



Ringo Starr's RIAA Gold Record for "I Want To Hold Your Hand"

Date

1964

Primary Maker

Ringo Starr

Medium

Plastic; Metal

Description

Ringo Starr's Gold record certification for the single "I Want To Hold Your Hand." The gold record contains a yellow center section and is framed with a plaque reading, "PRESENTED TO / THE BEATLES / TO COMMEMORATE THE SALE OF MORE THAN / ONE MILLION COPIES OF THE /

CAPITOL RECORDS / POP SINGLE RECORD / "I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND". The record is framed with a wooden frame, with fabric and black mat. It has been signed on the verso by George Harrison, as "George." The Beatles' 1963 single "I Want To Hold Your Hand" received gold certification by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) to commemorate the sale of more than one million copies on February 3, 1964. The "I Want To Hold Your Hand" award is considered the first white matte 45 RPM record award. The RIAA medallion was most likely used from the remaining stock of RIAA walnut award materials as the RIAA transitioned from the walnut awards to the white matte format around this time. Later white matte awards feature acid etched RIAA logos.