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David Bowie, John Legend and Cyndi Lauper are among the stars who have been tapped to write original songs for a planned musical adaptation of hit children's cartoon series *Spongebob Squarepants*.

David Bowie was born in South London's Brixton neighborhood on January 8, 1947. His first hit was the song "Space Oddity" in 1969. The music icon died on January 10, 2016, two days after his 69th birthday.

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Bowie was paid an emotional tribute first by British singer Annie Lennox, then by his friend, British actor Gary Oldman, who picked up the award on Bowie's behalf.

"The world lost an artist of transcendent talent," Oldman said. "He was the very definition, the living embodiment of that singular word: icon."

New Zealand singer Lorde performed Bowie's hit song "Life on Mars" in tribute to the singer after the award was announced.

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