

Aretha Franklin Picks Jennifer Hudson To Play Her In Biopic



Clive Davis' famous pre-Grammy party took place tonight and he announced to the crowd after Jennifer Hudson performed a couple of songs that she will play Aretha Franklin in an MGM biopic. According to Deadline.com, Hudson performed Franklin's "Think" and "Respect" as an introduction to the announcement. The Queen Of Soul is said to have personally picked Hudson to portray her onscreen. It is a surprise because seven years ago it was rumored that Franklin wanted [Halle Berry](#) for the job but Berry used her lack of singing ability to deflect the role. Hudson singing undoubtedly had a huge influence on Franklin's current choice.

Harvey Mason Jr. will produce the music for the film and Scott Bernstein who was the producer for *Straight Outta Compton* is on board for Franklin's film in the same capacity.

Aretha Franklin's six-decade career as the Queen Of Soul will be an interesting life to see. Her position as an icon of music, civil rights, and women's equality has made her much more than just another great singer. Hudson, who has been busy as a host on *The Voice's* UK chapter, has her biggest acting and singing job with a role that will never be closely watched and never forgotten.