Synopsis
The life and music of the legendary singer Donna Summer are seen through the three stages of her career: Duckling Donna, Disco Donna, and Diva Donna in this lively, heartfelt musical.

MUSICAL INFLUENCES
Donna Summer's musical influences range widely, including Gospel, Broadway, Rock, Funk, Soul, and Disco. She adapted the best of each of these, ultimately crafting her own sound and greatly influencing the emerging genre of electronic dance music.

Broadway Connections
Summer: The Donna Summer Musical premiered on Broadway in 2018 and was nominated for two Tony Awards and two Drama League Awards.

Fun Facts
- Donna Summer was born LaDonna Adrian Gaines and used the stage name Donna Gaines for her early career in Germany.
- She took the professional name Donna Summer after her divorce from her first husband, Helmuth Sommer in 1976.
- Billboard ranked her as the 6th most successful dance artist of all time, with 16 number 1 songs on the Dance Club Songs chart and 14 Top Ten Pop songs.
- From 1974 to 2006, she released 18 studio albums.
- She won 5 Grammy Awards and 6 American Music Awards.
- Summer sang at President Reagan's 2nd Inaugural Ball in 1985, and at the Nobel Peace Prize Concert for President Obama in 2009.
- She played the role of Aunt Oona in the TV series Family Matters.
- In her later years, she took up painting and had several art exhibits.
- After her death in 2012, she was inducted posthumously into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2013.

Broadway Buzz Episode
Listen to the Three Donnas: Amahri Edwards-Jones, Charis Gullage & Brittney Smith

In Tribute
"She was an honest and gifted singer with flawless vocal talent."
— Beyoncé
"She was a queen, The Queen of Disco, and we will be dancing to her music forever."
— Liza Minnelli.
"She was a super-diva and a true superstar who never compromised when it came to her career or her family."
— David Foster

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