

The Headliners Band/ Song list 2026

When selecting your 30-40 songs, remember:

A balanced mix of dance hits from different eras keeps all guests engaged. Alternate between current hits, throwbacks, and oldies to maintain dance floor energy. Some songs work better early in the evening than later. People respond best to familiar, popular songs - check iTunes popularity ratings as a guide. Less popular songs, regardless of quality, often fail to engage dancers.

Your 30-40 song highlights, along with basic notes like "must play," "love oldies," or "prefer current music" are all we need. Too many instructions can limit our ability to create a great party atmosphere. Keep your "don't play" list to 10-15 songs, noting that certain categories are automatically excluded unless you request them.

Dance/Party/Top 40

I Just Might - Bruno Mars
Where Is My Husband - RAYE
Pink Pony Club - Chappell Roan
Hot To Go! - Chappell Roan
Man I Need - Olivia Dean
Golden - HUNTR/X KPop Demon Hunters
Too Sweet - Hozier
Stargazing - Myles Smith
APT - Rosé & Bruno Mars
A Bar Song (Topsy) - Shaboozey
Birds Of A Feather - Billie Eilish
Espresso - Sabrina Carpenter
I'm Good (Blue) - David Guetta & Bebe Rexha
Dance The Night - Dua Lipa
Best Of My Love/ Lil' Boo Thang (Mash-up) - Emotions/Paul Russell
Flowers - Miley Cyrus
Sweet Lovin' - Sigala
The Business - Tiesto
About Damn Time - Lizzo
Juice - Lizzo
Truth Hurts - Lizzo
Good As Hell - Lizzo
Cold Heart (PNAU Remix) - Elton John & Dua Lipa
Levitating - (Feat. DaBaby) - Dua Lipa
Don't Start Now - Dua Lipa
Beggin' - Maneskin

Havana - Camila Cabello
Blinding Lights - The Weekend
I Like Me Better - Lauv
Despacito - J. Bieber/Daddy Yankee/Luis Fonsi
The Middle - Zedd/Maren Morris/Grey
Closer - The Chainsmokers Feat. Halsey
24 Karat Magic - Bruno Mars
Uptown Funk - Bruno Mars
Marry You - Bruno Mars
Locked Out Of Heaven - Bruno Mars
This Is What You Came For - Calvin Harris/Rihanna
Cheap Thrills - Sia/Sean Paul
Can't Stop The Feeling - Justin Timberlake
Good Feeling - Flo-Rida
Low - Flo-rida
Cake By The Ocean - DNCE
Trap Queen - Fetty Wap
Shut Up and Dance - Walk The Moon
Still Into You - Paramore
Sugar - Maroon 5
Fireball – Pitbull/John Ryan
Time Of Our Lives - Pitbull/Ne-Yo
Feel This Moment - Pitbull/Christina Aguilera
Everytime We Touch - Cascada
Timber - Pitbull/Ke\$ha
Tik Tok - Ke\$ha
Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
Cruel Summer - Taylor Swift
Feel So Close - Calvin Harris
Murder On The Dancefloor - Sophie Ellis-Bextor
Higher Love - Kygo/Whitney Houston
I Love It - Icona Pop
Party In The USA - Miley Cyrus
Baby One More Time - Britney Spears
Happy - Pharrell Williams
Rather Be - Clean Bandit
Blurred Lines - Robin Thicke
Can't Hold Us - Macklemore
Get Lucky - Daft Punk
Wake Me Up - Avicii
Love Never Felt So Good - Michael Jackson/Justin Timberlake

Don't You Worry Child - Swedish House Mafia
Starships - Nicki Minaj
Call Me Maybe - Carly Rae Jepsen
Party Rock Anthem - LMFAO
Domino - Jessie J.
We Found Love - Rihanna
Moves Like Jagger - Maroon 5/Christina Aguilera
Raise Your Glass - Pink
Give Me Everything - Pitbull/Ne-yo/Nayer
Firework - Katy Perry
Valerie - Amy Winehouse
Hips Don't Lie - Shakira
Dynamite - Taio Cruz
Crazy In Love - Beyonce
DJ Got Us Fallin' In Love Again - Usher
Hey Ya - Outkast
The Way You Move - Outkast
I Gotta Feeling - Black Eyed Peas
Empire State Of Mind – Alicia Keyes/Jay Z
Say Hey (I Love You) - Michael Franti & Spearhead
Just Dance - Lady GaGa
Dancing On My Own - Robyn
Sexy Back - Justin Timberlake
Yeah - Usher/Ludicrous

70s 80s 90s dance hits

Don't Stop Til You Get Enough - Michael Jackson
Billie Jean - Michael Jackson
PYT (Pretty Young Thing) - Michael Jackson
Beat It - Michael Jackson
The Way You Make Me Feel - Michael Jackson
Shake Your Body Down To The Ground - Michael Jackson
I Want To Rock With You - Michael Jackson
No Diggity - Blackstreet feat. Dr. Dre
This Is How We Do It - Montell Jordan
Ride Wit Me - Nelly
Hot In Here - Nelly
Ignition (Remix) - R. Kelly
I Wanna Dance With Somebody - Whitney Houston
Everybody (Backstreet's Back) - Backstreet Boys
Bye Bye Bye - NSYNC
Wannabe - Spice Girls

September - Earth Wind & Fire
Let's Groove - Earth Wind & Fire
Gimmie! Gimmie! Gimmie! - Abba
Dancing Queen - Abba
Believe - Cher
The Power Of Love - Huey Lewis & The News

The songs below are often avoided unless asked for by you or a guest. They are great for the right crowd, and fun party music for the right group.

Shining Star - Earth Wind & Fire
Sing A Song - Earth Wind & Fire
Get Into The Groove - Madonna
Like A Prayer - Madonna
Kiss - Prince
Purple Rain - Prince
1999 - Prince
Ice Ice Baby - Vanilla Ice
Lady Marmalade - Christina Aguilera/Little Kim/Mya
Brick House - Commodores
Celebration - Kool & The Gang
Get Down On It - Kool & The Gang
Last Dance - Donna Summer
Bad Girls - Donna Summer
Love Train - The O'Jays
We Are Family - Sister Sledge
Play That Funky Music - Wild Cherry
Superfreak - Rick James
Give It To Me - Rick James
You'll Never Find - Lou Rawls
Everlasting Love - Carl Carlton
Got To Be Real - Cheryl Lynn
Ain't Nobody - Chaka Kahn
I Will Survive - Gloria Gaynor
First, Last, Everything - Barry White
Can't Get Enough Of Your Love - Barry White
Superstition - Stevie Wonder
I Wish - Stevie Wonder
Isn't She Lovely - Stevie Wonder
Love Shack - B52s
Signed, Sealed, Delivered - Stevie Wonder (fun for weddings!)

80s/90's/ Rock

Jessie's Girl - Rick Springfield
Africa - Toto
Girl's Just Wanna Have Fun - Cyndi Lauper
Summer Of 69 - Bryan Adams
Take Me Home Tonight - Eddie Money
What's Up - 4 Non Blondes
I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) - The Proclaimers
Sweet Child O Mine - Guns & Roses
Mr. Brightside - The Killers
All The Small Things - Blink 182
First Date - Blink 182
Misery Business - Paramore
Zombie - The Cranberries
Basket Case - Green Day
When I Come Around - Green Day
My Own Worst Enemy - Lit
Kryptonite - Three Doors Down
Sex On Fire - Kings Of Leon
Pour Some Sugar On Me - Def Leppard
Your Love - The Outfield
Don't Stop Believing - Journey
Jump - Van Halen
Hit Me With Your Best Shot - Pat Benatar
Footloose - Kenny Loggins
Let's Dance - David Bowie
Walking On Sunshine - Katrina & The Waves
Livin' On A Prayer - Bon Jovi
You Shook Me - AC/DC
Seven Nation Army - The White Stripes
Wild Nights - John Mellencamp
Uptown Girl - Billy Joel
You May Be Right - Billy Joel
Hurts So Good - John Mellencamp
Dancing In The Dark - Bruce Springsteen
Glory Days - Bruce Springsteen
Born To Run - Bruce Springsteen
Tenth Avenue Freeze Out - Bruce Springsteen

The two below are fun party songs that we would typically not do unless OK by you. Guests will often ask for these:

Sweet Caroline - Neil Diamond

Shout - Otis Redding

50's/60's/ Motown

The five below are shortened and part of our Motown Medley:

Ain't To Proud To Beg - Temptations

I Can't Help Myself - Temptations

Can't Get Next To You - Temptations

Dancin' In The Streets - Martha & The Vandellas

Get Ready - Temptations

Ain't No Mountain High Enough - Marvin Gaye/Tammy Terrell

December 1963 (Oh What A Night) - Frankie Valli

Higher & Higher (Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) - Jackie Wilson

Good Lovin' - The Young Rascals

This Old Heart of Mine - The Isley Brothers

I'm A Believer - The Monkees

R-E-S-P-E-C-T - Aretha Franklin

Mustang Sally - Sam & Dave

Hold On I'm Coming - Sam & Dave

I Feel Good - James Brown

Knock On Wood - New York Soul Review

What's Goin' On - Marvin Gaye

Proud Mary - Ike & Tina Turner

Build Me Up Buttercup - Foundations

My Guy - Mary Wells

Stand By Me - Ben E. King

I Want You Back - The Jackson 5

Sittin' On The Dock Of The Bay - Otis Redding

The Way You Do The Things You Do - Temptations

Do You Love Me - Contours

Soul Man - Blues Brothers

Baby I Need Your Lovin' - Four Tops

Runaround Sue - Dion & The Belmonts

Pretty Woman - Roy Orbison

You're The One That I Want - John Travolta & Olivia Newton John

Classic Rock - (More can be added by advance request)

What I Like About You - The Romantics

Sweet Home Alabama - Lynyrd Skynyrd

Can't Buy Me Love - The Beatles

I Wanna Hold Your Hand - The Beatles

Saw Her Standing There - The Beatles

Twist & Shout - The Beatles

All You Need is Love - The Beatles

Hey Jude - The Beatles
Satisfaction - Rolling Stones
Start Me Up - Rolling Stones
Long Train Runnin' - Doobie Brothers
Old Time Rock & Roll - Bob Seger

Standards/Big Band/Swing/Classics

Typically just one or two played early in the evening (unless otherwise requested). Timeless classics for the older guests and usually done at times where we need to play something but don't necessarily want to pack the dance floor.

I've Got The World On A String - Michael Buble
Save The Last Dance For Me - Michael Buble
Summer Wind - Frank Sinatra
Fly Me To The Moon - Frank Sinatra
The Way You Look Tonight - Frank Sinatra
New York, New York - Frank Sinatra
Young At Heart - Tony Bennett/Shawn Colvin
Sway - Pussycat Dolls
What A Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong
Route 66 - Natalie Cole
L-O-V-E - Natalie Cole
In The Mood - Glen Miller Orchestra
You Are The Sunshine Of My Life - Stevie Wonder
For Once In My Life - Stevie Wonder
How Sweet It Is To Be Loved By You - James Taylor

Latin American (Rhumba, Merengue, Bossa Nova, Cha Cha, Samba) ***Additional Latin tunes available with the addition of our Latin Vocalist**

Typically only done if requested, however "Carnival", and "Vivir Mi Vida" fit into the Latin/American crossover style (like "Despacito"). These can be great at the right moment and offer variety while being very danceable.

Vivir Mi Vida - Marc Anthony

Carnaval - Celia Cruz

Pepas - Farruko

Senorita - Shawn Mendes, Camila Cabello
Quando, Quando, Quando - Michael Buble & Nelly Furtado
Guantanamera - Celia Cruz
Girl From Ipanema - Antonio Jobim Wave - Antonio Jobim

Ballads/Easy Listening

Typically just a couple played at times when the band is in background mode such as during the salad service, or waiting on a toast, etc. There are times, however, when it takes a Ballad to pack the dance floor, and that can then be followed up

with fun dance hits. These are still typically reserved for early on in the evening unless otherwise requested.

Ordinary - Alex Warren
The Best - Tina Turner
Shallow - Lady Gaga/Bradley Cooper
Perfect - Ed Sheeran
Thinking Out Loud - Ed Sheeran
Tennessee Whisky - Chris Stapleton
All Of Me - John Legend
Everywhere - Fleetwood Mac
This I Promise You - NSYNC
Better Together - Jack Johnson
I'm Your's - Jason Mraz
You Are The Best Thing - Ray Lamontagne
If I Ain't Got You - Alicia Keyes
Everything - Michael Buble
Home - Michael Buble
At Last - Etta James
My Girl - Temptations
Landslide - Stevie Nicks
Something - Beatles
You Are So Beautiful - Joe Cocker
Because You Loved Me - Celine Dion
Have I Told You Lately - Rod Stewart
Natural Woman - Aretha Franklin
Unchained Melody - The Righteous Brothers
She's Got A Way - Billy Joel
Just The Way You Are - Billy Joel
Your Song - Elton John
Tiny Dancer - Elton John
Can't Help Falling In Love - Elvis Presley
Days Like This - Van Morrison
Into The Mystic - Van Morrison
Someone Like You - Van Morrison
Tupelo Honey - Van Morrison
Crazy Love - Van Morrison
Let's Get It On - Marvin Gaye
Let's Stay Together - Al Green
Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You - Frankie Valli
Wonderful Tonight - Eric Clapton
Maybe I'm Amazed - Paul McCartney

Island/Reggae/Beach

We typically wouldn't do many of these unless requested. Great for outdoor pool or beach type events. A couple are good anytime and highlighted below.

Stir It Up - Bob Marley

No Woman No Cry - Bob Marley

Three Little Birds - Bob Marley

One Love - Bob Marley

Is This Love - Bob Marley

Could You Be Loved - Bob Marley

All Night Long - Lionel Ritchie/Jimmy Buffet

Dancing In The Moonlight - King Harvest

Margaritaville - Jimmy Buffet

Mambo # 5 - Lou Bega

Brown Eyed Girl - Van Morrison

Dancing In The Moonlight - King Harvest (also Toploader)

Moondance - Van Morrison

Under The Boardwalk - The Coasters

You Can Call Me Al - Paul Simon

Smooth Jazz/Light Tunes

Soft background songs and instrumentals, rarely played unless requested and used as background music if we need to fill time and don't want dancing.

Don't Know Why - Nora Jones

Come Away With Me - Nora Jones

Smooth Operator - Sade

What You Won't Do For Love - Bobby Caldwell

This Masquerade - George Benson

Just The Two of Us - Grover Washington

Specialty Dance/Ethnic

None played unless you request. These are mostly ethnic songs that would include things such as songs for the Hora, or Polkas, Italian songs, Irish Songs, etc. There are also a few popular songs used for the cake cutting or parent dances. Line dancing type songs are listed here as well. The band would not do any line dancing type songs unless specifically requested by you.

These four are part of our Hora medley which can be lengthened or shortened as needed:

Hava Nagilah

Choson Kale Mazel Tov

Simon Tov

To Life (L' Chayim)

Di M'zinke Oisgegeben - Traditional
Sunrise Sunset - Traditional
Tarantella - Traditional Italian
I Wanna grow old with you - Adam Sandler (Cake Cutting)
Sugar - Maroon 5 (Cake Cutting)
Sugar Sugar - The Archies (Cake Cutting)
Daddy's Little Girl - Traditional Father/Daughter dance
Butterfly Kisses - Bob Carlisle (Father/Daughter dance)
I Loved Her First - Heartland (Father/Daughter dance)
My Little Girl - Tim McGraw (Father/Daughter dance)
Take Good Care Of My Baby - Bobby Vinton (Father/Daughter dance)
Father Daughter - Paul Simon (Father/Daughter Dance)
Because You Loved Me (Father/Daughter or Groom/Mother dance)
My Wish - (Groom/Mother dance)
Over The Rainbow - Israel Kamakawiwo'ole (Hawaiian version)
Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong (Groom/Mother dance)
Day's Like This - Van Morrison - Groom/Mother dance
Cupid Shuffle - Cupid

Country

None played unless you request.

Cruise - Florida Georgia Line
Man! I Feel Like A Woman - Shania Twain
Whatever It Is - Zac Brown Band
Homegrown - Zac Brown Band
Wagon Wheel - Old Crow Medicine Show
My Wish - Rascal Flatts
Chicken Fried - Zac Brown Band
Dixieland Delight - Alabama
Take Me Home Country Roads - John Denver
Friends In Low Places - Garth Brooks