

Gloria Gaynor Has Lifetime Biopic Coming In 2025



Disco legend Gloria Gaynor's story is coming to the Lifetime Channel in 2025. *I Will Survive The Gloria Gaynor Story* is a biopic of the singer's life from Robin Roberts' Presents. Actress Joaquina Kalukango, who racked up a Tony and Drama Desk Award for her work on the Broadway musical *Paradise Square*, will portray Gaynor. Lance Gross, who is known for his role on Tyler Perry's *House of Payne*, has been cast as Gaynor's husband, Linwood Simon. Gaynor helped introduce disco music to the public with her 1975 debut album, which contained a 19-minute suite that included the singles "Honey Bee," "Never Can Say Goodbye," and "Reach Out, I'll Be There." But it was her 1978 single, "I Will Survive," that broke through commercially and gave her a number one hit, a Grammy, her signature song, and an eternal anthem of resilience for anyone who needed it.

Gaynor will write an original song for the biopic that chronicles her entire life, which started in her native New Jersey. Viewers will get to see all the ups and downs of her career in the music industry and her escape from a marriage to a controlling husband. The movie is part of the network's

Voices of a Lifetime series.

Throwback: Gloria Gaynor- I Will Survive



[youtube id="ZBR2G-iI3-I"]Â Gloria Gaynor was one of the first artists to bring disco music to the mainstream with her 1975 album *Never Can Say Goodbye*. She became an international presence after the success of her cover of "Never Can Say Goodbye" and made five more albums before she had her biggest breakthrough. Freddie Perren and Dino Fekaris wrote "I Will Survive", when they were unemployed songwriters, needing some self-encouragement. Gaynor recorded "I Will Survive" in 1978 and became famous and received the only Grammy Award For Best Disco Recording in 1980 before the category was dismissed. People around the world embraced the song as a tool of resilience in their lives and it became an anthem for the

LGBTQ community. The success of "I Will Survive" started when a DJ in Boston played the song on the radio going against the plans of the record company that believed in the hit potential of the single "Substitute" which was on the A-side of the vinyl. Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive" has managed to be one of the only songs to survive the disco backlash of the '80s. Listeners hear "I Will Survive" as a powerful song and don't connect it to a commodified music trend of the past. Diana Ross and Celia Cruz are among the artists to cover "I Will Survive" but it will forever be connected to Gaynor. In 2017, "I Will Survive" was put into the Library Of Congress' National Recording Registry.Â Â