Céline Dion

The tireless singer bids Vegas farewell and sets out on a yearlong world tour—kicked off by a star-studded CBS concert



FUN **FACT**

While Céline has no plans to do her own TV show anytime soon-"I'm looking forward to cooking and moving into my new house!"-her mother, Thérese, 80 (below), is a TV personality in her own right. "My mom had [a cooking show]," Dion says. The title? Le Brunch de Maman Dion. It aired from 1998 to 2003



I wish I could do more Are you trying to convey something specific about duets. It's always fun. yourself by naming the In December, the 5-year new album Taking Chances run of your Las Vegas and your CBS concert show "A New Day ... " Céline Dion: That's Just came to a close. What the Woman in Me? Yes. stood out for you about Maturity, stability, your final performance? strength. Comfort zone. It's been such an The best is yet to come. extraordinary journey. I enjoy singing much Five years passed so more now than I ever quickly. It was extremely did before because I emotional, and I'm don't need to do it; surprised that I did not I want to do it. I don't start to cry after the first need to prove anything. note. My son, René-I'm not thinking of Charles, attended that technique. I'm taking evening and my mom. chances and trying My husband [René different sounds. Angélil was sitting in During the concert, you the audience instead of tap into your hip-hop backstage or at the side while performing sound board. It was like with will.i.am of the a family reunion. Would you say that your Black Eyed Peas. Are there other performers family always comes first you'd like to team up for you? When you're an artist, you don't perform with? There are many people I would love to alone, and you don't sing with. Annie Lennox. succeed alone. It's always

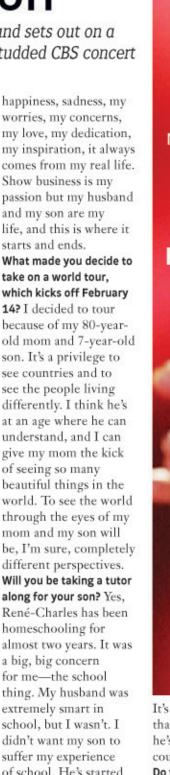
as a team, and it starts in

the family especially. My

my inspiration, it always comes from my real life. Show business is my passion but my husband and my son are my life, and this is where it starts and ends. What made you decide to take on a world tour, which kicks off February 14? I decided to tour because of my 80-yearold mom and 7-year-old son. It's a privilege to see countries and to see the people living differently. I think he's at an age where he can understand, and I can give my mom the kick of seeing so many beautiful things in the world. To see the world through the eyes of my mom and my son will be, I'm sure, completely different perspectives. Will you be taking a tutor along for your son? Yes. René-Charles has been homeschooling for almost two years. It was a big, big concern for me-the school thing. My husband was extremely smart in school, but I wasn't. I didn't want my son to suffer my experience of school. He's started

first grade, but he's in

second grade in math.



that he loves school, and he's succeeding. I couldn't ask for better. Do you plan on having more children? I certainly hope so. If we are lucky

enough to have another baby, we will be thrilled. Josh Groban performs in your concert, and he's credited you for supporting him over the years. Do you have advice to offer

other young singers? It's probably the most extraordinary career you can have. It's crazy in a good sense. Very demanding, but amazing. I would say that the

most important thing is that it stays your passion and doesn't lead your life. Young kids, they hold onto one dream and if it doesn't happen, they collapse.

You have to remain who you are. You have to have a life and a passion because, if my career stops tomorrow, I still have everything. -Bekah Wright

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Alicia Keys as well.

Christina Aguilera.