

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF ALL KINDS OF GREAT PARTY MUSIC

PartyJazz's Handy Hints For Music Booking



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2014 - Centenary year of the start of WWI



2008 - Barack Obama becomes first Afro-American President of the USA



2009 - U2 '360° Tour', which is still the highest grossing tour to date

2005 - French surgeon Bernard Devauchelle and his team in Amiens carry out the first human face transplant



2008 - Spotify launched

2003 - US tennis player Pete Sampras retires with a record 14 Grand Slam titles



2006 - Last airing of Top of the Pops

2001 - The Queen Mother turns 101



2004 - First ever episode of the X-Factor

2000 - World survives Y2K without disasters or computer meltdowns



2000 - Bon Jovi play the last ever concert at the old Wembley Stadium

1997 - Dolly the sheep is cloned successfully



1996 - The Spice Girls release "Wannabe"

1994 - The Sitcom "Friends" airs for the first time



1991 - MP3 file invented

1991 - Fall of The Soviet Union



1987 - Release of Michael Jackson's "Bad" album. Only album to have five consecutive #1 hits

1989 - Fall of The Berlin Wall



1985 - Live Aid

1986 - NASA Space Shuttle Challenger explodes immediately after take-off



1984 - Madonna's Material Girl released



1982 - Music was first sold on Compact Disc (CD)

1981 - MTV is launched



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1976 - Britain enjoys longest heat wave in history



1979 - "Mull of Kintyre" is the biggest selling record of the decade

1974 - Striking becomes a fad in the US



1977 - Never mind the ***** here's The Sex Pistols

1970 - Patients receive first nuclear powered heart pace maker



1975 - Disco fever runs rampant

1969 - Man walks on the moon



1971 - Fiddler On The Roof becomes the longest running musical in Broadway history

1967 - Colour TV first introduced in the UK



1967 - Tune in, turn on, dropout. The hippies are here

1963 - Coldest winter since 1740 strikes Britain



1963 - Beatlemania!

1962 - Sunday Times issues its first colour supplement



1960



2000 - 2015: Grime is a good word (apparently) and dancehall makes a comeback - but only in word, not definition. The club beats of the 90s get a 'nu shape' with complex beats and phrasings and Jamaican Caribbean influences rule.

Parties: Sass it up with glitzy leggings and cropped tops. Sex sells songs and bling accessories are a must. Turn the beats up, the bass heavy and the lights dim and pulsing. No better bands than *Hollywood Sunset* for edgy authenticity or *Royal Hen* for a big band spin on the best of the noughties.



1980s - 2000: New Romantics and punks to Techno dance, indie, rockers, rappers and ravers. The Synth sound rules as computer-generated music makes its debut and keeps the dance-floor fuelled.

Parties: Back comb and hairspray through the 80s beats, pounding the floor with leg-warmers, fishnet gloves and bright bold make-up, even for the boys! 90s dance sees shell-suits, lumberjack shirts and DM boots. Book *Permageddon* for the best of both.



1960-1979: From *Beatlemania* to *Abbamania*, and loveable mop tops to the not quite so loveable punk rockers. Your party could reflect James Bond glamour or the sweaty excitement of *The Marquee Club* - London's leading live music venue of the time.

Parties: The 60s flower power to 70s disco, indulge those secret style pleasures and bring out those fashion disasters lurking at the back of your (or your parents') wardrobe.

1958 - The Beatnik movement appears 

1956 - Rock 'n' Roll dance in vogue 

1954 - Roger Bannister runs a mile in 3mins 59.4secs 

1947 - Flying saucers reported in the US 

1946 - Shortest recorded boxing match, Couture beats Walton with one punch (10.5s) 

1945 - End of WWII 

1942 - Gilbert Murray founds Oxfam 

1940

1939 - Nylon stockings first appear 

1936 - Jesse Owen wins 4 gold medals at the Berlin Olympics 

1935 - Malcolm Campbell drives "Bluebird" at 276.8mph 

1928 - Brazil's economy collapses due to over production of coffee 

1925 - The Charleston becomes the most fashionable dance 

1921 - BBC founded 

1920

1918: WWI Armistice signed 

1914: The Foxtrot comes into fashion 

1912: First successful parachute jump 

1904: New York policeman arrests woman for smoking cigarette in public 

1900: W.G. Grace hangs up his bat for the last time after scoring 54,000 runs 

1900: The Cakewalk becomes the most fashionable dance 

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1959 - The folk scene becomes the music de jour for the beatniks

1958 - Cha Cha is the new dance vogue

1955 - Elvis Presley makes his first record at Sun Studios, Memphis, Tennessee

1950 - "Cool Jazz" develops from Be-Bop

1949 - The samba comes into fashion

1944 - Glenn Miller's unique big band sound becomes forever associated with World War 2. Sadly his plane never reaches France and so he doesn't share in the world-wide fame his music had from then till now

1939 - Germany is so outraged by the song "I'm Going To Hang Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line" that they demand a re-match of World War 1

1935 - Jazz becomes Swing!

1933 - The Nazis ban Jazz as degenerate music

1929 - Al Jolson is the biggest selling musical act of the 20s

1924 - George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" perfectly blends the new jazz with classical music's formality

1923 - Louis Armstrong and Sidney Bechet are the first great jazz soloists

1919 - Italian tenor Enrico Caruso is the biggest selling recording artist of the era and "Vesti La Giubba" is the first ever million seller

1917 - James Rees Europe's Hellfighters go to Europe to entertain the U.S. troops and causes a sensation with his ragtime jazz

1917 - The first ever jazz record is released on RCA. The Original Dixieland Jazz Band's Livery Stable Blues and Original Dixieland One Step

1913 - Marie Lloyd, Britain's greatest Music Hall star leads the Music Hall War with entertainers striking for better pay and conditions

1911 - The big hit of the year is Irving Berlin's Alexander's Ragtime Band

1900 - The Ragtime craze sweeps America



1940-1959: WWII. Swing from Glenn Miller and sentimentality from Frank Sinatra and Vera Lynn, then Elvis changes everything. Jitterbuggin' to In The Mood is replaced by the rock 'n' roll of Blue Suede Shoes. Teenagers have been invented and they've got money to spend.

Parties: There's a whole bunch of great swing bands on our books and combined with a dance teacher your party can soon be a jiving maelstrom. Teddy boys and teddy girls can dance to the biggest hits recreated by The Rock 'n' Roll Society.



1920-1939: The Roaring 20s. The Charleston, gangsters, prohibition speakeasies and hot jazz are staple party themes for this sizzling, rebellious and decadent decade. The '30s is The Swing Era, the Hollywood glamour of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers and the riches of The Great American Songbook – Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart – perfect for dancing cheek to cheek.

Parties: The Rio Trio is just one of many cheekily irreverent 1920s bands whilst the music of the Pasadena Roof Orchestra and The Piccadilly Dance Orchestra brings to life the glamour and romance of the later inter-war years.



1900-1919: The Edwardian Era. Music styles encompass variety & music hall songs (Boiled Beef and Carrots) America's Ragtime Craze (1911's Alexander's Ragtime Band) and million selling operatic recordings by the great Italian tenor Caruso. WWI brought us numerous well known songs such as It's A Long Way To Tipperary and Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag.

Parties: From languorous summer parties in costume to rousing pub sing-a-longs to cheeky CanCan dancers, the period is perfectly captured by Keith Nichols' Ragtime Orchestra and performers from The Brick Lane Music Hall.