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Phillips/Howard Family

KEN:



1: Shelly Manne – Ascot Gavotte (1956)

From *My Fair Lady*. My girlfriend at the time had a sister who was part of the chorus. I was lucky enough to go the final dress rehearsal at Drury Lane and also to celebrate the first 12 months with an after-show stage party. For those who haven't been there the stage has an unbelievable slope and all the musical instruments needed to be strapped down!



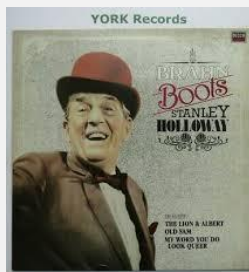
2: Leonard Cohen – Ain't No Cure for Love (1988)

My late wife's favourite singer. He eventually grew on me!



3: Chris Barber – Sweet Georgia Brown (1959)

Goodness, I was a complete groupie from age 14 onwards and still follow him! When I first saw him perform this track, he was probably only 19/20 years old himself. I went to a concert last year in Aylesbury of him and his band. He is now 90 but still blew this song out as if he was 20. A very fond memory is queuing for 3 hours at Wembley (possibly 1950) to watch the Harlem Globetrotters whose intro song this is.



4: Stanley Holloway – Brahm Boots (1931)

Another track with a link to *My Fair Lady*. I came from the same part of London's East End as Stanley Holloway (who played Alfred Doolittle in the musical) and I was lucky enough to meet him at the Drury Lane party. We talked about the war and the bombing of the East End. His monologue recordings were magic.



5: Benny Goodman – Sing,-Sing,-Sing (With a Swing)

First recorded by Louis Prima in 1936. The most famous recording was by Benny Goodman at Carnegie Hall in 1938 and is possibly the finest ever Jazz concert ever. I play my CD of the concert constantly.

SAM:



6: Chaka Khan – I Feel for You (1984)

Takes me back to my clubbing days in London.



7: The Source feat. Candi Staton – You Got the Love (1991)

Powerful, spiritual lyrics and a great mix. I also love the version by Florence and the Machine.



8: Kate Bush – Wuthering Heights (1978)

I remember putting on an impromptu show with my cousin – our parents as the audience – singing and dancing along to this track. I just loved how different and haunting the song and video were.



9: Duran Duran – Ordinary World (1993)

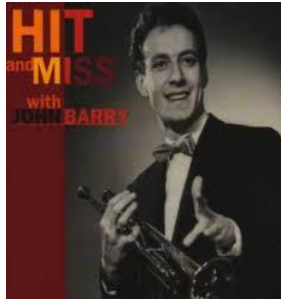
Duran Duran were my teenage heartthrobs. I had posters all over the wall of Simon Le Bon. I went to see them in concert once and screamed the whole way through. I could not talk for days after ...



10: Morecombe and Wise – Bring Me Sunshine (1969)

Simply the best double act and the most uplifting song.

IAN:



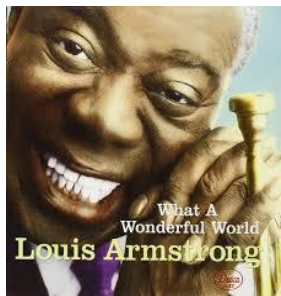
11: John Barry – Hit or Miss (1960)

This was the theme to *Juke Box Jury* the David Jacobs hosted show which followed *Grandstand* on a Saturday evening on the BBC (in black and white initially) from 1959 to 1967. A celebrity panel judged new releases as a hit or miss. It was compulsive viewing and after this was *Dixon of Dock Green*.



12: Dave Edmunds – I knew the Bride (1985)

My favourite record of all time. An anthem of my early years in London.



13: Louis Armstrong – What a Wonderful World (1967)

This just makes me happy.



14: Sam Cooke – Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (1961)

Sam Cooke has been my favourite singer since I was about 11. I also love rugby, and this is the anthem of the England team fans.



15: Benny Hill – Ernie (The Fastest Milkman in the West) (1971)

I first heard this driving to Heathrow airport in October 1971 heading for a 10-week tour of Brazil and Argentina as a motorsport journalist. It was Number 1 when I returned and became the end of evening anthem for all my associates forever.

OSCAR:



16: Sophie Ellis Baxter – Murder on the Dance Floor (2000)

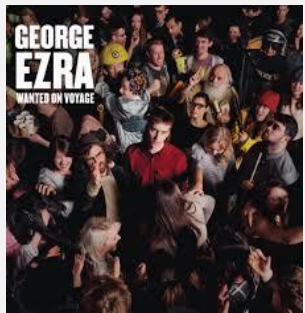
Fun, upbeat dance tune.



17: James Blunt – Postcards (2013)

Great lyrics and a great tune.

And I love how James Blunt can laugh at himself.



18: George Ezra – Barcelona (2015)

I was meant to be going on a geography field trip this Easter to Barcelona. I love George Ezra's music.



19: Billy Joel – Piano Man (1973)

A 'lads' song which we listen to before going out for an evening or just chilling.



20: Keane – Sovereign Light Café (2012)

Great band, great song.