Law &amp; Order: Special Victims Unit</i>	Audrey Jackson	2 episodes
	<i>The Last Debate</i>	Barbara Manning	TV movie
2001	<i>Wit</i>	Susie Monahan	Nominated— <u>Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie</u>
2003	<i>Mister Sterling</i>	Jackie Brock	9 episodes
	<i>Partners and Crime</i>	Unknown	TV movie
	<i>Tea Time with Roy &amp; Sylvia</i>	Sylvia	Short
2005	<i>Passion: Live From Lincoln Center</i>	Clara	TV special
2006	<i>The Bedford Diaries</i>	Professor Carla Bonatelle	8 episodes
2006–07	<i>Kidnapped</i>	Jackie Hayes	3 episodes
2007–13	<i>Private Practice</i>	Dr. Naomi Bennett	77 episodes Nominated— <u>NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series</u> (2008–2010)
2009	<i>Grey's Anatomy</i>		Episode: "Before and After"
2007	<i>Great Performances</i>	Jenny Smith	Episode: <i>Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny</i>
2008	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Ruth Younger	TV movie Nominated— <u>NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie or Mini-Series</u> Nominated— <u>Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie</u>
2009	<i>She Got Problems</i>	Herself	Short
2012–13	<i>Sesame Street</i>	Chicken	3 episodes
2013	<i>The Good Wife</i>	Liz Lawrence	Episode: "Runnin' with the Devil"
	<i>The Sound of Music Live!</i>	Mother Abbess	Live telecast
	<i>Audra McDonald: Go Back Home</i>	Self	Concert special
	<i>It Could Be Worse</i>	Sharon	Episode: "Starring Veronica Bailey"
	<i>The Ordained</i>	Anthea	TV movie
2014	<i>Submissions Only</i>	Tracy	1 episode
	<i>Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street: Live from Lincoln Center</i>	Lucy, the Beggar Woman	Filmed stage production



2016	<i><u>Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill</u></i>	<u>Billie Holiday</u>	Filmed stage production Nominated— <u>Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie</u>
2018	<i><u>The Good Fight</u></i>	Liz Lawrence	Main cast
	<i><u>RuPaul's Drag Race</u></i>	Herself (guest judge)	1 episode (season 10) <sup>[71]</sup>

## **Theatre**

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Year	Show <sup>[72]</sup>	Role	Notes
1992	<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Ayah (replacement)	St. James Theatre 1992 – January 3, 1993
1994	<i>Carousel</i>	Carrie Pipperidge	Vivian Beaumont Theater February 18, 1994 – January 15, 1995
1995	<i>Master Class</i>	Sharon Graham	Philadelphia Theatre Company March 1995
	<i>Something Wonderful</i>	Performer	Gershwin Theatre July 12, 1995
	<i>Master Class</i>	Sharon Graham	John Golden Theatre October 26, 1995 – June 29, 1997
1997	<i>Ragtime</i>	Sarah	Ford Center for the Performing Arts December 26, 1997 – October 29, 1999 January 10–16, 2000
1999	<i>Marie Christine</i>	Marie Christine L'Adrese	Vivian Beaumont Theater October 30, 1999 – January 9, 2000
2000	<i>Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street</i>	Lucy, The Beggan Woman	Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center May 4–6, 2000
2001	<i>Dreamgirls</i>	Deena Jones	New York Actor's Fund Benefit Concert
2003	<i>Passion</i>	Clara	Ravinia Festival August 22–23, 2003
	<i>Henry IV</i>	Lady Percy	Vivian Beaumont Theater October 28, 2003 – January 18, 2004
2004	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Ruth Younger	Royale Theatre March 30 – July 11, 2004
	<i>The Seven Deadly Sins: A Song Cycle</i>	Performer	Carnegie Hall June 2, 2004
2005	<i>Passion</i>	Clara	Lincoln Center March 30 – April 1, 2005
	<i>Wonderful Town</i>	Eileen	Berlin Philharmonic
2006	<i>La voix humaine</i> <i>Send (who are you? I love you)</i>	Singer	Houston Grand Opera March
2007	<i>Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny</i>	Jenny	Los Angeles Opera February 2007
	<i>110 in the Shade</i>	Lizzie Curry	Studio 54 April 13 – July 29, 2007
2009	<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Olivia	Delacorte Theater June 25, 2009 – July 12, 2009
2011	<i>Porgy and Bess</i>	Bess	American Repertory Theater August/September, 2011
			Richard Rodgers Theatre December 17, 2011 – September 23, 2012

2014	<u><i>Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street</i></u>	Lucy, The Beggar Woman	Avery Fisher Hall, <u>Lincoln Center</u> March 5–8, 2014
	<u><i>Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill</i></u>	Billie Holiday	Circle in the Square Theatre March 25, 2014 – October 5, 2014
2015	<u><i>A Moon for the Misbegotten</i></u>	Josie	Williamstown Theatre Festival August 2015
2016	<u><i>Shuffle Along, or, the Making of the Musical Sensation of 1921 and All That Followed</i></u>	Lottie Gee	Music Box Theatre March 14 – July 24, 2016
2017	<u><i>Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill</i></u>	Billie Holiday	Wyndham's Theatre June 27, 2017 – September 9, 2017 <sup>[73]</sup> <sup>[74]</sup>

## Concerts

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### Audra McDonald in Concert Tour

- March 9, 2013 – Lund Auditorium in Chicago
- March 16, 2013 – Mizner Park Amphitheater
- April 6, 2013 – Stamford Center for the Arts
- May 16, 2013 – Attucks Theatre
- *Audra McDonald: Go Back Home* at Carnegie Hall – aired on Live from Lincoln Center
- October 5, 2013 – Colden Center for Performing Arts
- October 10, 2013 – Library of Congress
- October 12, 2013 – Chicago Symphony Hall
- October 19, 2013 – Brown Theatre Wortham Center
- October 20, 2013 – The Long Center for the Performing Arts
- October 22, 2013 – The Smith Center
- October 25, 2013 – Balboa Theatre
- October 26, 2013 – Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
- November 15, 2013 – Sheldon Concert Hall
- November 16, 2013 – Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- December 21, 2013 – Mesa Arts Center
- January 5, 2014 – Kravis Center
- January 18, 2014 – Sonoma State University
- February 1, 2014 – Library of Congress
- February 22, 2014 – Hanover Theatre in Worcester, Massachusetts
- February 26, 2014 – Kravis Center
- February 28, 2014 – L.J. Williams Theater in Misalia
- March 8, 2014 – Atlanta Symphony Hall

23 concerts total; the gap between May and October 2013 is due to McDonald's work with television and her album coming out, causing the three and a half month gap. The tour ended due to McDonald's show, *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* opening on Broadway, but she picked up again with a new tour once the show closed.

### An Evening with Audra McDonald Tour

- December 2, 2014 – Walt Disney Concert Hall
- December 5, 2014 – Sonoma State University
- December 6, 2014 – Zellerbach Hall
- December 12, 2014 – Carnegie Hall
- January 8, 2015 – Parker Playhouse
- January 17, 2015 – Eastman Theatre
- January 24, 2015 – Artis-Naples in Naples, Florida

- February 6, 2015 –UNC Memorial Hall
- February 21, 2015 –Des Moines Performing Arts Center
- February 27, 2015 –Kohler Memorial Theatre
- March 1, 2015 –Boston Symphony Hall
- March 12, 2015 – EKU Center for the Arts in Richmond, Kentucky
- March 15, 2015 –Fox Tucson Theatre
- March 21, 2015 – Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts
- March 22, 2015 –Van Wezel Performing Arts Center
- March 24, 2015 –Kravis Center
- March 27, 2015 –Strathmore Music Center
- April 7, 2015 –Indiana University
- April 15, 2015 –Byham Theater
- April 17, 2015 –McCarter Theatre
- April 19, 2015 –New Jersey Performing Arts Center
- April 23, 2015 –Peace Center
- April 29, 2015 – Carnegie Hall
- May 8, 2015 –Bergen Performing Arts Center
- May 9, 2015 – Tilles Center Concert Hall in Brookville, New York
- May 11, 2015 –Byham Theater
- May 15, 2015 –Virginia Arts Festival
- June 12, 2015 –The Mountain Winery
- June 22, 2015 –Wolf Trap
- July 19, 2015 –Tanglewood Music Center
- September 1/3, 2015 –Hollywood Bowl
- October 1, 2015 –Carpenter Theater
- October 7, 2015 –Merriam Theatre
- October 8, 2015 – Jorgenson Center for the Performing Arts in Storrs Mansfield
- October 13, 2015 – Peace Center
- October 31, 2015 –Hamer Hall

37 concerts; this tour marked her Australian debut. The lack of August shows was due to her run in *Moon for the Misbegotten*

#### Other concerts

- 1999 – *Audra McDonald: Live at the Donmar London* (filmed for a DVD)
- June 2, 2004 – *The Seven Deadly Sins: A Song Cycle* at Carnegie Hall
- August 26, 2007 –Ravinia
- March 28, 2008 –Savannah Music Festival
- March 30, 2008 –Ferst Center for the Arts
- April 26, 2008 –Stanley Theater
- May 30, 2008 –Zellerbach Hall
- February 1, 2010 –Ralph Freud Playhouse
- April 26, 2010 –Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall
- July 18, 2010 – Ozawa Hall in Boston
- October 22, 2011 –Carnegie Hall
- November 8, 2011 –Curtis M Phillips Center for Performing Arts
- April 20, 2012 –New Jersey Performing Arts Center
- January 2, 2016 –Parker Playhouse
- January 17, 2016 –Leicester Square Theatre



McDonald in the East Room of the White House, 2013

## Awards and nominations

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On September 22, 2016, Audra McDonald was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President Barack Obama for 2015. The Award states, in part: "for lighting up Broadway as one of its brightest stars.... In musicals, concerts, operas, and the recording studio, her rich, soulful voice continues to take her audiences to new heights!"<sup>[75]</sup>

## **Stage**

Year	Award <sup>[76]</sup> <sup>[77]</sup>	Category	Nominated work	Result
1994	<u>Tony Award</u>	<u>Best Performance by a Featured Actress in a Musical</u>	<i>Carousel</i>	Won
	<u>Drama Desk Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical</u>		Won
	<u>Outer Critics Circle Award</u>	Outstanding Actress in a Musical		Won
	<u>Theatre World Award</u>			Honoree
1996	<u>Tony Award</u>	<u>Best Performance by a Featured Actress in a Play</u>	<i>Master Class</i>	Won
	<u>Ovation Award</u>	Best Featured Actress in a Play		Won
1998	<u>Tony Award</u>	<u>Best Performance by a Featured Actress in a Musical</u>	<i>Ragtime</i>	Won
	<u>Drama League Award</u>	Distinguished Performance		Nominated
	<u>Outer Critics Circle Award</u>	Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical		Nominated
2000	<u>Tony Award</u>	<u>Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical</u>	<i>Marie Christine</i>	Nominated
	<u>Drama Desk Award</u>	Outstanding Actress in a Musical		Nominated
2004	<u>Tony Award</u>	<u>Best Performance by a Featured Actress in a Play</u>	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Won
	<u>Drama Desk Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play</u>		Won
	<u>Drama League Award</u>	Distinguished Performance		Nominated
	<u>Outer Critics Circle Award</u>	Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play		Won
	<u>Broadway.com Audience Award</u>	Favorite Featured Actress in a Play		Won
2005	<u>KissFM Phenomenal Woman Award</u>	Phenomenal Woman <sup>[78]</sup>		Won
2007	<u>Tony Award</u>	<u>Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical</u>	<i>110 in the Shade</i>	Nominated
	<u>Drama Desk Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Actress in a Musical</u>		Won
	<u>Drama League Award</u>	Distinguished Performance		Nominated
	<u>Outer Critics Circle Award</u>	Outstanding Actress in a Musical		Won
	<u>Broadway.com Audience Award</u>	Favorite Actress in a Musical		Nominated
2008	<u>Grammy Award</u>	<u>Best Classical Album</u>	<i>Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny</i>	Won
		<u>Best Opera Recording</u>		Won
2012	<u>Tony Award</u>	<u>Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical</u>	<i>Porgy and Bess</i>	Won
	<u>Drama Desk Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Actress in a Musical</u>		Won
	<u>Drama League Award</u>	Distinguished Performance		Won
	<u>Outer Critics Circle Award</u>	Outstanding Actress in a Musical		Won
	<u>Broadway.com Audience</u>	Favorite Actress in a Musical		Nominated

	Awards	Favorite Onstage Pair (with <u>Norm Lewis</u> )		Nominated
2013	<u>Grammy Award</u>	<u>Best Musical Theatre Album</u>		Nominated
	<u>Sarah Siddons Society Award</u>	Distinguished Achievement in the Theatre		Won
2014	<u>Tony Award</u>	<u>Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play</u>	<i>Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill</i>	Won
	<u>Drama Desk Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Actress in a Play</u>		Won
	<u>Outer Critics Circle Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Actress in a Musical</u>		Won
	<u>Broadway.com Audience Award</u>	<u>Favorite Actress in a Play</u>		Won
<u>Favorite Diva Performance</u>		Nominated		
2016	<u>Broadway.com Audience Award</u>	<u>Favorite Diva Performance</u>	<i>Shuffle Along, or [...]</i>	Nominated
2018	<u>Laurence Olivier Award</u>	<u>Best Actress</u>	<i>Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill</i>	Nominated

## TV

Year	Award	Category	Nominated work	Result
2001	<u>NAACP Image Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Variety – Series or Special</u>	<i>Audra McDonald in Concert</i>	Nominated
	<u>Emmy Award</u>	<u>Best Supporting Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie</u>	<i>Wit</i>	Nominated
	<u>Online Film &amp; Television Association Award</u>	<u>Best Supporting Actress in a TV film</u>		Nominated
2008	<u>Online Film &amp; Television Association Award</u>	<u>Best Supporting Actress in a TV Film</u>	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Won
	<u>Emmy Award</u>	<u>Best Supporting Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie</u>		Nominated
	<u>NAACP Image Award</u>	<u>Best Actress in a Television Movie or Miniseries</u>		Nominated
		<u>Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series</u>		Nominated
2009	<u>NAACP Image Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series</u>	<i>Private Practice</i>	Nominated
2010	<u>NAACP Image Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series</u>		Nominated
2013	<u>Emmy Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Special Class Program</u>	<i>Carousel (Live from Lincoln Center)</i>	Nominated
	<u>Black Reel Award</u>	<u>Best Supporting Actress in a Movie</u>	<i>The Sound of Music Live!</i>	Nominated
2015	<u>Emmy Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Special Class Program</u>	<i>Sweeney Todd (Live from Lincoln Center)</i>	Won
2016	<u>Emmy Award</u>	<u>Best Actress in a Limited Series or Movie</u>	<i>Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill</i>	Nominated
	<u>Screen Actors Guild Award</u>	<u>Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Television Movie or Limited Series</u>		Nominated

## Film

Year	Award	Category	Nominated work	Result
2017	<u>NAACP Image Award</u>	<u>NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture</u>	<u><i>Beauty and the Beast</i></u>	Nominated

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