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Bee Gees Induct ABBA into Rock n Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

(BARRY) Surviving the test of time is a feat only the greatest bands can accomplish. ABBA is one of those bands whose sparkle never seems to fade, whose songs never get old, and whose relevance never seems to diminish. (PAUSE) ABBA continues to dominate radio airwaves as one of the world's best-selling bands, having sold over 375 million albums to date, making them the fourth best-selling artists in the history of recorded music (behind only the Beatles, Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson). To this day, ABBA still sells two to three million records per year. Tonight, we honour a group that, for so many years, made us all feel like dancing queens.

(ROBIN) ABBA, an acronym for the band member's first name initials, came together in Stockholm in 1972. It consisted consisting of Frida Lyngstad, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Benny Anderson and Agnetha Faltskog, who later married. They became one of the most commercially-successful acts in the history of popular music, topping the charts worldwide from 1972 to 1982. They are best known for hits such as, "Knowing Me, Knowing You," "Take a Chance on Me," "Dancing Queen," "Lay All Your Love on Me," and "Mamma Mia." The latter was catapulted to future success as a Broadway smash and movie of the same name starring Meryl Streep.

(BARRY) ABBA is a band that's success spans many generations and seems destined to continue. Their spirit and talent, expressed through the art of music, is an inspiration to fans and of course, other bands like us. We would like to *thank them for their gift of music* by honouring them with this prestigious recognition in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Please join us in welcoming ABBA. (Applause)

