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30 Iconic Records Turning 30 Years Old in 2017



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16. Terence Trent D'Arby, Introducing the Hardline According to Terence Trent D'Arby

Although *Introducing the Hardline According to Terence Trent D'Arby* didn't quite meet the expectations of his own (exaggerated) claims about being as important as [The Beatles'](#) *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, Terence Trent D'Arby's debut record is certainly a notable entry in the '80s pop music pantheon. The polished soul-pop sheen of his chart-topping single "Wishing Well" is a crystallizing moment in the year's class of hits and it helped the album sell more than a million copies (worldwide) in just three days. The album also earned D'Arby a Grammy for Best Male R&B Vocal Performance, beating out more established artists like [Stevie Wonder](#), Luther Vandross, Teddy Pendergrass and newcomer Al B. Sure in the process.

