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Extra! Extra! Happy Valentine's Day!



Top 10 Valentine's Day Songs

By Cora Owen

1. "I Can't Stop Loving You" - Ray Charles

Back in 1958, Don Gibson wrote two songs one hot afternoon in Knoxville, Tenn. – "Oh Lonesome Me" and "I Can't Stop Loving You." Four years later, Charles only needed to hear the first two lines of the latter before deciding to record it for his album, "Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music."

2. "Best of My Love" - Maurice White

When the Stax label folded, the three Hutchinson sisters had to find a new home. They were signed to a production company ran by Maurice White of Earth, Wind & Fire. With group member Al McKay, White wrote this song specifically for them and the lead voice of Wanda Hutchinson.

3. "Because I Love You (The Postman Song)" - Stevie B

Songwriter Warren Allen Brooks says his No. 1 hit was a spiritual song, even if people think he was writing about love between a man and a woman. "It's really about me and God having a personal relationship."

4. "Let Me Love You" - Mario

Mario didn't realize this song was going to be so huge. "I didn't know it would touch so many people," he said. "but it was an emotional song and those records last forever."

5. "I Will Always Love You" - Whitney Houston

Houston's signature song was originally a No. 1 hit for the woman who composed the tune, Dolly Parton. Her version topped the Hot Country Songs chart in 1974 and again in 1982.

6. "Silly Love Songs" - Wings

1976 was a very good year for love songs, achieving pole position on the Hot 100. First there was "Love Rollercoaster" by the Ohio Players, followed by Paul Simon's "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover," "Love Machine" by the Miracles, "Let Your Love Flow" by the Bellamy Brothers, "Love Hangover" by Diana Ross and the longest-running "love song," No. 1 of the year, Wings' "Silly Love Songs."

7. "How Deep Is Your Love," Bee Gees

Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb hadn't seen the script for the movie that became "Saturday Night Fever" when they wrote "How Deep Is Your Love" for the soundtrack. They weren't even certain that there was a love scene in the film. They intended the song for Yvonne Elliman, but their manager, Robert Stigwood, insisted they record it themselves.

8. "We Found Love" - Rihanna Feat. Calvin Harris

What could be more romantic than finding love in a "hopeless place?" Rihanna scored the biggest hit of her career (and the top love song of the 21st century) with only her fourth Hot 100 entry to feature "love" in the title, following "If It's Lovin' That You Want" (2005), "Hate That I Love You," (2007) and her featured role on Eminem's "Love the Way You Lie" (2010).

9. "I'll Make Love to You" - Boyz II Men Hot

When the members of Boyz II Men first heard Babyface's composition "I'll Make Love to You," they were concerned about recording a song that was too similar to their previous hit, "End of the Road." Nathan Morris explains, "The record company talked us into doing it and thank God it worked."

10. "Endless Love" Diana Ross & Lionel Richie

Producer Jon Peters and director Franco Zeffirelli asked Lionel Richie to compose an instrumental along the lines of the theme from "Love Story" for their movie starring Brooke Shields. When Zeffirelli changed his mind and asked Richie if he would add lyrics, the Motown star agreed to write some. Then Zeffirelli made one more request – to add a female singer, someone like Diana Ross.

Who Was St. Valentine?

By Mary Hammel

St. Valentine was a Roman Catholic Priest during the third century. He is the patron saint of love, young people, happy marriages, and couples. He assisted many Christians from being persecuted by Claudius II and married countless young couples. Because of this, he was incarcerated and sentenced to death unless he renounced his faith. He did not renounce his faith; therefore, he was executed on February 14, 269 A.D. His grave is on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

Because there is so little known of his life, the Roman Catholic Church removed him from the General Roman Calendar in 1969. However, he is still considered a saint due to his martyrdom.



10 Facts About Valentine's Day

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

By Cavick Decker

1. Teachers receive the most Valentine's Day Cards!
2. Valentine's Day has been a tradition for over 600 years!
3. Roses are the flower of love.
4. In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear their name pinned on their sleeves for one

week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression, "Wear your heart on your sleeve."

5. About one billion cards are exchanged each Valentine's Day.
6. In 2011, Iran banned Valentine's Day gifts.
7. Nearly 189 million stems of roses are sold each Valentine's Day.
8. Don't forget your pets! Almost nine million

Americans will buy their dogs a gift.

9. Candy hearts were originally medical lozenges.
10. In the South Korea, the 14th of each month marks a romantic holiday.



Top Ten Gifts for Him

By Hunter McCoy

Here are 10 gifts you can get for that special guy that he will really enjoy!

1. What I Love About Us Journal/Book
2. A Funny Card
3. Graphic T-shirt
4. Watch
5. Wallet
6. Candy
7. Pajamas
8. Cologne
9. Speaker
10. Patterned Socks



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6



#7



#8



#9



#10



Top Ten Gifts for Her

By Erika Lear

Here are 10 gifts you can get for a wonderful lady in your life that she is sure to love!

1. Giant stuffed animal
2. Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks Card
3. Your Love Story
4. A Picture Book or a Collage
5. Five Senses Gift
6. A Catchy Candy Gift
7. Shoes
8. Jewelry
9. A Card
10. Teddy Bear Rose



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6



#7



#8



#9



#10



