

The Grammys Celebrate 50 Years Of Hip-Hop

Sunday night The Grammys celebrated 50 years of hip-hop with a lineup of some of the most prominent rappers of the genre. Grandmaster Flash, Melle Mel, Run DMC, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Queen Latifah, Salt-N-Pepa, Rakim, Mr. Scarface, Busta Rhymes, Too Short, Ice-T, Method Man, Lil Baby, GloRilla, LL Cool J and Public Enemy performed the compact tribute on the stage outfitted like 1520 Sedgwick Ave in the Bronx where DJ Kool Herc hosted the earliest hip-hop parties. Black Thought narrated the segment while The Roots provided the music. Questlove curated the evening and he, unfortunately, had to remove many artists because of time constraints.

Public Domain Take On Xmas Classic #Toyland With Questlove, Black Thought & Liv Warfield

Ray Angry and Katherine McMahon's Public Domain project covers Xmas classic "Toyland" making it an unrecognizable rock and soul ditty that has nothing to do with losing childhood innocence. The video looks like a soul-tugging LSD trip challenging those present to embrace personal transformation. The single has a collective of distinct voices including Black Thought, Questlove, Liv Warfield, Pino Palladino, Marcus King, and Dap-King band horn players Dave Guy and Ian Hendrickson Smith. Angry is a Grammy-nominated producer and pianist and

McMahon is a writer and multidisciplinary artist. Public Domain's music seeks dialogue around intellectual property, identity and the cycle of things within a contemporary context. The "Toyland" remake pushes adults to address the state of their vulnerability and awareness instead of children. The Seven Deadly Sins are referenced as another checkpoint of spiritual awareness as Angry walks through hallways of littered consciousness. "Toyland" is Xmas 2021 because it stylistically reflects the kinds of difficult truths we continue to grapple with in a world pandemic.

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Questlove's Summer Of Soul In Theaters & Hulu On July 2nd

Questlove's award-winning documentary *Summer Of Soul* will be in theaters and on Hulu July 2nd. The film examines The 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival that was held at Marcus Garvey Park but was known as Mount Morris Park. It lasted six weeks and there were performances from The 5th Dimension, Stevie Wonder, Sly and the Family Stone and Gladys Knight & The Pips and more. The festival was never truly publicized and footage from it languished in a basement for 50 years. Questlove directed the movie that incorporates some of the vintage material into the visual narrative of the film. *Summer Of Soul* took home the Grand Jury Prize and Audience Award in the US Documentary Competition at the Sundance Film Festival after its premiere there in January 2021. The feature will be distributed internationally via Disney+ before the end of 2021.

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Janet Jackson Talks New Album & Tour On Jimmy Fallon

[youtube id="Np-zzomZSj8"] [youtube id="a3MECYwnk40"] Janet Jackson returned to The Tonight Show and discussed her new album, tour, son and the story behind her hit single "Nasty." Questlove asked Jackson a couple of questions after Fallon who ended the interview with her US tour dates. Jackson explained how her upcoming Black Diamond album takes its title from the hardest stone because it is a metaphor for her own inner strength.Â