

Basic Detail Report

Harry Nilsson at Beatlefest '82 selling kisses

for \$1.00 to support gun control

Date

1982-1982

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Harry Edward Nilsson III was an American singer-songwriter who achieved the peak of his commercial success in the early 1970s. He is known for the charting singles "Everybody's Talkin'" (1969), "Without You" (1971), and "Coconut" (1972). A tenor with a three-and-a-half octave range, Nilsson was one of the few major pop-rock recording artists of his era to achieve significant commercial success without ever performing major public concerts or undertaking regular tours. He received Grammy Awards for two of his recordings; Best Contemporary Vocal Performance, Male in 1970 for "Everybody's Talkin'", a prominent song in the 1969 film *Midnight Cowboy*, and Best Pop Vocal Performance, Male in 1973 for "Without You". In 2015, he was voted No. 62 in *Rolling Stone's* list of "The 100 Greatest Songwriters of All Time". Nilsson was at the 1982 Beatlefest as a spokesman for a handgun control advocacy group. The Fest for Beatles Fans (previously known as Beatlefest) is a twice-annual, three-day festival that honors the lasting legacy of the Beatles. The festival takes place in the New York metropolitan area, ordinarily in March or April, and in Chicago, Illinois, each August. Running Friday through Sunday, the Fest features special guests, live concerts, exhibits, art contests, a Beatles marketplace, a sound-alike contest, a Battle of the Beatles Bands, and more. The first Fest took place in September 1974 at the Commodore Hotel in New York City. Over 8,000 Beatles fans attended.

Dimensions

Overall: 25.7 x 20.7 cm (10 1/8 x 8 1/8 in.)