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*Amadeus* (1984) Director Milos Forman's Oscar Winning film about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the brilliant but tortured soul. Narrated by his more tortured counterpart, Antonio Salieri, the contemporaneous composer who was insanely jealous of Mozart's talent and claimed to have murdered him. You want a crash course in Mozart - you got it with this soundtrack!

*Amy* (2015): The Oscar-winning documentary presents an intimate portrait of the life and career of the late British singer/songwriter Amy Winehouse, who tragically succumbed to addiction at age 27. The soundtrack includes her Grammy-winning classics.

*Bohemian Rhapsody* (2018) The story of the legendary British rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid in 1985. Won four Oscars including Rami Malek for Best Actor; great movie and the soundtrack – well what's not to like Queen!

*Boogie Nights* (1997) The story of a young man's adventures in the California pornography industry of the late 1970's and early 1980's. This film marked a major turning point in Mark Wahlberg's (former underwear model/teen idol) career. The soundtrack captures the feeling of the disco and post disco eras.

*Bright Lights, Big City* (1988) Based on the novel by Jay McInerney – a disillusioned young writer living in New York City turns to drugs and drinking to block out traumatic memories. An iconic 80's story with great 80's music: New Order, Narada, Prince, Bryan Ferry, Depeche Mode to name a few.

*Cabaret* (1972) Sally Bowles, a female girlie club entertainer in Weimar Republic era Berlin romances two men while the Nazi Party rises to power around them - winner of 8 Oscars including Best Actress (Liza Minnelli) Best Supporting Actor (Joel Grey) and Best Director (Bob Fosse). The soundtrack speaks volumes -- *what good is sitting alone in your room, come here the music play, life is a Cabaret old chum, come to the cabaret.* Enjoy.

*Easy Rider* (1969) The quintessential 1960's road movie - everything goes wrong, including a very unsettling trip to a New Orleans cemetery. It stars (the very young) Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper and Jack Nicholson; a classic cult film with classic tunes including Steppenwolf, The Byrds, Jimi Hendrix, The Animals, Jefferson Airplane, The Who, Joe Cocker and The Flying Burrito Brothers.

*Fame* (1980) Chronicles the lives of several teenagers who attend the prestigious New York City High School for Performing Arts. An immediate cult classic and cautionary tale: for any young aspiring artist - after seeing this film you either headed for the hills or craved fame even more. A 1980's mainstay- who can't forget Irene Cara's mantra - *Fame! I wanna live forever, baby remember my name!*

*Flashdance* (1983) Jennifer Beales stars as a Pittsburgh woman with two jobs as a welder and an exotic dancer who not only wants to get into ballet school (without any training), but also falls in love with her older boss/divorced/owner of the steel mill. Kind of a creepy premise but it worked, becoming an instant classic and indoctrinating the sweatshirt-cutting craze. Again, Irene Cara killed it with the classic song *What a Feeling*.

*High Fidelity* (2000) John Cusack stars as 30-something Rob Gordon, a former club DJ, hopeless romantic, vinyl-obsessed music aficionado, and owner of a not so lucrative used record store in Chicago. Adapted from the novel of the same name by Nick Hornby, the film never disappoints – both hilarious and poignant, with snappy dialogue – and did I mention a cameo appearance by Bruce Springsteen. An amazing soundtrack including The Kinks, John Wesley Harding, The Velvet Underground, Love, Bob Dylan, Sheila Nicholls, The Beta Band, Elvis Costello & The Attractions, Stevie Wonder.