

Honorable Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Deval Patrick
Massachusetts State House, Office of the Governor, Room 280
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

October 16, 2012

Dear Gov. Patrick,

On behalf of the residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and those individuals that have an affinity for the arts and popular music especially, we urge you to declare the First Day of Summer, Friday June 21st, 2013, **Donna Summer Day**, in Massachusetts, in tribute, now and forever.

Donna Summer was an American singer and songwriter, born in Boston (Dorchester), who gained prominence during the "disco-era" of the late 1970's. A five-time Grammy Award winner, Summer was the first artist to have three consecutive double albums reach number one on the US Billboard charts. Posthumously described as "one of the world's leading female singers" she contributed to popular music with chart topping success in the 1970's, 80's 90's, and 2000's, "Last Dance" – one of Summer's biggest hits – earned the Best Original Song Academy Award for the film "Thank God it's Friday"

Massachusetts is known for its rich history and paying tribute to its pioneers, and in my humble opinion Donna Summer was a pioneer. Everywhere you go...there isn't anyone who doesn't know the lyrics to a Donna Summer song. Growing up, I have always taken pride in the fact that one of my all-time favorite performers was from the same place as I... Boston, Massachusetts. Donna Summer was one of our very own, a home-town girl who reached for and achieved success on every possible level. She is a symbol of what true talent, hard work, determination and a little "magic" can achieve.

Saddened by her passing last May, I began to search for a way of remembrance of Ms. Summer that would instill pride in the Commonwealth, as well as, express our admiration in fitting tribute to the spirit of one of our finest exports to the world - **Donna Summer Day** in Massachusetts would be that.

Grant AME Church in the South End, the Church Ms. Summer is remembered to have sung in the choir as a young girl, could surely be one of the many places where tributes could take place, Symphony Hall, and the numerous colleges of music, could be other locations throughout the state.

Please consider this request for naming the First Day of Summer, Donna Summer Day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Thank you,



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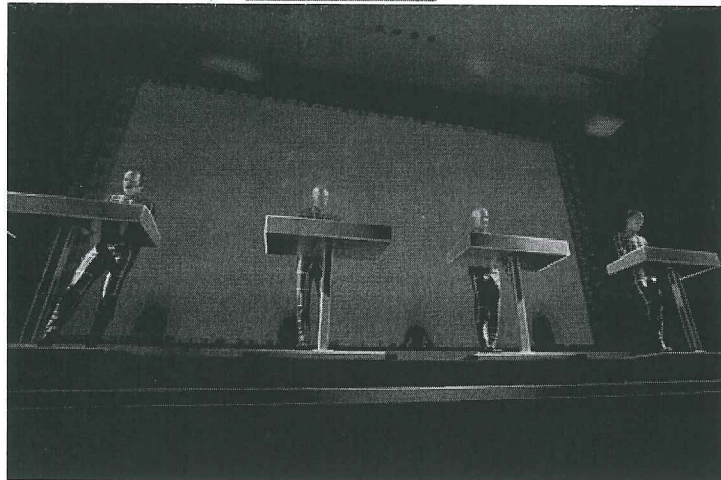
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Rock and Roll Hall of Fame announces 2013 nominees (Kraftwerk, Public Enemy, NWA, Chic, Rush, Joan Jett & more)

Kraftwerk at MoMA in April (more by [Greg Cristman](#))



The [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#) announced its 2013 nominees: **The Paul Butterfield Blues Band, Chic, Deep Purple, Heart, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Albert King, Kraftwerk, The Marvelettes, The Meters, Randy Newman, NWA, Procol Harum, Public Enemy, Rush, and Donna Summer.**

For the first time in its history, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame will offer fans the opportunity to officially participate in the induction selection process. Beginning on Thursday, October 4 and continuing through December 5, [the public can vote](#) for the five nominees they believe to be most deserving of induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The top five artists, as selected by the public, will comprise a "fans' ballot" that will be tallied along with the other ballots to choose the 2013 inductees.

The Induction Ceremony will take place at Nokia Theatre in LA on April 18, 2013 and will air on HBO.

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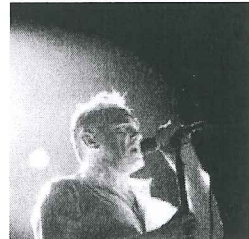
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