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# Introduction

Welcome to the world of music games and trivia, in this second edition of *Say It With Music*, published on the 25th anniversary of the first edition.

If you have spent time planning and leading activities for older adults, you have undoubtedly learned that music is one of the best tools at your command. Music involves people from all backgrounds and abilities and it reaches them in many different ways. *Say It With Music* has been written for those of you who are looking for some new ways to add music to your activities programming. There are music activities both for those who are trained musicians and for those without any musical background.

Here is what the book contains:

- A. 26 different trivia quizzes, in the categories of Songs, Musicians, Musicals, Instruments, and General Music. The difficulty of each quiz depends on the mental ability and musical sophistication of the group's members. Choose those quizzes that give your participants a successful experience.
- B. 25 musical games, plus "Name That Tune" with 10 variations. Many of these games could fill a 45-minute activity. Others are short and can be used: (1) when you have a few extra minutes to fill; (2) as part of a longer musical program on a particular theme; or (3) added to one or more other music games. Knowledge of music by the leader will be needed for some of these games.
- C. Six sections of miscellaneous music activities, including reminiscing questions.
- D. Just for fun, the book concludes with two pages of musical knock-knock jokes.

Happy music-making!

# Finish the 1960s Songs

1. Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka-Dot...Bikini
2. Never on...Sunday
3. Save the Last Dance for...Me
4. Theme From "A Summer...Place"
5. The Green Leaves of...Summer
6. Put on a Happy...Face
7. Can't Help Falling in Love...With You
8. Hit the Road,...Jack
9. Hey, Look Me...Over
10. The Lion Sleeps...Tonight
11. Please, Mister...Postman
12. Take Good Care of My...Baby
13. Where the Boys...Are
14. Will You Still Love Me...Tomorrow?
15. It Was a Very Good...Year
16. Love Makes the World Go...Round
17. Where Have All the Flowers...Gone?
18. Big Girls Don't...Cry
19. The Days of Wine and...Roses
20. Monster...Mash
21. Only Love Can Break a...Heart
22. Roses Are Red, My...Love
23. A Taste of...Honey
24. As Long As He Needs...Me
25. Call Me...Irresponsible
26. Blowin' in the...Wind
27. Can't Get Used to Losing...You
28. Go Away, Little...Girl
29. Puff the Magic...Dragon
30. My Boyfriend's...Back
31. Hello Muddah, Hello...Faddah
32. Food, Glorious...Food
33. It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad...World
34. Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of...Summer
35. The Times They Are...a-Changin'
36. Can't Buy Me...Love
37. Chim Chim...Cheree
38. Everybody Loves Somebody...Sometime
39. It's Been a Hard Day's...Night
40. The House of the Rising...Sun
41. I Want to Hold Your...Hand
42. It Ain't Me...Babe
43. Twist and...Shout
44. Don't Let the Sun Catch You...Crying
45. Don't Rain on My...Parade
46. The Girl From...Ipanema
47. Hush, Hush, Sweet...Charlotte
48. I Saw Her Standing...There
49. If I Were a Rich...Man
50. A Spoonful of...Sugar
51. Supercalifragilistic...expialidocious
52. There's Always Something There to...Remind Me
53. We'll Sing in the...Sunshine
54. Can't You Hear My Heart...Beat
55. Eight Days a...Week

56. I Got You...Babe
57. If It Takes Forever, I Will Wait...for You
58. King of the...Road
59. Mister Tambourine...Man
60. Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely... Daughter
61. Love Potion Number...Nine
62. I Can't Get No...Satisfaction
63. The Shadow of Your...Smile
64. The Sounds of...Silence
65. Stop in the Name of...Love
66. He Ain't Heavy, He's My...Brother
67. What the Worlds Needs Now Is...Love
68. You've Lost That Lovin'...Feelin'
69. Papa's Got a Brand New...Bag
70. What's New...Pussycat?
71. California...Dreamin'; Girls
72. A Groovy Kind of...Love
73. The Impossible...Dream
74. Last Train to...Clarksville
75. Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and...Thyme
76. Strangers in the...Night
77. These Boots Are Made for...Walkin'
78. We Can Work It...Out
79. When a Man Loves a...Woman
80. Yellow...Submarine
81. You Can't Hurry...Love
82. Winchester...Cathedral
83. Eleanor...Rigby
84. Paperback...Writer
85. Music to Watch...Girls By
86. On a Clear Day You Can See...Forever
87. We Need a Little...Christmas
88. All You Need Is...Love
89. The Beat Goes...On
90. By the Time I Get to...Phoenix
91. Can't Take My Eyes Off...You
92. Gentle on My...Mind
93. Put a Little Love in Your...Heart
94. I Heard It Through the...Grapevine
95. With a Little Help From My...Friends
96. Lucy in the Sky With...Diamonds
97. Ode to Billie...Joe
98. Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club ...Band
99. Strawberry Fields...Forever
100. There's a Kind of Hush All Over...the World
101. To Sir With...Love
102. Ain't No Mountain High...Enough
103. The Green, Green Grass of...Home
104. I Dig Rock and Roll...Music
105. I Say a Little...Prayer
106. You Make Me Feel Like a Natural... Woman
107. Sittin' on the Dock of the...Bay
108. Do You Know the Way to...San José?
109. The Good, the Bad, and the...Ugly
110. Harper Valley...P.T.A.
111. A Boy Named...Sue
112. You've Made Me So Very...Happy
113. The Games People...Play
114. Leaving on a Jet...Plane

# Name the Musician

1. He danced with a top hat, white tie, and tails. Fred Astaire
2. She danced down the yellow brick road in ruby slippers. Judy Garland
3. He wrote *This Is the Army* to raise money for army relief. Irving Berlin
4. He was the original Yankee Doodle Dandy on the silver screen. George M. Cohan
5. He called his band “The Champagne Music Makers.” Lawrence Welk
6. He dressed in a white tuxedo and sang “Hi-de-hi-de-hi-de-ho.” Cab Calloway
7. He sang calypso music while wearing an open shirt. Harry Belafonte
8. His recording of “Hello, Dolly!” knocked the Beatles off the #1 spot on the hit chart in 1964. Louis Armstrong
9. She was the lead singer in The Supremes. Diana Ross
10. He romanced Dorothy Lamour and was a pal to Bob Hope in the “Road” pictures. Bing Crosby
11. She raised millions in war bonds from singing “God Bless America.” Kate Smith
12. She sang a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in 1939 after being barred from singing at the DAR Constitution Hall. Marian Anderson
13. He left his heart in San Francisco. Tony Bennett
14. She was the original Eliza Doolittle on Broadway and won an Oscar for playing Mary Poppins. Julie Andrews
15. His name was Edward but everyone called him “Duke.” Duke Ellington
16. These brothers led a band together until a feud brought about two competing bands. The Dorsey Brothers, Tommy and Jimmy
17. This trio’s first big hit was “Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen.” Andrews Sisters
18. She danced with Bill “Bojangles” Robinson in the movie *The Little Colonel*. Shirley Temple
19. Her long legs, blonde hair, and perky all-American looks made her a popular pin-up girl. Betty Grable
20. She sang “God Bless the Child” and wore a gardenia in her hair. Billie Holiday
21. She “washed that man right outa” her hair for Broadway audiences. Mary Martin
22. She didn’t need a microphone when she sang “I Got Rhythm.” Ethel Merman
23. He played the harp in all the movies he made with his brothers. Harpo Marx
24. He added cowbells, dog barks, and other sound effects to his recordings of popular music. Spike Jones

# Finish the Musical Name

1. Phantom of the...Opera
2. A Chorus...Line
3. 42nd...Street
4. Fiddler on...the Roof
5. Hello...Dolly!
6. My Fair...Lady
7. Man of La...Mancha
8. South...Pacific
9. The Sound of...Music
10. How to Success in Business Without... Really Trying
11. Flower Drum...Song
12. The Music...Man
13. Funny...Girl
14. The Unsinkable Molly...Brown
15. The King and...I
16. Guys and...Dolls
17. Annie, Get Your...Gun
18. I Can Get It for You...Wholesale
19. The Roar of the Greasepaint, The Smell of the...Crowd
20. Kiss Me...Kate
21. The Pajama...Game
22. Seventeen Seventy-...Six
23. A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to...the Forum
24. No, No...Nanette
25. The Threepenny...Opera
26. West Side...Story
27. Bye Bye...Birdie
28. Cabin in the...Sky
29. Finian's...Rainbow
30. Stop the World I Want to...Get Off
31. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor ...Dreamcoat
32. The Most Happy...Fella
33. Once Upon a...Mattress
34. Peter...Pan
35. A Tree Grows in...Brooklyn
36. Singin' in...the Rain
37. The Wizard of...Oz
38. An American in...Paris
39. Mary...Poppins
40. Meet Me in...St. Louis
41. Chitty-Chitty...Bang Bang
42. The Band...Wagon
43. Thoroughly Modern...Millie
44. Yankee Doodle...Dandy
45. Easter...Parade
46. Seven Brides for...Seven Brothers
47. Around the World in...80 Days
48. Babes in...Arms; Toyland
49. The Bells Are...Ringing
50. Snow White and the...Seven Dwarfs
51. The Jungle...Book
52. The Bells of St...Mary's
53. Gentlemen Prefer...Blondes
54. A Hard Day's...Night
55. Irma La...Douce
56. Lady and the...Tramp
57. Pennies from...Heaven

2. **Vote on Favorite Songs.** Ask the participants to name their favorite popular songs. List them on an easel pad. When you have about 20 songs listed, ask the group to vote on the one they like the best.

3. **Music Instrument Charades.** Ask members of the group (as individuals or as teams) to pantomime the playing of a musical instrument for the rest of the group to guess. The participants can pick their own instruments or you can suggest one. If someone is physically unable to do the pantomime, that person can name an instrument for someone else to pantomime. Suggestions: piano, flute, guitar, trombone, trumpet, violin, cello, drum, cymbals, clarinet

4. **Imitating Rhythms.** Clap, stamp, or scat a rhythm and ask the group to imitate it. The rhythms chosen can be easily adapted to the group's abilities. Some participants may be able to take a turn as the leader. Variation: Have everyone clap with you in rhythm, then vary the tempo, rhythm, and dynamics. Ask the group to follow your lead.

5. **What Is It Called?** Find recordings of several (about five) classical pieces that have interesting names, especially those that are not well known. List the names on an easel pad or a piece of paper given to each participant. Play a short section of the piece (one to two minutes). Ask the group to guess which name goes with which piece. To make it the simplest, play just two pieces together and ask the group to pick between two names.

To expand this into a longer activity, discuss the names before playing the pieces and ask the group to suggest what they think each piece of music will sound like with that name. Examples: "Summer" from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*; "Clock Symphony," No. 101, by Haydn; "Pastorale Symphony," No. 6, by Beethoven.

6. **Name the Animal.** This is the same as the previous one, but use Camille Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*. Play 4-5 sections and ask the group to identify which animal goes with which section.

7. **What's In a Name?** Pick several classical pieces that don't have specific names other than Symphony #2, Sonata in C Major, etc. Ask the group to listen to the music, describe what it sounds like, then give it a title. If several titles are suggested, the group can vote.

8. **Kitchen Band.** Go through your kitchen, picking out anything that could make an interesting sound. Demonstrate what you have brought, then let the participants experiment with making different sounds. Accompany the group with a well-known lively piece or play a recording of dance or marching music.

9. **Musical Chairs Trivia.** Ask the group to sit in a circle. Write the names of songs or of trivia questions on index cards. Place the cards in a tambourine. Play music and have the participants pass the tambourine. When the music stops, the person holding the tambourine picks a card. If trivia, answer the question. If a song, all can sing together.

# Name That Tune

This is a music game that's been used on radio, television, and probably at thousands of senior adult facilities all over the country. Here are some basic instructions for playing "Name That Tune," followed by ideas for variations on the theme.

## Basic Instructions

Play or sing excerpts of well-known popular songs and challenge the participants to guess the name of the song. In a small group, people can call out the name as they think of it. In a large group, try these rules:

- a. Divide the group into two, three, or four teams.
- b. Teams take turns guessing the name of a song.
- c. Each team must agree on just one answer.
- d. If someone guesses out of turn, use a new song or give a point to the team whose turn it was.
- e. If a team is stumped, go on to the next team on the same song. If no team knows the name, throw out the song and start with a new song.
- f. Play for a specified length of time, a certain number of rounds, or until one team reaches a certain score.

## Variations

**Note:** With many of the variations that follow, the leader can make it easier for the group by making a list of the choices and writing them in large print on an easel pad or on a piece of paper that is given to each participant.

1. **Themes.** Use well-known popular songs on a particular theme, such as colors, names, animals, etc., or from just one decade.
2. **Name That Classical Piece.** Play recorded excerpts of well-known classical pieces or play just the melody on the piano. The Reader's Digest songbook, *Popular Classics*, has piano versions of classical pieces.
3. **Name That Style.** Find recordings of different styles of music. Examples: ragtime, marches, blues, classical, opera, operetta, jazz, big band, rock 'n roll, folk, popular, hymns, spirituals, country, Dixieland, Cajun
4. **Name That Dance.** Play excerpts from several kinds of dance music. Ask the group to identify what kind of dance would be done to that music. Examples: waltz, polka, march, Charleston, Lindy Hop, tango, cha cha, ballet, fox trot
5. **Name That Country.** Play examples of music from around the world and ask the group to name the country or region. Examples: Hawaiian, Israeli, Russian, Caribbean, Spanish, South American, Chinese/Japanese, African, Irish, Italian, German/Austrian