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[/EINPresswire.com/](https://EINPresswire.com/) -- Charlie Walk, CEO & Cofounder of Aspen Artists is one of the most influential music executives and entrepreneurs you may have never heard of. Walk, who has a strong track record helping musicians jumpstart their careers, rarely takes credit for his work. Walk served as the President of Epic Records from 2005-

2008 and as the president of Republic Records from 2013-2018. He also helped many musicians, who are now household names, find stardom. That star studded list includes Taylor Swift, Shawn Mendes, Beyoncé, Mariah Carey, The Weeknd, Post Malone, Drake, Nicki Minaj, Shakira, Nipsey Hussle, John Mayer, Jonas Brothers, Demi Lovato, Nick Jonas, Hailee Steinfeld and so many more. Although never receiving proper public credit, one of Walk's most prolific achievements is how he helped Ariana Grande transition out of the world of Nickelodeon into music and international pop stardom.



Charlie Walk

Charlie Walk's unwavering dedication to the music industry has resulted in his rise to become one of the most influential figures in the business. Throughout his career, Walk has worked with a diverse range of artists, and his ability to identify raw talent at an early stage has seen him earn a reputation as one of the best in the game when it comes to breaking new artists. Walk's deep understanding of the industry, combined with his innate ability to define music and marketing strategies, has earned him the respect of his peers and made him an invaluable resource for artists looking to make their mark. It's not just the artists with a proven track record that seek Walk's expertise, but also those who are yet to reach the heights of stardom. His skill in bridging the gap for emerging artists has made him one of the most highly sought-after people in the industry. Simply put, Charlie Walk is the go-to person when it comes to taking artists from

obscurity to international fame.

Charlie Walk's recent venture, Aspen Artists is an innovative music media company that redefines star discovery, fan empowerment, and music monetization. Charlie Walk works to uncover exceptional talent and nurture the next generation of superstars, reviving the lost art of A&R with a modernized approach. They partner with premium talent across all genres to develop and produce intellectual property unblocking the funnel to fame. Their undeniable track record of breaking global superstars allows us to identify market trends that align with fan preferences and create world-renowned acts that drive culture forward.

Before Walk landed at Republic Records, it was well known that Ms. Grande, who had been already signed for two years, was not a priority. At that time, she had 18 million followers on Instagram, but they were from fans of her TV show, Sam & Cat, and not fans of her music. The managers that discovered her, Stefanie Simon and Jen Merlino, played a critical role in the TV development of Grande, but it was Walk who saw the potential and opportunity within her raw talent as a vocalist. His vision was clear in turning Ariana into the international pop star she is today. Walk was recently quoted, "When I heard 'The Way' for the first time, I got chills and I had the same feeling when I first heard Mariah Carey's debut single 'Vision of Love'. I was only 21 at the time but that feeling remains constant."

Throughout his career, Walk has been driven by a deep sense of purpose to help unknown artists achieve their dreams of fame and success. While he has experienced his fair share of victories and accomplishments, those moments pale in comparison to the feeling he gets when he has truly made a difference in someone's life. Working alongside superstar Ariana Grande was undoubtedly one of the highlights of Walk's career. It wasn't just because Grande represented one of his greatest successes, but because of the strong connection he felt with her and the work they accomplished together. Walk vividly remembers hearing her song, "The Way (ft. Mac Miller)," and immediately deemed the song, "next to break." From there, it broke on KIIS FM Los Angeles and spread to all pop stations across America. This is burned into his memory because it was the first time Ariana heard one of her songs on the radio; as soon as she heard it she called Walk crying in happiness to celebrate. The song would go on to hit number 1 on the Apple iTunes Charts and Top forty radio shortly after.

Walk and Grande went on to do great things together after that. Grande is now a bonafide international superstar; Walk and Grande even brought back MTV's TRL for a day in 2014. Walk recalls, "Only one artist has the power to turn the lights back on at 1515 Broadway in the iconic 'TRL' studios, and that's Ariana Grande. The transformation to 'Total Ariana Live' represents her one-of-a-kind star power combined with MTV's immense multimedia platform, setting the stage for the ultimate global partnership."

Grande, herself, has publicly acknowledged Walk's influence and help many times. When Grande won the AMA New Artist of the Year award in 2013 and when she won the AMA Artist of the Year award in 2016, she thanked Charlie and recognized his significant role in her success. In a recent

interview on Elvis Duran's extremely popular morning radio show on iHeartRadio & Z100 New York, Grande attested to his positive influence as well as his "Genius."

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