

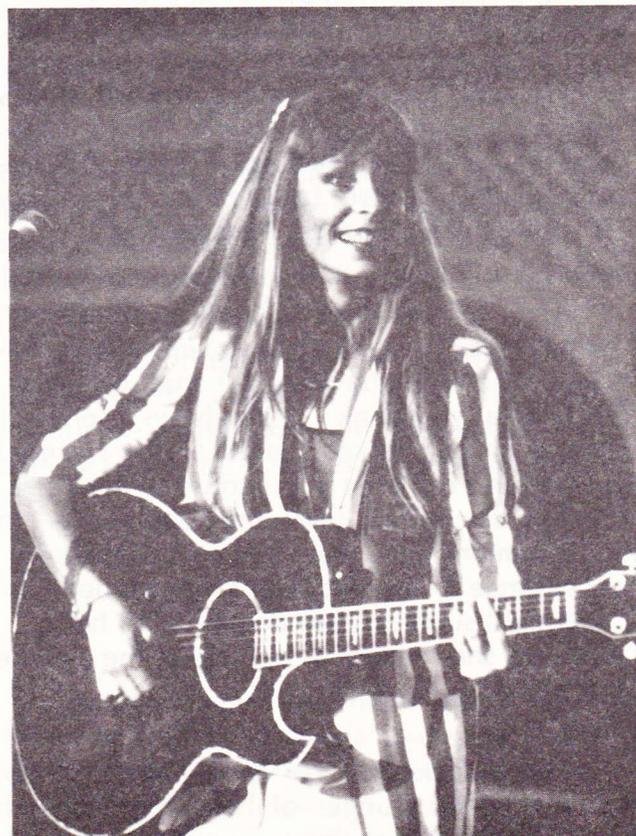
# JUICE NEWTON

## BIOGRAPHY

Named one of the Country's 10 Most Influential Women, winner of a Grammy Award, having scored many singles on the pop and country chart's Top 10 Lists, a collector of platinum albums, . . . and, having been appointed National Celebrity Chairperson for the National Kidney Foundation, Juice Newton is on the crest of a superstar string of successes.

As the Celebrity Chairperson for the National Kidney Foundation, Juice finds it very important to give back to the public what they have so generously given to her. "I've always been acutely interested in the needs of others, and it's been a lifetime goal of mine to be in a position of helping. I intend to do as much as I can for the National Kidney Foundation and the patients that so rightly deserve the opportunity to function freely and in good health."

Perhaps it is her attitude for the welfare of others that was a major factor in Juice being named one of the Country's 10 Most Influential Women. This formidable list, compiled by the Southern California Collegiate Panhellenic, also includes such notables as First Lady Nancy Reagan, Columnist Erma Bombeck, UN Representative Jean Kirkpatrick, among others.



JUICE NEWTON, Queen of Charts!

These are just a few of the accolades that have been given Juice, and following we are listing some of her other accomplishments:

The Bammie Award (San Francisco Bay Area Music Award), the Academy of Country Music Award, the People's Choice Award for Best Female vocalist, Billboard's Album Artist of the Year Award (won twice consecutively), the Gift of Music Award for Best Selling Country LP by a Female Artist for *Quiet Lies*, Multi-Format Success CHR. A/C Country Award, the NARM Award, Australia Music Media's Number One International Country Music Artist of the Year, 1982, she was honored with the Grammy Award for "Break It To Me Gently," and has received three additional nominations for the music industry's most prestigious award (the Grammy), and, finally, she was nominated by the American Video Awards for Best Video for the song, "Love's Been A Little Bit Hard On Me."

Juice has appeared on the following TV Shows: *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, *Tomorrow Coast to Coast* (Tom Snyder), *American Bandstand*, *The Merv Griffin Show*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *Solid Gold*, *Casey Kasem's "Top Ten" Show*, *Austin City Limits*, *CNN's Take Two*, *Video Country Nashville*, *This Week in Country Music*, and has been a presenter on many Award Shows. She and her band were guests on the TV Special "Alabama and Friends." Juice was a guest on Dick Clark's "Salute Program," the TV Special "The Gift of Love" in December, 1984, and, in June, 1985, she and Otha Young were featured on the National TV Show: **Public Women, Private Men.**"

And . . . what does Juice say to all of this? "When I was younger I had dreams and aspirations of the music business. It's true, it's never the same as you think . . . it's always a series of changes and waves, so to speak. I know I wanted to sing but I can't say that I could have sworn that one day I would reach the point I have." In this statement Juice reveals in a small measure her struggle to succeed. Her's has not been an "overnight success," but despite all of her successes she remains as humble as the day she first picked up a guitar.

Juice was born in New Jersey, into a closely knit family, the youngest of three children. Soon after her arrival, her family moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where they have lived ever since. She was affectionately dubbed "Juice"

by her family when just a child and has long since adopted the moniker for legal purposes. At age thirteen, Juice says, "as a Christmas, Birthday, and all-events gift for the entire year, my mom plunked down \$120.00 for a nice new Espana acoustic." Her mother, Margaret Newton, didn't live to enjoy her daughter's successes, but unknowingly and lovingly she made the initial contribution to her career when she equipped her with such a lovely instrument. Juice says the biggest disappointment of her life was when her mom died. She learned to play that guitar, by herself, and loved every minute of it!

Juice says, her father, Charles Newton, a retired navy man, is her biggest fan. "I had a sweat shirt made for him a couple of years ago, that says, 'I'm Juice Newton's Dad' and he wears it all the time."

In the early 1970s, after high school, Juice made her way to northern California, to attend Foothill College and to further her musical career. It wasn't but just a very short time until she met singer-songwriter, Robert **Otha** Young, who has been her partner ever since. Otha was born into a minister's family, in Tulare, California, the youngest of three children. He spent his very early years in Texas, but at age 8 his family returned to California, settling in Los Gatos, where he graduated from both Los Gatos High School and San Jose State University, San Jose, California. Juice and Otha formed a band with bass player, Tom Kealy, and were kept busy playing restaurants and shopping centers in and around Los Gatos, but they were kept busiest at Mt. Charley's, an old Los Gatos landmark which houses an excellent restaurant. In 1974, they moved south to Los Angeles, forming **Juice Newton & Silver Spur**. Within a year, 1975 (RCA), they released a namesake album, followed in 1976 (RCA) with **After The Dust Settles**. In 1977, Juice signed with Capitol Records and released **Come to Me**. Silver Spur disbanded in 1978 and Juice went on to record **Well Kept Secret**, which enjoyed a strong international sales base, followed by **Take Heart**. Then came the breakthrough album **Juice** in 1981 under the direction of Producer, Richard Landis. The creative sparks clicked resulting in Juice's first platinum effort! The **Juice** LP not only revealed the power and beauty of Juice's voice, but gained her the attention of the music industry as well as the public. The album **Juice** was followed by **Quiet Lies**, which was another gold-turned platinum success. So successful has been the collaboration with Richard Landis that Casey Kasem's famed

"America's Top Forty" Annual Fourth of July Special, listed her as one of the 80's "Top 10 Recording Artists." Juice released her last Capitol LP **Dirty Looks** in 1983, before returning to RCA with the release of **Can't Wait All Night**, in 1984. Also, in 1984 Capitol Records released the album **"Juice Newton Greatest Hits."**

Amid all the frustrations and pressures of a busy career, Juice keeps her equilibrium by riding horseback, and spends a lot of her free time in equestrian competition. Her excellent riding capabilities have won her many awards in riding competitions. She rides and she runs for diversion (she has participated in several mini-marathons), and she runs every day when she is on tour.

Things have definitely changed since Juice was a young girl growing up in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She tours almost to the point of exhaustion, because, she says, there's nothing like the live audience that gives an artist what they need, which is instant gratification and just plain reassurance, . . . and, we are very assured!

Despite her fear of flying, she has reached out to fans around the world. Her relentless 'style' has taken her to Europe, Australia, Africa, Mexico, and, of course, all across the United States.

In August of 1984, Juice had the distinct honor of performing for President and Mrs. Reagan at the White House. It was exciting to read in the Washington Post the article by Carla Hall, captioned: "*At the White House, Women's Day, Juice Newton, 1000 Appointees, and the Red, White and Blue!*" In an article, published in USA Today (8/26/84), Juice says, "I'm bringing my dad because he was in the service for 30 years and I think he deserves to meet the President more than I do." This gives you just a glimpse into Juice's genuine, loving personality. What more could a daughter do for her dad, who had spent a lifetime in the service of his country, than to take him with her to personally meet his Commander and Chief, The President of the United States! This is what makes Juice so special . . . her unselfishness, and her perception!

We share with you an impressive announcement at one of Juice's recent performances, handed out to her fans in 'flyer-form' just before the curtain was raised . . . "Turn down the house lights! Turn up the sound! Get ready to be thrilled by Juice! Her performance is always electric! Let the spirit flow! Let the songs begin! Get ready for a performance to remember . . . !



Something special for "The Sweetest Thing." Juice at Worlds of Fun Concert, Kansas City, MO. 7/29/84. M. Kelly.

Yes, Juice Newton's performance *is* magic, but she hasn't always been honored with so impressive an announcement, because the path to success has been an extraordinary trek of "valleys" and "peaks", with a whole lot more valleys than peaks, but she and her partner, Otha Young, who from the start has been a strong force in her career, never compromised their talents nor questioned their ability to make good music.

Confident, talented, hard-working, beautiful, yet humble . . . these are the sterling qualities that have taken Juice Newton to the top, and these are the qualities that will keep her there!

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## SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JUICE

1. She is a non-smoker
2. Her privacy is her most prized possession
3. She loves horses — owns two, **All Regards** and **Major Motion**
4. Her dog's name is **Rick**
5. Her cat's name is **Kitty Bob**
6. Her favorite book is "The Source" by James Michener
7. Ballet was her first ambition
8. Enjoys cooking. Simmered stews and soups are her favorite foods. Dislikes fried or overly greasy foods.
9. Each time she gets off an airplane *alive*, is a thrill!
10. Otha and Richard have been the most help in her career
11. She doesn't like swimming in deep ocean water
12. Daydreams about vacationing in a warm place. Wooded areas are her favorites
13. She feels a lack of patience is her worst habit
14. Dislikes loud, pushy people who exert no self control
15. She is not a worrier
16. Burgundy is her favorite color
17. Her favorite performer is Barishnikoff
18. Fans should approach her calmly
19. She is a serious runner
20. She has no idols, enjoys good jokes. Real emotion is what makes her cry
21. Advice to young people about to enter the business . . . "learn your art, practice your craft, hang in there, and get a good lawyer!"