

Popular Music

Musicals
Movie Themes
Movie Albums

Musicals of the 1960s

- Number on the decline
- Quality is strong; Best Picture winners
 - West Side Story 1961
 - My Fair Lady 1964
 - The Sound of Music 1965
 - Oliver 1968



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Movie Themes



- Principal themes generally popular in nature
- Theme should sum up mood of film
- Great themes
 - E. Bernstein: The Magnificent Seven 1960
 - Mancini: Pink Panther 1964

Theme Songs

- Songs more common in films
 - More popular appeal
 - Additional Academy Award category
 - More difficult to place in film
- Significant theme songs
 - Henry Mancini: "Moon River" - AFI No. 4 greatest song
 - Burt Bacharach: "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head" from Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969)



Popular Music Underscoring

- ♦ *Dr. No* (1962) begins James Bond series with music by John Barry
 - ♦ Mixes Big Band, Rock, and traditional
 - ♦ *From Russia With Love* (1963) adds hit song
- ♦ *Easy Rider* (1969)
 - ♦ Songs used for underscoring
 - ♦ Variety of rock groups used
 - ♦ Created a hit album, not just a hit record



The Graduate

- ♦ AFI: Greatest Films, No. 7
- ♦ Music by Simon and Garfunkel
- ♦ Songs used as underscoring; produced album
- ♦ All songs written before other than “Mrs. Robinson,” an unfinished song: AFI No 6 song
- ♦ Central song: “Sound of Silence”

