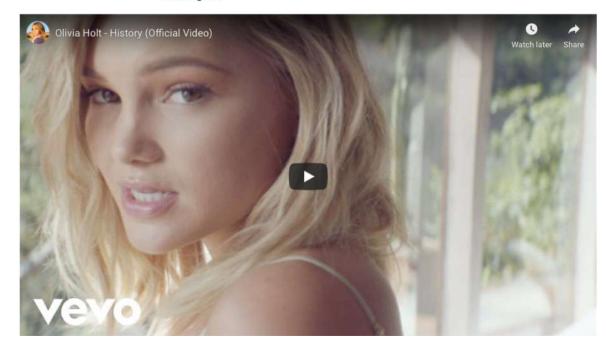


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## This Disney Channel Star Might Have The First Mega-Song Of The Summer

Hear Olivia Holt's "History" now, before you hear it a million times again.



Olivia Holt, 19, has already starred in multiple seasons of a <u>martial arts Disney</u> <u>Channel show</u>, <u>filmed a movie</u> that has plans for a Chinese-language remake, and been cast as a lead in an upcoming Marvel series.

Most importantly, she recorded "History."

It's a perfectly summery pop song in the mold

of <u>"Cheerleader"</u> and <u>"Sorry."</u> Maybe too similar to some. While "History" is missing the signature production element of those past few years's big hits — no sultry sax or dolphin noises — the beat is pretty and Holt is a more-than-capable vocalist for such a catchy series of hooks. In writing this, I started to type out the chorus, but it was so long and delightfully winding that it'd take up a whole paragraph.

First released last August on Disney's Hollywood Records as part of <a href="her debut EP">her debut EP</a>, "History" has slowly been gaining traction over the past few months. The music video from November is creeping toward 5 million plays, and the track had passed 70 million plays on Spotify. It hit radio on April 4 and has reportedly cracked pop radio's top 65, <a href="according to Headline Planet">according to Headline Planet</a>; Holt <a href="appeared on the Today show</a>earlier this month, too. When I saw a movie in New York this past weekend, I heard the song once in the lobby on the way in and once on the way out.

And I loved it.