

JANET JACKSON AWARD NOMINATIONS MARK BEGINNING OF LANDMARK YEAR



For JANET JACKSON, 1994 is shaping up as a landmark year. She begins the year with numerous award nominations as she continues a blockbuster tour in sold-out venues worldwide. Marking the 20th anniversary of JANET'S entertainment career, 1994 promises to keep getting hotter for the Virgin Records superstar.

JACKSON'S latest award nominations come from the Soul Train Awards and Academy Awards nominating committees. Her hit song, "Again," featured in the film "Poetic Justice," has been nominated for an Oscar in the Best Achievement In Music/Original Song category. Among the nominees, "Again" is the only song to have attained #1 smash hit status.

"I am really honored to get this nomination," said JACKSON. "Again" is one of my favorites from the album. It is a privilege to be nominated in the company of great artists. I look forward to performing at the Oscars." Immediately following her appearance at the Academy Awards ceremonies on March 21st, JANET embarks on a new leg of her international tour with a series of standing-room-only shows in Japan and Southeast Asia.

In addition to her Academy Award nomination, JACKSON has received four prestigious Soul Train Award nominations in the wake of her phenomenally successful album, janet., which has sold over nine million copies worldwide. The nominations include: R&B Album Of The Year/Female, for janet.; Best R&B

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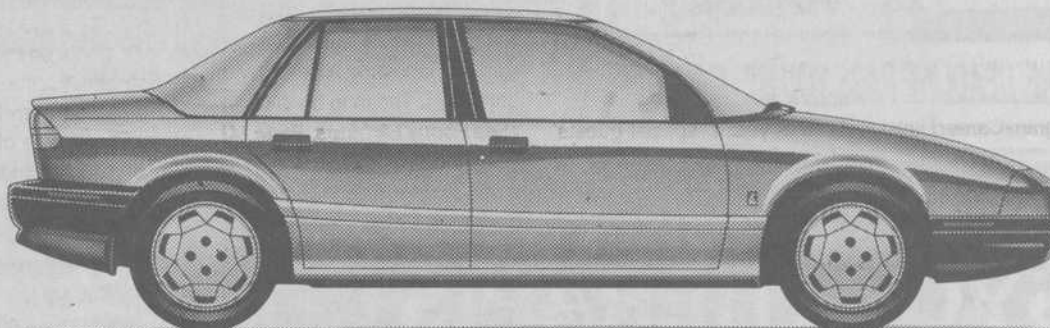
IN THE SPOTLIGHT, the series of prime-time pop music specials produced by Thirteen/WNET in New York, presents Rhythm Country & Blues premiering on PBS. The one-hour performance documentary melds the talents of such notable country and R&B artists as Vince Gill and Gladys Knight, Clint Black and The Pointer Sisters, Al Green and Lyle Lovett, and Natalie Cole and Reba McEntire in a series of studio sessions for an MCA album of the same name. Through candid interviews with the artists and archival footage, the program explores the similar origins and mutual influences of the musical genres rooted in diverse cultural traditions and a tribulent history.

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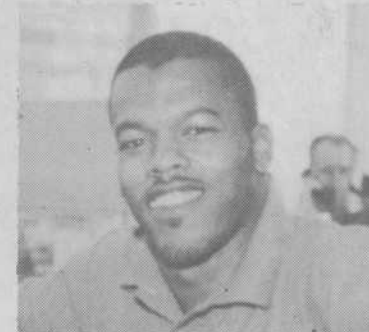
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