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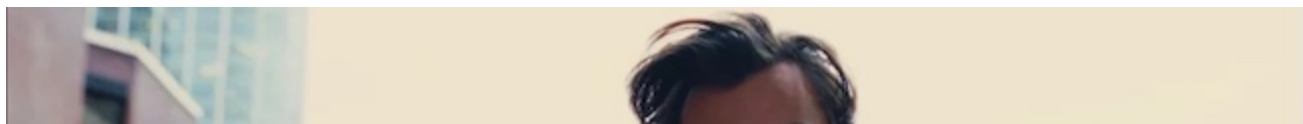


The 2022 Grammy Awards, which took place on April 3, was more of a glitzy affair compared to last year's ceremony. It could be due to the ease of COVID-19 restrictions on events or that it was held in Las Vegas, but the night was intent on highlighting memorable performances and unexpected wins. Among the notable wins were Olivia Rodrigo with Best New Artist, Jazmine Sullivan's *Heaux Tales* for Best R&B Album, and Doja Cat hilariously running from the bathroom to accept Best Pop Duo/Group Performance for "Kiss Me More" alongside SZA.

With all the top prizes for 2022 out of the way, there's now room for even more of music's key players — from Adele to yes, more Silk Sonic — to take lead at the 2023 Grammys. Check out our picks below for how major album releases within the general October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022 eligibility period (and ones we're still holding out on) could win on music's biggest night next year.

— *Bianca Gracie, Uproxx contributor on a very early look at the 2023 Grammys*

NUMBER ONE STUNNERS





HARRY STYLES

If Harry Styles puts out a new single, then that single goes No. 1. In a post “Watermelon Sugar” world, it’s basically just science or math at this point. Harry has taken art and turned it into a given — that’s just how popular the former One Directioner is. It doesn’t hurt that “As It Was” is an absolutely brilliant song, too, a synthy runner full of yearning and nostalgia. Though his vocals are always a highlight of any solo song from the star, they’re muted and dreamy here, which lets the melody really shine. Instead of pop, the song leans way more toward aughts rock, and unlike some of his past throwback attempts, it really works. Congrats to Harry on the No. 1, and look out for him to maybe (!) debut a new song during his Coachella performance this weekend.

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BUBBLING UNDER





COROOK

Corook has been slowly releasing some of her debut songs since the top of 2022, and followed those singles up with a full EP, *Achoo!*, earlier this month. If you haven't already caught on to this queer young songwriter, then get ready to start humming these songs to yourself long after listening. Between "Degree," "Sims," and "Bad Friend," Corinne Savage tackles subjects like student loan debt, escapism in video games, and just how hard it can be to come out to the people you love. Add in "IDK God," and she's confronting some of the hardest existential questions any of us have ever faced, all with a pop hook involved, too. Somehow, Savage's songwriting is able to delve deep into these intense topics without ever losing the lighthearted edge, the mark of a true artist in her field. *Achoo!* has a few funny moments, too, like the nonsensical "Snakes," proving Corook has both the balance and the sense of humor to go far in this industry.

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REMEMBER WHEN

BRITNEY SPEARS



Well, Britney Spears dropped a BOMB on fans this week when she let the world know that she's officially pregnant with her third child! Britney divulged in her emotional testimony at her conservatorship hearing that part of the control her captors had over her was in making choices about family planning, so her freedom to finally pursue that dream is

really great news. Since we're on the subject of Britney, it should be pointed out that exactly 20 years ago, on April 11, 2000, she dropped a different bomb on us: the release of "Oops!... I Did It Again," one of her biggest hits to this day. From hit single to a newborn baby, life comes at you fast over two decades! Congrats to Britney and Sam, literally the whole world is rooting for you. And even if this means no more new song drops from Britney, I think all of her fans are completely fine with that. Live your best life, girl.

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LOVE LETTERS



JACK HARLOW

Jack Harlow might be a rapper, but his mainstream appeal is easily pushing this rising star into the pop world. That, and his propensity for sampling iconic pop hits like Fergie's "G.L.A.M.O.R.O.U.S." The 2007 hit was part of Fergie's debut album, *The Dutchess*, and featured Ludacris, so the blueprint for a rapper to get involved was already there. Now almost 15 years old, the song was a No. 1 hit and reached the top ten in several other countries, so it's a great template to build a new hit from.

Incorporating it into the hook of his single "First Class," and releasing the song as soon as traction on social media showed that fans were ready for the song, Harlow is likely on his way to another No. 1 hit. Between this and "Nail Tech," songs from Jack are going to be playing all summer long.

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