

# Musician of the Month

## October 2021



# The Supremes

The Supremes were an American female singing group. It was originally founded as The Primettes in Detroit, Michigan, in 1959. Diana Ross, Mary Wilson, and Florence Ballard sang in the group. They recorded music for Motown records. The Supremes' were known for their doo-wop, pop, soul, and disco.

The Supremes were the most commercially successful of Motown's acts. They are, to date, America's most successful vocal group, with 12 number one singles on the Billboard Hot 100. Most of these hits were written and produced by Motown's main songwriting and production team, Holland-Dozier-Holland. At their peak in the mid-1960s, the Supremes rivalled the Beatles in worldwide popularity. Their success made it possible for future African American R&B and soul musicians to find mainstream success.



# Baby Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAWSiWtUK2s>

"Baby Love" is a song from 1964 for their second studio album titled, Where Did Our Love Go. It was written and produced by Motown's main production team Holland-Dozier-Holland. It was released on 17 September 1964.

Baby Love topped the Billboard pop singles chart in the United States from October 25, 1964 through November 21, 1964, and in the United Kingdom pop singles chart concurrently. Beginning with "Baby Love", The Supremes became the first Motown act to have more than one American number-one single, and by the end of the decade, would have more number-one singles than any other Motown act (or American pop music group) with 12, a record they continue to hold.

It is considered one of the most popular songs of the late 20th century. The BBC ranked "Baby Love" at number 23 on The Top 100 Digital Motown Chart, which ranks Motown releases by their all time UK downloads and streams.



# Stop! In the name of love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aax5EDQM0q4>

Written and produced by Motown's main production team Holland-Dozier-Holland, "Stop! In the Name of Love" held the number one position on the Billboard pop singles chart in the United States from March 27, 1965 through April 3, 1965, and reached the number-two position on the soul chart.

The BBC ranked "Stop! In the Name of Love" at number 56 on The Top 100 Digital Motown Chart, which ranks Motown releases by their all time UK downloads and streams.



# You Keep me Hanging on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZkGaAqK-Nk>

"You Keep Me Hangin' On" is a song written and composed by Holland-Dozier-Holland. It was first recorded in 1966 by American girl group the Supremes, reaching number one on the Billboard Hot 100

In the first 32 years of the Billboard Hot 100 rock era, "You Keep Me Hangin' On" became one of six songs to reach number one by two different musical acts. The BBC ranked the Supremes' original song at number 78 on The Top 100 Digital Motown Chart, which ranks Motown releases by their all-time UK downloads and streams.

