Singing for Fun --- Choosing the themes for 2027

We need to select 11 from the following 15.
Some thought starters/ ideas from previous evenings follow.
Once we've decided on the themes and put them in order, we'll choose the specifics later

Choose (up to) 11 themes from below and send the numbers to johnsaville129@gmail.com by December7

1	1980s	See list of potential songs
2	1990s	See list of potential artists
3	Boy Bands	See list of potential artists
4	California (and New Orleans?)	See list of potential songs
5	Country	See list of potential artists
6	Duos	See list of potential artists
7	Girl Power	See list of potential artists
8	London	See songs used on a previous evening
9	Money (around budget time?)	See songs used on a previous evening
10	Occupations	See songs used on a previous evening
11	Piano Men (Elton John, Lionel Richie, Billy Joel)	See list of potential songs
12	Pop Folk	See list of potential artists
13	Rolling Stones	See list of songs we've had before and some suggestions
14	Valentines -- Love Songs (on February 17)	
15	Weather	See songs used on a previous evening

Some background of themes we've had in the past

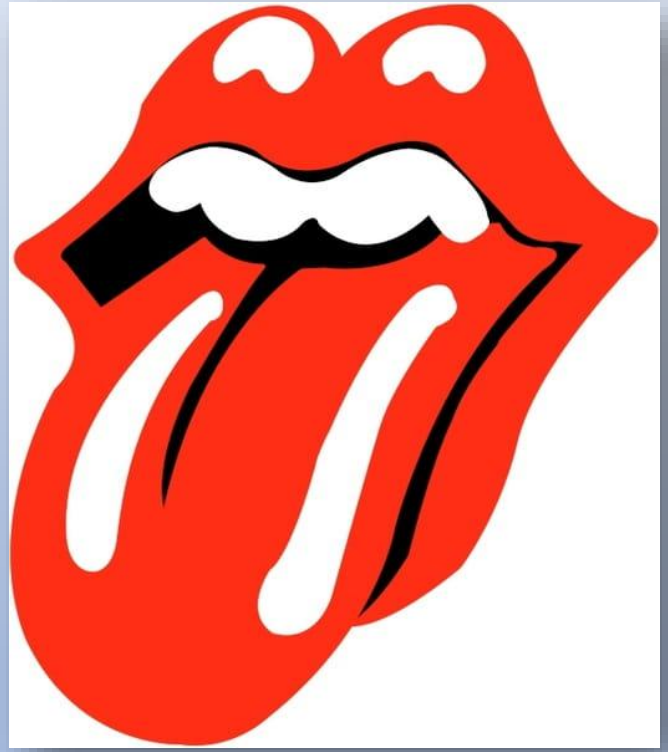
X Used in 2026

X Planned for 2026

X "Runners Up" for 2026

Dates/Seasons	Christmas	Valentine ?	Fire(work)	May Day	Autumn Colours
	Spring	Flaming June	No#1 hits by "month"		
Songs about	Time	Transport	Money X	Weather X	
	Girls Names X	Boys Names X	Dance	Colours X	Animals
	Flowers	Body Parts	Locked Up/Down	Numbers	Fools
	Shapes	Happy	Food	Occupations X	Heart X
Songs from	Shows	Movies	James Bond Films	Motown	Grammy Winners
	Eurovision	Proms	Disney		
"Card Countdown"	King	Queen	Jack	10 to 1	
Places:	USA	London X	Ireland	France	Europe
	UK				
Hits of:	1950s	1960s X	1970s X	1980s	Januarys
Artists:	Beatles X	Queen	Simon & Garfunkel X	ABBA X	Cliff Richard
	Rolling Stones X	The Rat Pack	One Hit Wonders	Elvis	Burt Bacharach
	Artists, groups or composers beginning with letter.....			Songs beginning with letter..... .	
.... and evenings of songs selected by one or more of our regular singers					

We'll need to select about 14 Songs we've had before



- Angie
- As Tears Go By
- Brown Sugar
- Get off My Cloud
- Honky Tonk Woman
- I Can't Get No Satisfaction
- I Just Want to Make Love to You
- It's All Over Now
- Jumping Jack Flash
- Last Time, The
- Let's Spend the Night Together
- Little Red Rooster
- Not Fade Away
- Paint it Black
- Route 66
- Ruby Tuesday
- Time Is On My Side
- Wild Horses

Occupations

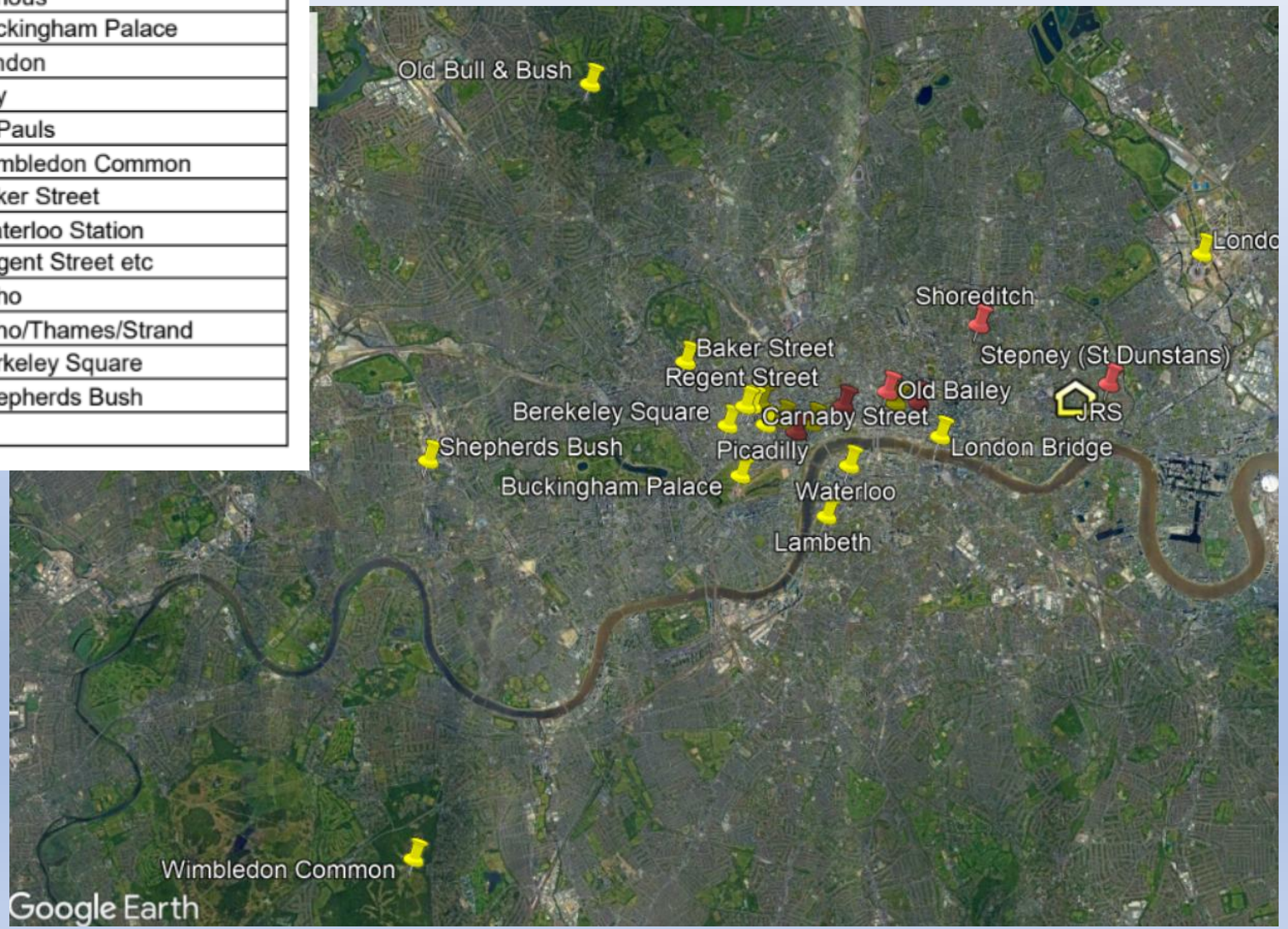


Drunken Sailor	Traditional	Sailor
Cockles and Mussels	Traditional	Fishmonger
Clementine	Traditional	Gold miner
Heigh Ho Heigh Ho	Showtune	Miners
When I'm Cleaning Windows	George Formby	Window Cleaner
My Old Man's A Dustman	Donegon, Lonnie	Dustman
Please Mr Postman	Carpenters	Postman
Right Said Fred	Bernard Cribbins	Moving men
Flash Bang Wallop	Tommy Steeele	Photographer
Those Magnificent Men	Showtune	Pilots
Taxman	Beatles, The	Taxman
Lovely Rita	Beatles, The	Traffic Warden
Obladi Obladah	Beatles, The	Market Trader/Singer
Boxer, The	Simon & Garfunkel	Boxer
Space Oddity	David Bowie	Astronaut
Ernie the fastest Milkman	Benny Hill	Milkman
Postman Pat	Children's	Postman
Money for Nothing	Dire Straits	Kitchen Installers

"Songs Inspired by the Weather"



Link from Irish Evening	It's a long way to tipperary	Piccadilly/ Leicester Square
London Medley	Maybe its because I'm a Londoner	
	Down at the Old Bull & Bush	Shepherds Busg
	Let's all go down the Strand	Strand
	Lambeth Walk	Lambeth
	I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles	London Stadium
Children's	Oranges and Lemons	Various
	Changing Guards at Buckingham Palace	Buckingham Palace
	London Bridge	London
	Londons Burning	City
	Feed the Birds (Mary Poppins)	St Pauls
Named Places	Wombling Song	Wimbledon Common
	Baker Street (Gerry Rafferty)	Baker Street
	Waterloo Sunset (Kinks)	Waterloo Station
	Dedicated Follower of Fashion (Kinks)	Regent Street etc
	Pinball Wizard (Who/Elton John)	Soho
	Mack the Knife London Translation by Willett	Soho/Thames/Strand
	Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square	Berkeley Square
	Only Fools & Horses	Shepherds Bush
Finale	The Streets of London (Ralph McTell)	



What Do We Owe to the Greedy Taxman?	Parody on Budget Day
“HMRC”	Parody to YMCA
Taxman (1 of 2)	Beatles
Who wants to be a millionaire?	
Money (1 of 2)	Beatles
Gotta Pick a Pocket or Two (1 of 4)	
Money –	Pink Floyd
Can't buy me love (1 of 2)	Beatles
Pennies from Heaven (1 of 2)	
Money For Nothing	Dire Straits
Big Spender	Shirley Bassey
Money, Money, Money	ABBA
Price Tag	

No#1 hits of the 1980s we've had before

Michael Jackson	Billie Jean
Communards	Dont Leave Me This Way
The Human League	Dont You Want Me
The Bangles	Eternal Flame
The Police	Every Breath You Take
The Police	Every Liitle Thing She Does Is Magic
Survivor	Eye Of The Tiger
Irene Cara	Fame
Europe	Final Countdown
Lionel Richie	Hello
Madness	House Of Fun
Stevie Wonder	I Just Called To Say I Love You
Kylie Minogue	I Should Be So Lucky
Whitney Houston	I Want To Dance With Somebody
Foreigner	I Want To Know What Love Is
Chris De Burgh	Lady In Red
Shakin Stevens	Merry Christmas Everyone
Cliff Richard	Mistletoe and Wine
Rick Astley	Never Gonna Give You Up
Jennifer Rush	Power Of Love
UB40	Red Red Wine
Abba	Super Trouper
Berlin	Take My Breath Away
Blondie	Tide Is High
Bonnie Tyler	Total Eclipse Of The Heart
Billy Joel	Uptown Girl
Wham!	Wake Me Up Before You Go Go
Billy Ocean	When The Going Gets Tough
Abba	Winner Takes It All

Others we might consider

Nena	99 Red Balloons
Blondie	Atomic
George Michael	Careless Whisper
Diana Ross	Chain Reaction
Spitting Image	Chicken Song
Culture Club	Do You Really Want To Hurt Me
Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder	Ebony and Ivory
Belinda Carlisle	Heaven Is A Place On Earth
Elaine Paige and Barbara Dickson	I Know Him So Well
Culture Club	Karma Chameleon
Madonna	Like A Prayer
Bucks Fizz	Making Your Mind Up
Phyllis Nelson	Move Closer
Jason Donovan	Sealed With A Kiss
The Firm	Star Trekkin
Soft Cell	Tainted Love
Queen and David Bowie	Under Pressure
The Pet Shop Boys	West End Girls
John Lennon	Woman
Barbra Streisand	Woman In Love
Phil Collins	You Cant Hurry Love

1990s We've never had a dedicated "1990s Evening

Of the 190 No#1 hits in the 1980s

- We've sung 27
- Of which 12 were "covers" of earlier hits

Bryan Adams
Spice Girls
Elton John
George Michael
Whitney Houston
Lou Bega
Celine Dion
Boyzone
Sinead OConnor
Various Artists
Cliff Richard
East 17
Boyzone
Ronan Keating

I've also identified 34 which we might like to add from artists such as

Oasis
Ace Of Base
Britney Spears
Take That
Aqua
Cher
Michael Jackson
Deep Blue Something
S Club 7
Blur
Oasis
No Doubt
Oasis
Michael Jackson
Take That
Madonna
Coolio

Christina Aguilera
R Kelly
The Backstreet Boys
Vanilla Ice
Meat Loaf
Ricky Martin
Robbie Williams
Hanson
Culture Beat
Gina G
Robbie Williams
Cher
D:Ream
Baddiel and Skinner
Aqua
Spice Girls

“Piano Men”



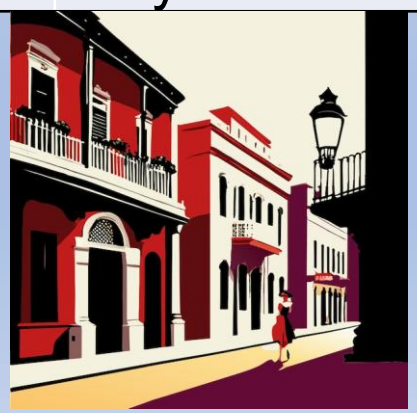
We’ll choose 6 of the 10 Elton John Songs

Billy Joel	She's Always a Woman
Billy Joel	Uptown Girl
Billy Joel	Piano Man
Lionel Richie	Endless Love
Lionel Richie	Hello
Lionel Richie	All Night Long
Lionel Richie	Say You, Say Me
Elton John	Candle In The Wind
Elton John	Crocodile Rock
Elton John	Daniel
Elton John	Don’t go breaking my heart
Elton John	Goodbye Yellow Brick Road
Elton John	Pinball Wizard
Elton John	Rocket Man
Elton John	Saturday Nights All right for Fighting
Elton John	Vincent
Elton John	Your Song

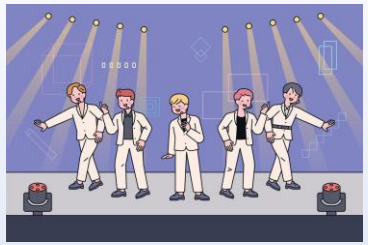
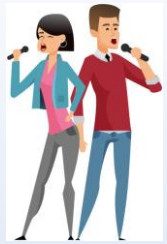
California / New Orleans

It Never Rains In Southern California	Albert Hammond
MacArthur Park –	Donna Summer
(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay	Otis Redding
All I want to do	Sheryl Crow
Are You going to San Francisco	Scott McKenzie
California Dreaming	Mamas & Papas
California Girls	Beach Boys
Clementine	Traditional
Do You Know the Way to San Jose	Dionne Warwick
Folsom Prison Blues	Johnny Cash
Hotel California	Led Zepplin
I left my heart in San Fransico	Tony Bennett





Battle of NO	Lonnie Donegan
House of the Rising Sun	Animals
Jambalaya	Carpenters
Live & Let Die	Wings
Proud Mary	CCR
Way down yonder in NO	Bing Crosby

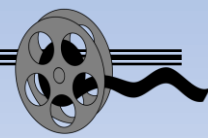






Girl Power	Boy Bands	Duos	Country	Pop Folk
Spice Girls	Backstreet Boys	Brian & Michael	Crystal Gayle	Bob Dylan
Atomic Kitten	Blue	Carpenters	Dolly Parton	Byrds
Bangles	Boyzone	Communards	Faith Hill	Joan Baez
Destiny's Child	Five	Eurythmics	Garth Brooks	John Denver
Eternal	Nsynch	Everly Bros	Glenn Campbell	Joni Mitchell
Sugababes	One Direction	Lighthouse Family	Jim Reeves	Judy Collins
Supremes	Take That	Pet Shop Boys	John Denver	Kingston Trio
Sister Sledge	Westlife	Peter & Gordon	Johnny Cash	Mamas & Papas
Other Motown		Proclaimers	Kenny Rogers	Pete Seeger
		Righteous Bros	LeAnn Rimes	Ralph McTell
		S&G	Roger Miller	S&G
		Savage Garden	Shania Twain	Seekers
		Sonny & Cher	Tammy Wynette	
		Wham	Trisha Yearwood	
			Willy Nelson	

Singing for Fun 2027 – Artists?

Evenings of Artists			
Rolling Stones (originally planned for September)			
Evenings we've had before			
ABBA	Elvis	Burt Bacharach	Cliff Richard
Possible Artists we've had some songs – grouped or expanded			
Carpenters (3)	Animals (3)	Beach Boys (3)	Bon Jovi (3)
Eric Clapton (5)	Nat King Cole (3)	Dean Martin (4)	Dire Straits (4)
Eagles (3)	Frank Sinatra (8)	Hermann's Hermits (3)	Hollies (3)
Elton John (6)	Perry Como (4)	Peter, Paul & Mary (3)	Pink Floyd (3)
Sammy Davis Jr (7)			



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