## Throwback: En Vogue-Don't Let Go (Love)

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En Vogue recorded "Don't Let Go (Love)" for the Set It Off soundtrack in 1996. It had been four years since the release of their successful sophomore album Funky Divas and three since their Runaway Love EP came out. "Don't Let Go (Love)" was used as the lead single from the soundtrack to promote the music and the movie. The group's phenomenal performance of the song was enhanced by the epic visuals it was matched to in the movie. No one can forget En Vogue playing in the background while Jada Pinkett Smith, Queen Latifah, Vivica Fox and Elise Neal try to escape after a bank robbery. The song earned them the most recognition commercially speaking and provided more motivation for the recording of their third album EV3. Dawn Robinson sang lead for the last time before she left for a solo career in 1997. The video featured En Vogue performing for a group of people in New York City, unlike the movie's Los Angeles setting. Another version of the clip had scenes from the movie and actor Mekhi Phifer as a cheating boyfriend. "Don't Let Go (Love)" was also included on EV3's tracklisting. The success of "Don't Let Go (Love)" made it one of the most esteemed songs of the decade.Â

En Vogue's seventh album *Electric Cafe* with the three woman lineup of Cindy Herron, Terry Ellis and Rhona Bennett came out in 2018. The group's personnel had changed over the years when original members Dawn Robinson and Maxine Jones left at different times. Bennet joined Herron and Ellis in 2004 for the *Soul Flower* album. In 2019, Jones and Robinson joined the other members on stage for the first time to perform a tribute to Epic Chairman/CEO Sylvia Rhone who was the City Of Hope

Spirit Of Life Gala honoree.Â

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## Media Questions Of The Week



Did Elton John embellish anything for his book like his stories about Michael Jackson not being able to handle adult company and Tina Turner being abusive towards him? Â

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Did Diddy really send the group Total to beat up Wendy Williams back in the '90s?

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Now that En Vogue members Maxine Jones and Dawn Robinson reunited for the City of Hope's Spirit Of Life Gala will this lineup appear in *Coming 2 America*?Â

## En Vogue Share Reach 4 Me From Electric Cafe



En Vogue re-emerged after a 14-year hiatus in April with the release of their  $Electric\ Caf\tilde{A}\odot$  album. The new music is a solid group of songs showcasing the timelessness of their voices. Cindy Herron-Braggs and Terry Ellis and Rhona Bennett are upholding the En Vogue brand as trio minus Dawn Robinson and Maxine Jones. "Reach 4 Me" is the second single from  $Electric\ Caf\tilde{A}\odot$  and it is an uptempo declaration of romantic love. They started 2018 with a <u>tour</u> of Europe and now they are back home in the states and will be on the road until the end of the year.Â

## anderson.paak, T.I. & En Vogue At The Apollo

[youtube id="Nh5WSnh8s4Q"] [youtube id="NPOYuMqX-\_0"] anderson.paak, T.I. and En Vogue all performed tonight on Fox's reboot of *Showtime At The Apollo* hosted by Steve Harvey. Rakim, Jennifer Lopez, Mike Epps, John Legend, Jay Pharoah, Bell Biv Devoe and Doug E. Fresh also performed on the show. The television show originally aired from the late '80's until 2008. Â The Apollo gave early exposure to people like Lauryn Hill and has been a performance testing ground for countless artists since the 1930's. New entertainers have had to endure the pressures of the famous Amateur Night and established performers have always known that they had to work harder to please the Apollo's audience. Harvey hosted the television broadcast during the '90's and will host a second special program that will air in 2017.