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*La La Land* (2016) Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling star Mia, an aspiring actress/barista, and Sebastian, a struggling jazz musician, who fall in love in backdrop of Los Angeles; an homage to the old musicals with a modern twist. The Oscar winning soundtrack includes original, catchy tunes, my favorite being the opening number “Another Day of Sun” – a dance sequence filmed on a real LA Freeway.

*The Mambo Kings* (1992) Armand Assante and Antonio Banderas star as the musician brothers Cesar and Nestor who leave Cuba for America in the 1950's, hoping to hit the top of the Latin music scene. Soundtrack features many big names from the world of latin jazz and salsa music, including songs by Arturo Sandoval, Celia Cruz, Tito Puente, and Mambo All-Stars.

*Mamma Mia!* (2008) A bride-to-be tries to find her real father told using hit songs by the popular 1970's group ABBA. If you need an ABBA fix, here it is.

*National Lampoon's Animal House* (1978) John Belushi stars in one of the most irreverent, politically incorrect comedies of all time - follows a group of rowdy fraternity brothers at the fictional Faber College in 1962 and all their shenanigans. Soundtrack includes early sixties classics by Sam Cooke, Lloyd Williams, Paul & Paula, and Stephen Bishop.

*Pretty in Pink* (1986) John Hughes' classic 1980's teen angst film – a simple plot, amazing soundtrack (I still have my cassette). Stroll down memory lane with these classics by Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark, Suzanne Vega, INXS, The Psychedelic Furs, New Order, Echo & The Bunnymen and The Smiths.

*Saturday Night Fever* (1977) John Travolta stars as Tony Manero, a nineteen-year-old Brooklyn native who lives for Saturday nights at the local disco. The Grammy award-winning soundtrack epitomized the disco phenomenon and is one of the best-selling albums in history – iconic songs by the Bee Gees, Yvonne Elliman, Tavares, Kool & The Gang, KC & The Sunshine Band to name a few.

*Shaft* (1971) American Blaxploitation crime action film stars Richard Roundtree as John Shaft, the ultimate suave New York City detective. The soundtrack album recorded by legendary soul artist Isaac Hayes won both a Grammy and an Oscar. *Who is the man that would risk his neck for his brother, man? (SHAFT) Can ya dig it?*

*Sid and Nancy: Love Kills* (1986) Gary Oldman and Chloe Webb star in this morbid biographical story of Sid Vicious, the bassist with British punk group the Sex Pistols, and his destructive girlfriend Nancy Spungen. The soundtrack includes punk classics by Joe Strummer, The Pogues, and The Circle Jerks. Gary Oldman's rendition of Frank Sinatra's “My Way” is memorable to say the least.

*A Star Is Born* (2018) A musician helps a young singer find fame as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral – the film was done three times before in 1937, 1954 and 1976 and yet it still packs a punch. The Grammy and Oscar-winning soundtrack with Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper is perfection! Enough said, just listen.

*The Wedding Singer* (1998) Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore star in the classic romantic comedy set in 1986. Soundtrack is another stroll down memory lane with songs by The Smiths, Culture Club, The Police, The Psychedelic Furs, Elvis Costello, The Sugarhill Gang, Thompson Twins, Billy Idol, David Bowie, New Order, and Musical Youth.