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## **AARP Superstar 2015 Contest Announces 5 Finalists; Winner to be Crowned at AARP's Life@50+ National Event & Expo May 15 in Miami**

Hosted by Arsenio Hall, Finalists to Perform Live in front of Celebrity Judges Chaka Khan, Kenny Loggins, Emilio Estefan and Tena Clark

**WASHINGTON, DC**—The search to find the *next* 50+ musical phenomenon as part of this year's **AARP Superstar Contest** is down to final five!

Today, the five remaining hopefuls were announced on [www.aarp.org/superstar2015](http://www.aarp.org/superstar2015) and include Valerie Geason, 50, Lake Elsinore, CA; Janet Hines-Norris, 53, Mishawaka, IN; Billy Spence, 51, Hedgesville, WV; May Palmer, 51, Lynnwood, WA and Rudy Torrellas, 85, Guaynabo, PR.

The **AARP Superstar 2015 Contest** will conclude with a final singing competition in front of a live audience and celebrity panel of judges at AARP's 2015 Life@50+ National Event & Expo in Miami, FL, on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by actor and comedian Arsenio Hall, the star-studded lineup of judges include GRAMMY® Award-winning musicians Chaka Khan and Kenny Loggins, 19-time GRAMMY® Award-winning musician and producer Emilio Estefan, and founder and CEO of DMI Music & Media Solutions, Tena Clark. Judges Chaka Khan and Kenny Loggins will also perform live for the crowd.

The five finalists will vie for a \$5,000 grand prize along with a trip to Pasadena, CA, where they will experience a professional recording session at DMI Music & Media Solutions headquarters. They will also be provided with airfare to Miami, hotel for two nights and a \$500 gift card as part of the package for advancing to the finals.

"With nearly 1300 entries, we had a tremendous talent pool of 50-plus hopefuls who never gave up on their dream," said Myrna Blyth, editorial director, AARP. "We can't wait to see who will be crowned AARP Superstar champion in Miami!"

Admission to the event is open to the general public. Tickets are \$25 and are available now by calling 1-800-650-6839 and will also be available at Life@50+ registration. Doors will open at 7:00pm EST with the show set to begin at 7:30pm EST

For more information on AARP Superstar 2015, please visit [www.aarp.org/superstar2015](http://www.aarp.org/superstar2015)

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