

Throwback: Tina Turner-What's Love Got To Do With It



Tina Turner made a seismic comeback with the release of her fifth 1984 solo album *Private Dancer*. Her earlier days as one-half of the Ike & Tina Turner had tumultuously ended in the '70s. At the beginning of her solo career, she was seen as an artist from the past but her recording of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together" was so successful that she was offered a new recording contract with Capitol Records. "What's Love Got To Do With It" revealed the new Tina Turner whose seasoned rasp was singing a blend of pop, R&B and rock. Her skeptical delivery revealed a woman jaded with the idea of love. These feelings of weariness matched her streamlined but edgy look in the video that won MTV's award for Best Female Video in 1985. Turner was also one of the few Black artists to get airtime on the network in the early days. "What's Love Got To Do With It" spearheaded her recognition as a rare artist who was able to reinvent herself decades after her introduction to the world with Turner. It was unusual to see a woman come to the mainstream at the age of 44 and be accepted as a new pop star. She was the oldest woman at that point in pop history to have a number-one hit because of "What's Love Got To Do With It."

Private Dancer did very well with seven singles and reached multi-platinum status around the world. Turner took home four Grammy awards and re-established the power of her live show by embarking on a 180-date *Private Dancer* worldwide tour. *Private Dancer* is her most popular recording and considered one of the best albums of the '80s. In 2020, *Private Dancer* was selected by the Library Of Congress for entry into the National Recording Registry. Turner's memoir [My Love Story](#) was released in 2018 which followed the 2010 reissue of [I, Tina: My Life Story](#). The pictorial autobiography [Tina Turner: That's My Life](#)

came out in 2020.Â