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ABBAc. THE GIBBS PRESENT
INDUCTEE - ABBA
(Barry & Robin Gibb)*LOC: PODIUM***EVS: PHOTOS*

BARRY GIBB

Where does history begin....

In April 1974, my wife Linda and I were watching the EUROVISION SONG CONTEST in London, when for the first time we witnessed a young group called ABBA singing their song for Sweden.

The song was called "Waterloo", and with this new powerful sound ABBA not only won the EUROVISION SONG CONTEST that night, but claimed the hearts of millions of people all over the world including Linda and I.

ROBIN GIBB

The ABBA phenomenon marched on as AGNETHA, ANNI FRID, BJORN, and BENNY carved out their own territory in the incredible landscape of popular music.

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(Cont'd)**ROBIN GIBB**

Cream always rises to the top and great music is forever and not just the product of the time it was written. ABBA's music, harmonies, and melodies are in one word—timeless and they are as perennial as the grass... we smoke.

There work reaches out to future generations yet to be born and are music's jewel in the crown. With music like: "SOS", "MAMMA MIA", "FERNANDO", "TAKE A CHANCE ON ME", "WINNER TAKES IT ALL", "I HAVE A DREAM", "KNOWING ME KNOWING YOU", "NAME OF THE GAME" and of course the NO. 1 song in the U.S. and everywhere else, "DANCING QUEEN."

BARRY GIBB

ABBA had now become a real force to be reckoned with. Their creative vision and collaboration as a group between 1972 and 1982 has inspired many other young artists to have the same dream.

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BARRY (CONT'D)

To make records like ABBA. To write songs which BENNY and BJORN have shown us can include pathos, romanticism, social commentary, and sensuality. Their curiosity for the new technologies in recording were obviously present and represented by their multi tracking adventures both vocally and instrumentally. By 1982, ABBA the group AGNETHA, ANNI FRID, BJORN and BENNY ended their incredible journey, their individual lives had taken their own twists and turns.

ROBIN GIBB

But for us, and fans all over the world, ABBA has remained a vital part of our lives. Their music will live forever. It permeates all around us in so many places. Movies like: "PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT" and "MURIEL'S WEDDING" will always serve to remind us of the wonderful music they made. And in fact 200 years from now, they'll still be singing ABBA songs— hopefully along with ours.

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BARRY (CONT'D)

BENNY and BJORN went on to work with SIR TIM RICE on the musical "CHESS" highlighting the relevance of their songs in musicals. In 1999 their music was adapted for London and Broadway, and has become incredibly successful in its own right. "MAMMA MIA" the musical.

Then, of course came "MAMMA MIA" the movie... with the incredible performance by Meryl Streep who's with us tonight to celebrate ABBA.

This just shows you that the music stays with us. It connects us through all kinds of change, some small and some great. We even have a Swedish branch of the family now and we're really proud of that.

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ROBIN GIBB

31 years ago, we sang with ABBA at the United Nations for a "GIFT OF SONG" in support of UNICEF. We came together to help the children of the world. It was an inspiring night and it's good to be together again.

BARRY GIBB

So you see, tonight was meant to be.
It is a very magical night!!!
There is something in the air tonight!!!
To the "DANCING QUEEN" long may she reign.
To ANNI FRID, BENNY BJORN, and
AGNETHA.

It is our greatest personal honor and privilege to be chosen to induct ABBA into the ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME and on behalf of all of us, "THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC."

(ABBA ACCEPTS AWARD)

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(AFTER ABBA IS DONE SPEAKING)

ROBIN GIBB

Ladies and gentlemen, Benny is going to sit down at the piano to perform one of ABBA's classics, and to sing it, please welcome 5 time Grammy winner—Faith Hill.