

Box Office Hits 1984-89

1984: No. 2 *Ghostbusters*

- Elmer Bernstein created the score
 - A portion is serious scoring/ghost story
 - Mixes in popular music as well
- *Theme song by Ray Parker Jr.*



1984: *Beverly Hills Cop*

- Eddie Murphy as street-smart cop
- Soundtrack by Harold Faltermeyer
 - Credits
 - Montages (often action)
 - Source music
 - Axel's leitmotif
- *The Heat is On*
 - Heard during opening credits vision of Detroit
 - Sung by Glenn Frey (formally with the Eagles)
- *Neutron Dance*
 - Accompanies car chase montage
 - Pointer Sisters; Motown

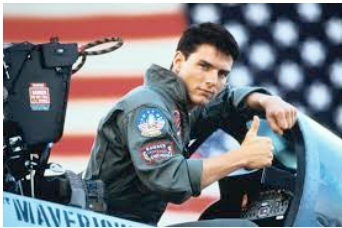


1985: *Back to the Future*

- Stars Michael J. Fox
- Source music
 - Plays 80s rock for present time
 - Popular songs from 1955 for past
- Scoring
 - Composer: Alan Silvestri
 - Supports action, Sci-Fi, and heroic

Top Gun 1986

- Best of the “MTV Movies”
- All rock score
- Faltermeyer provided rock underscoring
- Moroder: Best Song, “Take My Breath Away”
- Music for montages, including dizzying fighting sequences
- Tom Cruise stars



1988: Rain Man

- Best Picture winner: Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman
- Hans Zimmer: rock musician
 - First important score: Oscar nominaton
 - Sensation with popular synthesized score
 - Later scores: *Lion King* (Oscar), *Gladiator*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Inception*



1989: Batman

- Foreshadows dark 1990s
 - Greater Realism
 - Graphic violence
- *Batman 1989*
 - Typifies new tone
 - Director: Tim Burton
 - Composer: Danny Elfman
 - Dark musical score dominated by one motive

