

Entertainment of the 50s



Music and Movies

1950

Music: “Mona Lisa” (Nat King Cole), “Tennessee Waltz” (Patti Page), “Goodnight Irene” (Gordon Jenkins and the Weavers), “Put Another Nickel In” (Teresa Brewer), and “Bewitched” (Rae Moo)

Movies: Cinderella, King Solomon’s Mines, All About Eve, Annie Get Your Gun, Father of the Bride

1951

Music: “Unforgettable” (Nat King Cole), “Cry” (Johnny Ray), “How High the Moon” (Les Paul and Mary Ford), “Because of You” (Tony Bennett), Mockin’Bird Hill (Patti Page)

Movies: The African Queen, Showboat, A Streetcar Named Desire, An American in Paris, Quo Vadis, Strangers On a Train

1952

Music: “You Belong To Me” (Jo Stafford), “Here In My Heart” (Al Martino), “Sweetheart” (Vera Lynn), “Wheel of Fortune” (Kay Starr), “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus” (Jimmy Boyd)

Movies: The Greatest Show on Earth, The Snows of Kilimanjaro, High Noon, The Quiet Man, Singin' In The Rain

1953

Music: "Vaya Con Dios" (Les Paul & Mary Ford), "Don't Let The Stars Get In Your Eyes" (Perry Como), "How Much Is That Doggy In The Window?" (Patti Page), "That's Amore" (Dean Martin), "Your Cheatin' Heart" (Frankie Laine)

Movies: Peter Pan, The Robe, From Here To Eternity, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, Shane, Hondo, House of Wax

1954

Music: "Three Coins In The Fountain" (Rosemary Clooney), "Mister Sandman" (The Cordettes), "Sh-Boom" (The Crew Cuts), "Secret Love" (Doris Day), "Stranger In Paradise" (Tony Bennett), "Papa Love Mambo" (Smile)

Movies: The Caine Mutiny, White Christmas, The High And The Mighty, On The Waterfront, 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea

1955

Music: "Rock Around The Clock" (Bill Haley and The Comets), "Sixteen Tons" (Tennessee Ernie Ford), "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing" (Four Aces), "Only You" (The Platters), "Tutti Frutti" (Little Richard),

Movies: Lady and the Tramp, Mister Roberts, The Sea Chase, To Catch a Thief, The Seven Year Itch, Love is a Many Splendored Thing

1956

Music: Blueberry Hill (Fats Domino), "Que Será Será: Whatever Will Be, Will Be (Doris Day), "Heartbreak Hotel" (Elvis Presley), "Hound

Dog” (Elvis Presley), “Love Me Tender” (Elvis Presley), “Blue Suede Shoes” (Elvis Presley)

Movies: The Ten Commandments, Around the World in 80 Days, War and Peace, The King and I, The Man Who Knew Too Much, Moby Dick, Love Me Tender, Forbidden Planet

1957

Music: “Great Balls of Fire” (Jerry Lee Lewis), “Jailhouse Rock” (Elvis Presley) “That’ll Be the Day” (Buddy Holly), “Diana” (Paul Anka), “Whole Lot of Shakin’ Goin On” (Elvis Presley)

Movies: The Bridge on the River Kwai, Peyton Place, Sayonara, Gunfight at the O.K. Corral, A Farewell to Arms, The Pride and the Passion, Jailhouse Rock

1958

Music: “Tom Dooley” (Kingston Trio), “Volaré” (Domenico Modugno), Tequila (Champs), Johnny B. Goode (Chuck Berry), La Bamba (Ritchie Valens), Catch a Falling Star (Perry Como)

Movies: The Big Country, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Gigi, Vertigo, South Pacific, Auntie Mame

1959

Music: Mack the Knife (Bobby Darrin), Smoke Gets In Your Eyes (The Platters), Battle of New Orleans (Bobby Horton), Venue (Franke Avalon), There Goes My Baby (The Drifters), A Fool Such as I (Elvis Presley)

Movies: Ben Hur, The Shaggy Dog, Some Like it Hot, North by Northwest, Journey to the Center of the Earth, Rio Bravo, The Nuns Story, Operation Petticoat

