

Throwback: Amy Winehouse-Rehab

Amy Winehouse's rebellious "Rehab" single was a blunt and honest reflection on her issues with addiction. Winehouse's father and management told her to enter treatment for alcohol addiction and she discussed their plea with producer Mark Ronson. She wrote her response to the request which was "No, No, No," in her notebook and this became the basis of "Rehab" along with her conversation with Ronson. They worked together and created an unforgettable song rooted in soul music that made turmoil sound carefree. The video left an indelible impression too with Winehouse and her band performing in a bathroom. Her Donny Hathaway reference mentioned in the song was enacted by one of her band members who dressed like him for the video. *Back To Black* was recorded with The Dap-Kings but it was Winehouse's group in the visual. Winehouse had quickly become the face of English pop music and was also enchanting American audiences with her throwback jazz and soul styles combined into her own idiomatic style.

Â

Winehouse's "Rehab" was praised in her native England, the United States and around the world. She acquired several accolades for "Rehab" including the Ivor Novello Award, three Grammy Awards and enough sales in the UK to make it the best-selling record of 2007. The song was a Top Ten hit in several European countries and the United States. The remix with Jay-Z also helped "Rehab" gain traction on the charts.

"Rehab" was recognized as Winehouse's signature song and *Back To Black* became one of the most revered albums in the history of recorded music. As of 2021, Winehouse's sophomore album is the second best-selling record in the UK. The success and artistic choices of *Back To Black* paved the way for future

artists like Adele, Sam Smith, Florence and the Machine and Duffy.

Winehouse died in 2011 at the age of 27 after succumbing to alcohol poisoning. In 2014, a statue of her was unveiled in Camden Town, London. The documentary *Amy* came out in 2015 and received Grammy, Academy, BAFTA and MTV Movie Awards. In 2021, *Reclaiming Amy* was aired by the BBC and offered corrected information about Winehouse's life that was said in the first documentary. [*Amy Winehouse At The BBC*](#) was reissued on May 7, 2021, with additional music.



Â