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Ever since Sister Rosetta Tharpe took the sounds of

gospel into the smoky nightclubs of the 1930s, secular soul has traded inspiration with the music that accompanied gospel church services. Blurring the line between the sacred and profane, gospel's ecstatic testimonies to salvation became, by soul music's heyday in the 1960s, an expression of worldly and physical desire. Religious fervor transmuted into romantic passion—"my sweet Lord" became "my sweet baby"—and the swaying of the holy in pews on Sunday morning became the groove of dancers on Saturday night. Traditionally, soul performers were often raised by church-going parents who encouraged them to perform in the gospel tradition. Women in this culture were under particular pressure to uphold Christian values. Although the ladies of soul often broke this mold, as performers and as people they had their own ways of expressing gospel's enduring qualities: conviction, community, courage, perseverance and joy. Many of these women, whose recordings defined soul's golden age, staged comebacks in the '70s and '80s. How many other artists have reemerged two decades after their debut with a completely new sound and style—and achieved popular success? Such a facility for reinvention lends new meaning to the word "revival."

artist spotlights

When *Freeway of Love* went to No. 3 on the charts in 1985, it represented a comeback for *Aretha Franklin*, her biggest pop hit in ten years. The song, which earned a Grammy® for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance, also

became the Queen of Soul's 20th single to reach No. 1 on the soul charts—a feat rivaled only by James Brown. A singer of mesmerizing talent and range, Franklin has always been influenced by her selection of producers

and material. For this recording, she chose Narada Michael Walden, former drummer with the Mahavishnu Orchestra. At the age of 42, it was a particular moment in Franklin's life: her father, the Rev. C.L. Franklin, had died the previous year. For *Freeway of Love*, she and Walden crafted a beat that updated the sound of her late '60s heyday. In a nod to that era, the song's video clip shows her driving off in a car with a license plate that reads "RESPECT." Two years after the success of *Freeway of Love*, Franklin became the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



Natalie Cole's tumultuous life has been the subject of a made-for-TV movie and an autobiography detailing her harrowing struggle with drug abuse. Even from the beginning, her story was never ordinary. Raised among Hollywood's elite as daughter of the late great pianist and jazz crooner Nat "King" Cole, you might think she would have started performing at an early age. Actually, Cole didn't begin singing for the public until her college years, when she played clubs around Amherst, Massachusetts billed simply as "Nat King Cole's daughter." Soon afterward she met Chicago-based songwriter-producers Chuck Jackson and Marvin Yancy, who recorded her debut album *Inseparable*. With its gospel-rock style and distinctive scat phrasing, one of its standout tracks, *This Will Be*, became Cole's first hit, rising to No. 1 on the R&B chart in 1975. The song won a Grammy® for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance, and that year Cole also won the Grammy® for Best New Artist of the Year. In a turn of life imitating art, Yancy, who wrote the song's lyrics of everlasting love, married Cole the next year.



Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Gladys Knight began performing in church at the age of four. At seven she won \$2,000 for her rendition of *Too Young* in an amateur contest on a TV show. A year later, ***Gladys Knight & the Pips***, comprising cousins and siblings, formed at a family party. By the early '60s, they had made their mark through Knight's earnest vocals and their polished stagecraft. Versatile, warm and soulful, the group initially worked within a

blues-based sound that yielded to smoother harmonies by the early '70s. They had some of their biggest hits during this period, but later in the decade, legal problems prevented



the group from performing together. ***Love Overboard*** featured Knight's trademark emotive vocals and an insistent MOR riff created by producers Reggie and Vincent Calloway. It became a No. 1 R&B hit in 1987, and earned a Grammy® for Best R&B Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal in 1988.

Tina Turner burst onto the scene in the late '50s as a throaty, gutbucket blues wailer in the Ike and Tina Turner Revue. With her long legs, wild mane and sexy strut, legend has it that Mick Jagger learned his moves from her. In the mid '70s, Tina left her abusive marriage to Ike, then retreated from the limelight for a while. She returned in 1984 at the age of 46 to recast herself as a soul survivor with her biggest commercial success, the multimillion-selling album *Private Dancer*, which yielded a No. 6 R&B hit with ***Better Be Good to Me***. Although there was never a doubt about Turner's strength, *Private Dancer* proved her maturity and versatility, offering everything from ballads to stompers delivered with the healthy dose of her signature brittle cynicism. The album earned her three Grammys® and a new generation of fans. In 1993, Tina's life became the subject of a movie, *What's Love Got To Do with It?* based on her autobiography *I, Tina: My Story*.



—Sue Cummings

discography

*Indicates highest *Billboard*
R&B chart position

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1. *Freeway of Love*
Aretha Franklin

(Cohen-Walden)
Arista 9354 (1985) No. 1*
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2. *Good Times*
Chic

(Edwards-Rodgers)
Atlantic 3584 (1979) No. 1*
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3. *Better Be Good
to Me*
Tina Turner

(Chapman-Chinn-Knight)
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Deniece Williams

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Natalie Cole

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6. *I'm So Excited*
The Pointer Sisters

(Lawrence-Pointer-Pointer-Pointer)
Planet 13327 (1982) No. 46*
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7. *I Will Survive*
Gloria Gaynor

(Fekaris-Perren)
Polydor 14508 (1979) No. 4*
Perren-Vibes Music Inc./Universal PolyGram
International Publishing Inc. ASCAP.
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8. *New Attitude*
Patti LaBelle

(Gilutin-Hull-Robinson)
MCA 52517 (1985) No. 3*
Brassheart Music/Universal Texas City
Music Inc./Rockomatic Music. BMI.
Buchu Music/Universal Unicity Music Inc.
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9. *Never Knew Love
Like This Before*
Stephanie Mills

(Lucas-Mtume)
20th Century 2460 (1980) No. 12*
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10. *Love Come Down*
Evelyn "Champagne" King
(*Kashif*)
RCA 13273 (1982) No. 1*
Kashif Music/Songs of Universal Inc. BMI.
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11. *It's Raining Men*
The Weather Girls
(*Jabara-Shaffer*)
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Music Inc./Olga Music. BMI. © 1982
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12. *Forget Me Nots*
Patrice Rushen
(*McFadden-Rushen-Washington*)
Elektra 47427 (1982) No. 4*
Freddie Dee Music. BMI. Baby Fingers
Music/Yamina Music. ASCAP.
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1. *Love Overboard*
Gladys Knight & the Pips
(*Reggie Calloway*)
MCA 53210 (1987) No. 1*
Screen Gems-EMI Music Inc./Sony/ATV
Songs LLC. BMI. © 1987 MCA Records.
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Sister Sledge
(*Edwards-Rodgers*)
Cotillion 44251 (1979) No. 1*
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3. *She Works Hard for*
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(*Omartian-Summer*)
Mercury 812370 (1983) No. 1*
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4. *I'm Every Woman*
Chaka Khan
(*Ashford-Simpson*)
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5. *Got To Be Real*
Cheryl Lynn
(*Foster-Paich-Lynn*)
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6. *I'm Coming Out*
Diana Ross
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Motown 1491 (1980) No. 6*
Bernard's Other Music/Sony/ATV Songs
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7. *Let the Music Play*
Shannon
(*Barbosa-Chisolm*)
Mirage 99810 (1983) No. 2*
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8. *Don't Leave Me*
This Way
Thelma Houston
(*Gamble-Gilbert-Huff*)
Tamla 54278 (1976) No. 1*
Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Co. BMI.
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9. *Solid*
Ashford & Simpson

(Ashford-Simpson)

Capitol 5397 (1976) No. 1*

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Mary Jane Girls

(Rick James)

Gordy 1741 (1985) No. 3*

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Mtume

(James Mtume)

Epic 03578 (1983) No. 1*

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Teena Marie

(Teena Marie)

Epic 04619 (1984) No. 9*

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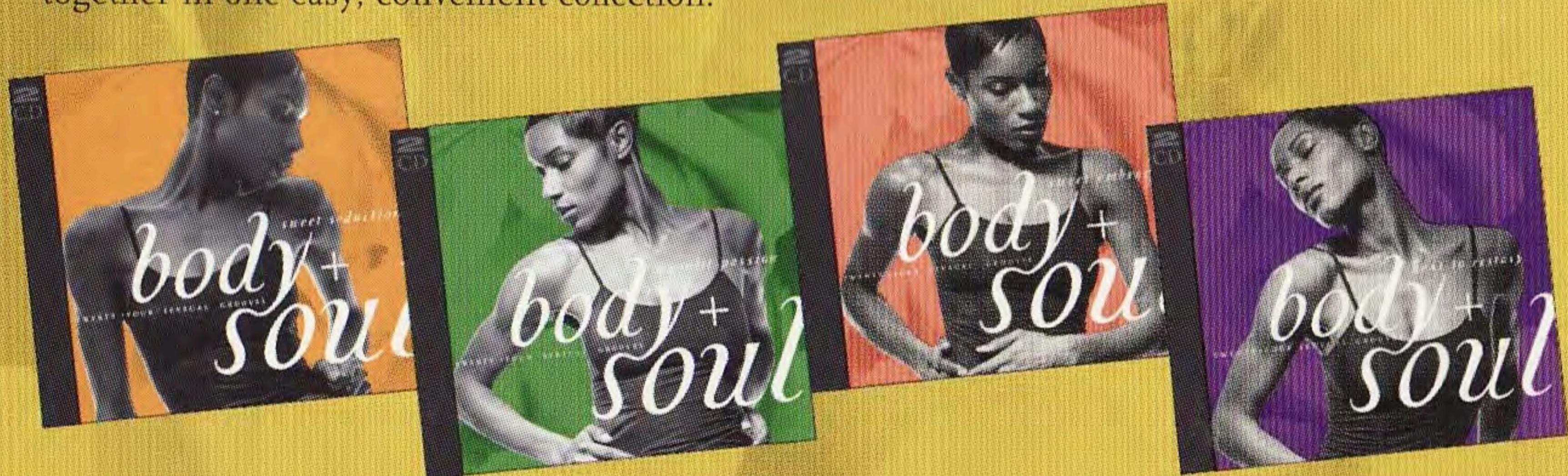
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