In 2012 We Said Goodbye

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× Jimmy Castor Funk Pioneer × Johnny Otis Godfather of R&B × Etta James The Matriarch Of The Blues × Clare Fischer Master Arranger × Belita Woods Soul Singer × Don Cornelius Soul Train Founder × David Peaston R&B singer × Whitney Houston Pop Queen Actress

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MCA One third of pioneering rap group The Beastie Boys Film Director Activist

× Ms. Melodie Member of Boogie Down **Productions** × Donald "Duck" Dunn Bass of Stax Records × I.G. Off NYC Underground Rap Star of the '90's × Chuck Brown King of Go-Go × Donna Summer Queen Of Disco × Farug Z. Bey Detroit jazz innovator × Robin Gibb One-third of the Bee Gees × Fontella Bass "Rescue Me" singer

▶ Dave Brubeck Progressive Jazz Leader

R.I.P. Belita Woods

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Belita Woods who was singer with Brainstorm and the P-Funk All Stars passed on Monday at the age of 63. Woods is the voice that made Brainstorm's "Lovin' Is Really My Game," "This Must Be Heaven" and "We're On Our Way Home" classic tunes when R&B radio still existed. "Hot For You" was sampled by Marc Kinchen on his club staple "Feel The Fire." She starting touring with the P-Funk All-Stars in 1992 and gave gospel gritty renditions of "The Girl Is Bad" among other songs in their huge catalog. Last year the singer had a health crisis when she had a heart attack and needed open heart surgery. Several members of Detroit's R&B community held a benefit for her medical expenses at Bert's Warehouse. Ms. Woods can now sing and jam with Eddie Hazel, Tiki Fulwood, Garry Shider and Glen Goins.