

Entertainment in the 1920s

For the youth in the 1920s, it wasn't a thrilling time for them to watch television, since there wasn't any. It was a time to work on their farms after school and on the weekends; pick cotton or citrus to earn money; get an occasional swim in one of the local canals; or maybe, if lucky, be able to watch a movie on the weekend. Radio shows became very important for new and entertainment.



1920s Top Radio Shows

- Amos 'n' Andy
- Grand Ole Opry
- The Chase and Sanborn Hour
- The Goldbergs
- Capital Theatre
- The National Farm and Home Hour
- Uncle Don
- The Standard Symphony Hour

Top Movies of the 1920s

1920 - Polyanna, The Flapper, and The Last of the Mohicans

1921 - The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, The Three Musketeers

1922 - Robein Hood, Nanonook of the North, Grandma's Boy

1923 - The Covered Wagon, The Smiling Madame Beudet, La Roue

1924 - The Thief of Bagdad, Sherlock Jr., The Navigator

1925 - Phantom of the Opera, Gold Rush, Ben Hur

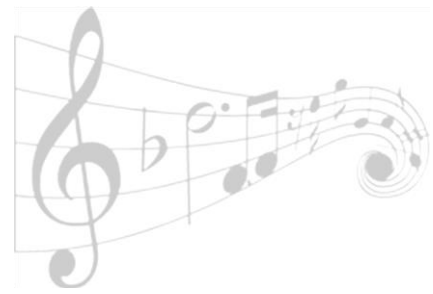
1926 - Faust, Sunrise, The Great K & A Train Robbery

1927 - The Jazz Singer, King of Kings, Seventh Heaven

1928 - The Singing Fool, The Crowd, The Circus

1929 - Piccadilly, The Broadway Meloday, Three Loves

Top Music of the 1920s



- 1920 Al Jolson, “Swanee”
Paul Whiteman, “Whispering”
Melanie Smith, “Crazy Blues”
Ted Lewis and His Orchestra, “When My Baby Smiles at Me”
- 1921 Marlon Harris, “I Ain’t Got Nobody”
Eddie Cantor, “Margie”
Paul Whiteman, “Song of India”
Nora Bayes, “Make Believe”
- 1922 Fanny Brice, “My Man”
Al Jolson, “April Showers”
Al Jolson, “Toot, Toot, Tootsie (Goodbye)”
Bar Harbor Society Orchestra, “Chicago (That Toddlin’ Town)”
Lambert Murphy, “I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair”
- 1923 Bessie Smith, “Down Hearted Blues”
Paul Whiteman, “Bambalina”
Billy Jones, “Yes, We Have No Bananas”
Paul Whiteman, “Baby Won’t You Please Come Home”
- 1924 George Gershwin, “Rhapsody in Blue”
Isham Jones, “It Had to Be You”
Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians, “It Ain’t Gonna Rain No Mo”
- 1925 Ben Bernie, “Sweet Georgia Brown”
Vernon Dalhart, “The Prisoner’s Song”
Bessie Smith, “St. Louis Blues”
Eddie Cantor, “If You Knew Susie Like I Know Susie”
Marion Harris, “Tea for Two”
- 1926 Gene Austin, “Bye, Bye, Blackbird”
Al Jolson, “When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob-Bob-Bobbing Along”
Al Jolson, “I’m Sitting on Top of the World”
Gene Austin, “Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue”
Louis Armstrong and His Hot Five, “Heebie Jeebies”

- 1927 Hoagy Carmichael, “Stardust”
Franke Trumbauer, “The Blues”
Jack Smith, “Me and My Shadow”
Gene Austin, “My Blue Heaven”
- 1928 Jimmie Rodges, “T is for Texas”
Helen Kane, “Wanna Be Loved By You”
Paul Robeson, “Ol’ Man River”
Duke Ellington, “Black and Tan Fantasy”
- 1929 Ben Selvin, “Happy Days Are Here Again”
Eddie Cantor, “Makin’ Whoopee”
Cliff Edwards (Ukulele Ike), “Singing in the Rain”
Louis Armstrong, “When You’re Smiling”

