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ONE OF THE GREAT LOST '80S BANDS HAS BEEN FOUND!

**FRANKE & THE KNOCKOUTS RETURN TO MARK 'SWEETHEART' ANNIVERSARY
WITH NEWLY REMASTERED GREATEST HITS COLLECTION AND EXCLUSIVE
REISSUES OF COMPLETE ORIGINAL CATALOGUE**

Hit-making band led by *Dirty Dancing's* Oscar-winning songwriter and featuring Bon Jovi drummer Tico Torres to release **The Best of Franke & the Knockouts: Sweetheart – Anniversary Edition** with special bonus tracks

Proceeds Benefit the Patrick Swayze Pancreas Cancer Research Fund

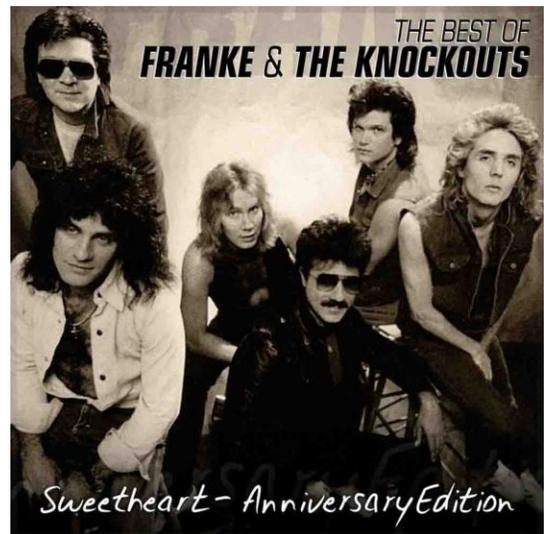
[Watch Franke & the Knockouts introduce Tico Torres on American Bandstand](#)

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To some, **FRANKE & THE KNOCKOUTS** was that band led by the guy who would go on to win the Oscar as the lead writer of *Dirty Dancing's* theme song, "(I've Had) The Time of My Life."

To others, FRANKE & THE KNOCKOUTS was that *other* New Jersey band that boasted **Tico Torres** as its drummer -- right before he joined **Bon Jovi** en route to superstardom.

And then there are those who can't shake that pop-perfect Top 10 smash "[Sweetheart](#)" from their brains, even though they might not remember the artist behind that and several other Top 40 blue-eyed soul hits from the early 1980s.



Regardless of why you remember FRANKE & THE KNOCKOUTS -- and why you should -- one thing resonates as clear as **Franke Previte's** indelibly soaring, soulful falsetto:

One of the greatest "lost '80s" bands has been found!

More than a decade since their radio rockin' blue-eyed soul music was available anywhere, FRANKE & THE KNOCKOUTS are back in a big way. To celebrate the 30th anniversary of "Sweetheart," the band's first hit record, Friday Music is releasing the newly remastered ultimate hits collection, **THE BEST OF FRANKE & THE KNOCKOUTS: SWEETHEART – ANNIVERSARY**

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EDITION, on CD and digital download. As a special bonus for all the collectors who've been clamoring for the entire catalogue for a generation, the band's three "lost" albums, **Franke & the Knockouts** (1981), **Below the Belt** (1982) and **Makin' the Point** (1984) – will be simultaneously available for the first time since their original vinyl issue, also newly remastered, in digital-only format. **All four albums are being released May 24, 2011 on Friday Music.**

THE BEST OF FRANKE & THE KNOCKOUTS features 19 hit tracks including all of the band's classics such as their unforgettable Top 40 hits "Sweetheart," "["You're My Girl"](#)" and "["\(Without You\) Not Another Lonely Night."](#)" It also features two bonus tracks, the original demo version of "Hungry Eyes," which Previte originally wrote and recorded for Franke & the Knockouts before it wound up becoming a *Dirty Dancing* soundtrack smash for Eric Carmen, and the previously unreleased power ballad "Beat Of A Broken Heart," written and recorded for the *Dirty Dancing* sequel, *Havana Nights*. The artist owned and authorized disc also includes new liner notes by Previte, unissued photos, and original artwork elements not seen in years.

Previte is donating his portion of the proceeds to the Patrick Swayze Pancreas Cancer Research Fund at Stanford Cancer Center, in memory of his courageous *Dirty Dancing* friend.

"Not only is this celebrating the anniversary of my first-ever hit record," says Previte, "but it also gives me a chance to re-live some of those moments hearing my voice at its best and being able to realize that I made a small little indentation to the music industry that some people still remember and enjoy. I get emails from people all over the world who just love the music, and are dying to know how they can get a hold of it. Some of the original records have been selling for a couple hundred bucks online, so I decided it's time that I put them out make them affordable and accessible all over again. And I'd like to take that money and help my charity."

THE BEST OF FRANKE & THE KNOCKOUTS: SWEETHEART – ANNIVERSARY EDITION

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| 1. Sweetheart | 12. You Don't Want Me (Like I Want You) |
| 2. She's A Runner | 13. Outrageous |
| 3. Runnin' Into The Night | 14. Come Rain Or Shine |
| 4. Comeback | 15. You're All That Really Matters |
| 5. You're My Girl | 16. One Good Reason |
| 6. One For All | 17. Blame It On My Heart |
| 7. Annie Goes Hollywood | 18. Hungry Eyes (Original Version/Bonus Track) |
| 8. Never Had It Better | Bonus Track |
| 9. Without You (Not Another Lonely Night) | 19. Beat Of A Broken Heart (Unreleased Bonus Track) |
| 10. Just What I Want | |
| 11. Morning Sun | |

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