

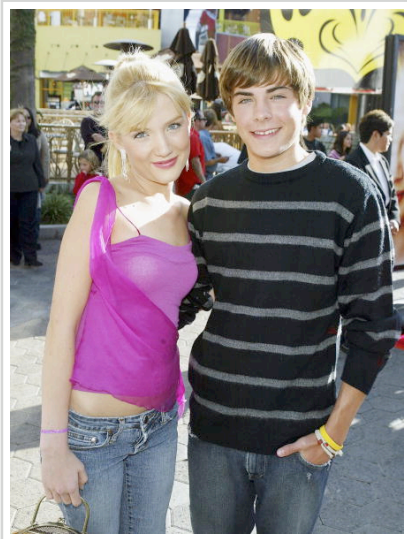
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## Disney's Record-Breaking Week On The Pop Charts



Who says kids don't love musicals? Earlier I posted about the Disney Channel's TV movie [High School Musical](#). It was a monster in the ratings and now the album is exploding on the charts. Billboard just released more facts on it. [The album is in the Top Ten](#) and the soundtrack has spawned [eight tracks on the Hot 100](#). Four make their debut this week, another ("Breaking Free" by Zac Efron and Vanessa

Anne Hudgens -- pictured) jumps from 86 to 4, the biggest jump in Billboard history. Eight songs in total hit the charts -- they ranked at #4, #28, #34, #35, #43, #62, #67 and #72. Oh and it's almost all entirely due to digital download sales, which should put to rest the fears of record labels I talked about earlier.

POSTED BY MICHAEL IN NEW YORK AT 3:00 PM



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[Michael in New York](#) said...

I guess I'm the only music chart geek. I would pour over the Nielsen and Billboard charts the way other kids poured over baseball scoreboxes. (Now I do that too.) But 8 singles on the Hot 100 at once is crazy. I haven't been this tickled by a pop run like this since Madonna had her amazing string of 16 Top 5 hits from '84 to '89.

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