

= Glee : The Music , Journey to Regionals =

Glee : The Music , Journey to Regionals is the second extended play (EP) by the cast of musical television series Glee . Containing six songs from the season one finale " Journey to Regionals " , it was released on June 8 , 2010 , the same day the episode aired . Half of the tracks are cover versions of songs by American rock band Journey . The EP debuted at the top of the US Billboard 200 and Soundtrack charts , with first @-@ week sales of 154 @,@ 000 copies . Unlike previous Glee releases , no singles were released from this album , but all of its tracks managed to appear on multiple national charts . Songs were generally received favorably , with many enjoying the Journey covers . The setlist of Glee Live ! In Concert ! , the cast 's first concert tour , included three songs from the Glee : The Music , Journey to Regionals .

= = Background and composition = =

The season one finale of Glee first aired on Fox on June 8 , 2010 in the US . The episode sees the fictional William McKinley High School glee club New Directions compete at the 2010 Midwest Regional Show Choir Championships . Director Will Schuester (Matthew Morrison) decides to have New Directions pay tribute to American rock band Journey . This was not only as homage to the cast 's cover of " Don 't Stop Believin ' " in the season one premiere that led to his decision to remain at the school , but as a representation of the path undertaken to arrive at the Regionals level of competition . They perform a medley of Journey songs : the love ballad " Faithfully " , with Lea Michele and Cory Monteith on lead vocals as Rachel Berry and Finn Hudson , respectively , transitions into a mashup of " Any Way You Want It " and " Lovin ' , Touchin ' , Squeezin ' " . This ends with a reprise of " Don 't Stop Believin ' " , where each cast member sings a portion of the song . Rival choir Vocal Adrenaline performs a cover of Queen 's " Bohemian Rhapsody " thereafter , with Jesse (Jonathan Groff) on lead vocals . At the end of the episode , New Directions decides to show appreciation for Schuester with a rendition of Lulu 's " To Sir With Love " , the theme of the 1967 film of the same name . He returns the honor , performing Israel Kamakawiwo'ole 's reinvention of " Over the Rainbow " along with glee club member Puck (Mark Salling) .

The EP , along with its track listing , was announced in an official press release on May 26 , 2010 . It was released on June 8 , 2010 in the US , and on June 14 , 2010 in the UK . " Lovin ' , Touchin ' , Squeezin ' " was previously covered in the series ' pilot episode . The 1981 single " Don 't Stop Believin ' " was also previously performed in the pilot , as well as in the season one episode " The Rhodes Not Taken " . The songs in the EP all fall under the genres of pop and rock .

= = Critical reception = =

The Denver Post 's Ricardo Baca enjoyed the familiar nature of the songs on the EP , and liked " Faithfully " best of the Journey covers . He felt , however , that the music of " Don 't Stop Believin ' " outshone the vocals of the cast . Andrew Leahey of allmusic gave the album a rating of two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half stars out of five . A writer for Reuters called the Journey medley " heartfelt and uplifting " and Jessica Derschowitz of CBS News found it " fantastic " . Gerrick Kennedy also enjoyed it , highlighting its emotional nature and complimenting the entire cast 's vocals . IGN 's Eric Goldman thought the reprise of " Don 't Stop Believin ' " worked well , and liked not only the connection to the pilot , but also its musical rearrangement . Bobby Hankinson of The Houston Chronicle enjoyed " Don 't Stop Believin ' " best of the performances but Vanity Fair 's Brett Berk deemed it unnecessary in the medley , and felt the cast would have done better to showcase more of " Lovin ' , Touchin ' , Squeezin ' " . Berk enjoyed " Bohemian Rhapsody " best , giving it a rating of four stars out of a possible five , though he thought it was too predictable a song choice . Time 's James Poniewozik opined the song was one of Glee 's best , but was contemplative of which choir 's performance was the better . Berk felt the lyrical context of " To Sir With Love " was trite and Hankinson was impressed by the song , calling it " sweet " . " Over the Rainbow " was called " lovely " by the former and Derschowitz decided it was a " perfect " closing song .

Former Journey frontman Steve Perry gave an interview to American magazine RadarOnline , as co @-@ writer of several Journey tracks , and praised the use of his songs on the show : " Glee has opened up a international [sic] catalog of songwriting and introduced those songs to a whole new generation that would have otherwise never heard them . " The Regionals version of " Don 't Stop Believin ' " earned a Grammy nomination for Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals for the ceremonies in 2011 . Following this nomination , the song was included on the compilation album 2011 Grammy Nominees .

= = Chart performance = =

The EP debuted at number one on both the US Billboard 200 and Soundtracks charts , selling 154 @,@ 000 copies there . The album became the cast 's third number @-@ one album on the Billboard 200 . Reaching the top of the chart on June 26 , 2010 , it did so three weeks after Glee : The Music , Volume 3 Showstoppers . This beat the cast 's own record for the shortest span between number @-@ one debuts with different releases , previously held with Glee : The Music , The Power of Madonna and Volume 3 Showstoppers . It entered at number two in Canada and the United Kingdom , selling 14 @,@ 000 copies in the former . On the Irish Albums Chart , Journey to Regionals entered the week of June 10 , 2010 at number 14 and ascended to the top position the next week , taking the spot from Volume 3 Showstoppers . The EP entered at number seven in Australia on July 4 , 2010 , climbing four places to its peak three weeks later , and in Mexico , a peak of fifty @-@ nine was reached . Second @-@ week sales in the US amounted to 39 @,@ 000 copies as the EP dropped to the tenth position on the Billboard 200 . The EP has spent a total of 39 weeks on the Soundtracks chart .

Although none of the tracks were released as singles , all of the tracks managed to chart in several countries (with the new version of " Don 't Stop Believin ' " charting under the original entry) . On the Billboard Hot 100 , " Faithfully " debuted highest the week of June 26 , 2010 , at number 37 . The same week on the Canadian Hot 100 , " Over the Rainbow " led the Glee debuts at number 31 . The song was also highest on the Australian and UK Singles Chart , at numbers 42 and 30 , respectively . In Ireland , " Any Way You Want It / Lovin ' Touchin ' Squeezin ' " charted as highest of the Glee entries at number twenty on June 17 , 2010 . " Don 't Stop Believin ' " was regarded as a re @-@ entry of the group 's debut single by most chart companies ; in addition to the debut of the new tracks , it climbed from 71 to 33 in the UK and from 49 to 24 in Ireland . It re @-@ entered the single charts of the US at 59 and Canada at 37 , setting a new peak for the song in the latter . Only the Australian Recording Industry Association regarded it as a separate song , who placed it at number 67 the week of July 12 , 2010 .

With sales figures provided by Nielsen SoundScan , a list of the twenty most successful Glee songs was released by Yahoo ! Music on October 22 , 2010 . The best @-@ selling song , with 1 @,@ 005 @,@ 000 copies sold , was " Don 't Stop Believin ' " ? 84 @,@ 000 of those came from sales of the Regionals reprise . " Faithfully " was also on the list , at number eighteen with 159 @,@ 000 copies . The EP 's five new Billboard Hot 100 entries brought the cast 's total appearances on the chart to 64 , an accomplishment that placed them seventh among all artists , between Elton John (67) and Stevie Wonder (63) . Billboard noted an increase in sales of the original seven songs rising in percentages ranging from 23 % (" Don 't Stop Believin ' ") to 557 % (" To Sir With Love ") . Additionally , Journey 's compilation Greatest Hits (1988) saw a 62 % increase in sales , rising from 104 to 57 on the Billboard 200 .

= = Promotion = =

The cast embarked on an American concert tour , Glee Live ! In Concert ! starting in May 2010 in promotion of their first season . From the EP , " Faithfully " and " Any Way You Want It / Lovin ' Touchin ' Squeezin ' " were included on the set list . Morrison appeared on dates in New York City to sing " Over the Rainbow " whilst playing the ukulele . He was accompanied by Salling when he again sang the number at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll in 2010 . In addition , he also

performed the song at The O2 Arena in London with Leona Lewis on June 16 , 2010 , as part of Lewis ' tour , The Labyrinth . On December 5 , 2010 , the cast appeared on the seventh season of UK reality TV series The X Factor to perform " Don 't Stop Believin ' " .

== Track listing ==

== Personnel ==

Source : allmusic .

== Charts ==

== Release history ==