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Award-winning, show-stopping singer and actress Jennifer Holliday is a singer's singer; a diva with a God-given gift for vocal interpretation who leaves audiences breathless. She has the ability to get inside a lyric, to give new meaning to songs she's performed time and again.

A Houston Texas native, Holliday was discovered at 17 by a member of a touring production of *A Chorus Line* who spotted her in a Houston play and insisted she go to New York to audition for the Broadway revival of *Your Aim's Too Short to Box With God*. Holliday did — and was awarded the lead in the show that day. In 1981, at the age of 21, she won a starring role in *Dreamgirls*. Since then, she has released five solo albums and collaborated with some of music's biggest names: Quincy Jones, Barbra Streisand, Michael Jackson, Ashford & Simpson, Luther Vandross, Michael McDonald, Foreigner, Loretta Lynn — to name a few.

In light of the acclaim she received from *Dreamgirls*, Geffen Records signed Holliday to a solo recording contract in 1983. Her first album, *Free My Soul*, received rave reviews and a number 2 R&B hit, "I Am Love."

In 1984 Holliday began her first national tour with Peabo Bryson. The next year, Geffen released her second album, *Say You Love Me*. The album contained Holliday's outstanding reading of Duke Ellington's "Come Sunday," which earned Holliday her second Grammy in 1985 for Best Inspirational Performance. Holliday's final album for Geffen, *Get Close to My Love*, was produced in 1987. Then she signed with Arista Records in 1988. It was not until 1991 that fans were finally treated to her

next offering, *I'm On Your Side*. The title track became a Top Ten R&B hit.

Jennifer Holliday had spent her formative years singing every Sunday at Houston's Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. She fulfilled a long-held desire to return to her musical roots by cutting her first gospel album — *On and On*. Released by Intersound International in 1994, the album became a best-seller. In 1995, Holliday returned to Broadway in a revival of the popular musical, *Grease*.

All of her phenomenal music history is captured on the 1996 *The Best of Jennifer Holliday* (Geffen Records), the first CD retrospective of Holliday's recording career and a powerful testament to her superlative skills and soulful artistry.

Assembled with input from Jennifer Holliday, the 16-track collection includes many songs most closely associated with her: From *Dreamgirls* — "And I Am Telling You" and "I Am Changing" — to her chart hits "I Am Love," "Hard Times for Lovers" and "I'm On Your Side." There are also two new

songs featured: "Love Me" and "Early Warning" as well as a remix of her 1985 R&B dance hit "No Frills Love" and "Someday," recorded in 1983, but never released.

"When Geffen Records told me they wanted to release a compilation of my work," Holliday said, "I was very happy. Then, when they asked me to be involved in choosing the material for the album, I was truly honored. I am so glad we were able to present both the chart records and some of my personal favorites.

"I'm very pleased and proud of the work on this album. But most of all, I am happy my music finally is available on CD — for my devoted, longtime fans who kept writing and asking as well as new fans who wanted to hear my earlier work. At last, there is something for all of them!"



Jennifer Holliday

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QBITS! who duh thunk it?!

Both candidates are counted out!

BRATTLEBORO, VT — A recount of votes has confirmed former Brattleboro, Vermont Police Sergeant Sheila Prue, a lesbian, defeated incumbent Windham County sheriff Henry Famum in last month's election by a margin of less than 400 votes.

Prue, a Democrat, received 7562 votes to Famum's 7180 votes, according to county court clerk Lawrence Robinson.

Ed note: It seems to us, both of them can be counted out!