

The Music Man's Top 100 Dance Songs

The following list of 100 songs has been compiled from years of experience playing weddings and other all-ages gatherings, be they for family or for work. The music for all such gatherings is usually a mixture of both old and new music, depending on the ages of the attendees. Older music has broader appeal as both young and old are likely to know the songs, and people generally only dance to music they know and enjoy.

Some of these songs have stood the test of time in their own right, others have become popular again due to their inclusion in popular movie soundtracks. Some are great examples of a certain style of music, while others straddle several styles and are for this reason widely popular.

Whilst this is a list of 100 popular songs there are over 160 versions represented here. If you have a preference for a particular artist's rendition of any of the songs listed please feel free to strike out the names of the other artists that performed the song.

'(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction' by The Rolling Stones (also performed by Otis Redding)
'Beat It' by Michael Jackson
'Best of My Love' by The Emotions (also performed by CJ Lewis)
'Billie Jean' by Michael Jackson
'Black or White' by Michael Jackson
'Blame It On the Boogie' by The Jacksons
'Boney M Megamix' by Boney M
'Brown Eyed Girl' by Van Morrison
'Build Me Up, Buttercup' by The Foundations
'Burning Down the House' by Tom Jones, ft. The Cardigans (originally performed by Talking Heads)
'Can't Buy Me Love' by The Beatles (also performed by Michael Bublé)
'Can't Get U Out Of My Head' by Kylie Minogue
'Can't Hurry Love' by The Supremes (also performed by Phil Collins)
'Car Wash' by Christina Aguilera (originally performed by Rose Royce)
'Celebration' by Kool & the Gang (also performed by Kylie Minogue)
'Conga' by Miami Sound Machine
'Copacabana' by Barry Manilow
'Crazy Little Thing Called Love' by Queen (also performed by Michael Bublé)
'Da Ya Think I'm Sexy' by Rod Stewart (also performed by N-Trance)
'Dancing Queen' by ABBA (also performed by AbbaCadaBra)
'Do You Love Me' by The Dave Clark 5 (also performed by The Contours, The Blues Brothers)
'Don't Go Breaking My Heart' by Elton John with Kiki Dee
'Drive My Car' by The Beatles (also performed by Breakfast Club)
'Everybody Needs Somebody to Love' by The Blue Brothers (originally performed by Solomon Burke)
'Footloose' by Kenny Loggins
'Funkytown' by Pseudo Echo (originally performed by Lipps, Inc)
'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun' by Cyndi Lauper
'Give It Up' by Cut 'n' Move (originally performed by KC & the Sunshine Band)
'Grease Megamix' by Grease Cast (Newton-John/Travolta)
'GrooveJet (If This Ain't Love)' by Spiller with Sophie Ellis Bextor
'Hooked on a Feeling' by Blue Swede
'Hot Hot Hot' by Arrow
'Hot Stuff' by Donna Summer
'How Sweet It is to Be Loved By You' by James Taylor (also performed by Michael McDonald, Michael Bublé)
'I Heard it Through the Grapevine' by Marvin Gaye (also performed by The Soul-Tans, Michael McDonald)
'I Like the Way' by The Bodyrockers
'I Love the Nightlife' by Alicia Bridges
'I Saw Her Standing There' by The Beatles (also performed by Tiffany as 'I Saw Him Standing There')
'I Say a Little Prayer' by Aretha Franklin (also performed by Diana King)
'I Wanna Dance with Somebody' by Whitney Houston
'I Will Survive' by Gloria Gaynor (also performed by Cake)
'I'm a Believer' by Smashmouth (also performed by The Monkees, Neil Diamond)
'I'm Gonna be (500 Miles)' by The Proclaimers

'I'm in the Mood for Dancing' by The Nolans
'I'm Outta Love' by Anastacia
'I'm Your Man' by WHAM!
'It's Raining Men' by The Weather Girls (also performed by Geri Halliwell)
'I Want You Back' by The Jacksons (also performed by Cleopatra)
'Jailhouse Rock' by Elvis Presley (also performed by The Blues Brothers)
'Jump (For My Love)' by The Pointer Sisters
'Knock on Wood' by Amii Stewart (originally performed by Eddie Floyd)
'Kung-Fu Fighting' by Bus Stop (originally performed by Carl Douglas)
'La Bamba' by Los Lobos (originally performed by Richie Valens)
'Lady Marmalade' by Aguilera/PINK/Mya/Lil Kim/Elliott (originally performed by La Belle)
'Let's Groove' by Earth, Wind & Fire (also performed by CDB)
'Like a Prayer' by Madonna (also performed by Mad'House)
'Listen to the Music' by The Doobie Brothers
'Long Train Running' by The Doobie Brothers
'Love Is in the Air' by John Paul Young
'Love Shack' by The B-52's
'Mambo # 5' by Lou Bega
'Mamma Mia' by ABBA (also performed by A-Teens)
'Man, I Feel Like a Woman!' by Shania Twain
'Mony Mony' by Billy Idol (originally performed by Tommy James & the Shondells)
'Mustang Sally' by The Commitments (originally performed by Wilson Pickett)
'Oh What a Night (December 1963)' by Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons
'Play That Funky Music' by Wild Cherry
'Proud Mary' by Creedence Clearwater Revival (also performed by Tina Turner)
'Push the Button' by The Sugababes
'Red, Red Wine' by UB40 (originally performed by Neil Diamond)
'Respect' by Aretha Franklin (originally performed by Otis Redding)
'Rock Around the Clock' by Bill Haley and his Comets
'Rock DJ' by Robbie Williams
'Run Around Sue' by Leif Garrett (originally performed by Dion)
'Sex Bomb' by Tom Jones, ft. Mousse T
'Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours' by Stevie Wonder (also performed by Blue, Peter Frampton, Michael McDonald)
'Some Girls' by Racey
'Staying Alive' by The Bee Gees (also performed by N-Trance)
'Surfin' USA' by The Beach Boys (also performed by Leif Garrett)
'Suspicious Minds' by Elvis Presley (also performed by Fine Young Cannibals)
'Sway' by Dean Martin (also performed by Michael Bubl�, Shaft, Perez Prado with Rosemary Clooney)
'Sweet Caroline' by Neil Diamond
'That's the Way I Like It' by KC & the Sunshine Band
'The Best' by Tina Turner (also performed with Jimmy Barnes)
'The First, The Last, My Everything' by Barry White
'The Locomotion' by Kylie Minogue (originally performed by Little Eva)
'The Way You Make Me Feel' by Michael Jackson
'Tide is High' by Atomic Kitten (originally performed by Blondie)
'Tragedy' by The Bee Gees (also performed by Steps)
'Twist & Shout' by Beatles, the (also performed by Chaka Demus & Pliers, Brian Poole & the Tremeloes)
'Uptown Girl' by Westlife (originally performed by Billy Joel)
'Venus' by Bananarama (originally performed by Shocking Blue)
'Vogue' by Madonna
'Wake Me Up Before You Gogo' by WHAM!
'Waterloo' by ABBA
'We Are Family' by Sister Sledge
'Why Does Love Do This to Me' by The Exponents
'Working My Way Back to You' by The (Detroit) Spinners
'YMCA' by Village People
'You Sexy Thing' by Hot Chocolate (also performed by T-Shirt)