

MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS

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1> Named for a Ringo Starr malapropism, what Beatles song begins with a famous George Harrison chord, played on his Rickenbacker 12-string?

- a. A Hard Day's Night
- b. Eight Arms to Hold You
- c. Norwegian Wood
- d. Paperback Writer

2> What Australian post-grunge band attracted plenty of notice with a 90-second song called "Highly Evolved"?

- a. Vines
- b. Doves
- c. Hives
- d. Haven

3> What alumni of the National Ballet School of Canada appeared in a 2004 ballet movie called The Company?

- a. Mia Kirshner
- b. Sarah Polley
- c. Neve Campbell
- d. Natasha Henstridge

4> What band debuted at the Marquee Club on July 12, 1962, with a line up that included bassist Dick Taylor (later of the Pretty Things), drummer Mick Avory (later of the Kinks) and keyboardist Ian Stewart (later their road manager)?

- a. The Who
- b. The Beatles
- c. The Rolling Stones
- d. The Animals

5> In 2004, Brian Wilson finally released "Smile", an album he abandoned in the mid-1960s while he was with what band?

- a. The Beach Boys
- b. The Rolling Stones
- c. The Kinks
- d. Small Faces

6> What Rob Zombie hit was also the motto of the replicant-building Tyrell Corporation?

- a. Follow the Leader
- b. More Human Than Human
- c. Antichrist Superstar
- d. Head Like a Hole

7> What composer's name literally means "Beet Gardens" in Dutch?

- a. Beethoven
- b. Bach
- c. Vermeer
- d. Mondrian

8> Bob Fosse's experiences with what Broadway musical inspired him to write and direct the autobiographical movie All That Jazz?

- a. Chicago
- b. Cabaret
- c. Jesus Christ Superstar
- d. Cats

9> In what song does Steve walk warily down the street, with his brim pulled way down low?

- a. Another One Bites the Dust
- b. Cleaning Out My Closet
- c. Stayin' Alive
- d. Jailhouse Rock

10> Whose Emperor Waltz was written to celebrate the 1889 meeting of Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany and Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria?

- a. Felix Mendelssohn
- b. Johann Strauss II
- c. Johannes Brahms
- d. Gustav Mahler

11> US President Martin Van Buren had four sons. Which one was not in the title of a 1968 song by Dion?

- a. Martin
- b. Smith Thompson
- c. Abraham
- d. John

12> What country star was married to Tammy Wynette from 1969 to 1975?

- a. Johnny Cash
- b. Kris Kristofferson
- c. George Jones
- d. Glen Campbell

13> Gian Carlo Menotti wrote the first opera commissioned by a TV network, when NBC paid him for what Christmas classic?

- a. Silent Night, Holy Night
- b. Nutcracker Suite
- c. Amahl and the Night Visitors
- d. Hallelujah Chorus

14> What New Zealand band is named for trichoptilosis?

- a. Anthrax
- b. Split Enz
- c. Fine Young Cannibals
- d. The Germs

15> For helping to win the Battle of San Jacinto, a slave named Emily Morgan is believed to have been immortalized as which state's "Yellow Rose"?

- a. California
- b. Texas
- c. Arizona
- d. Florida

Answers:

- 1> A Hard Day's Night - Ringo's real name is Richard Starkey.
- 2> Vines - The song reached #32 on the UK Singles Chart.
- 3> Neve Campbell - Neve Campbell is a Canadian actress, probably best known for her role in the 1990s television series, Party of Five.
- 4> The Rolling Stones - The first recognized line-up consisted of Brian Jones, Ian Stewart, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Bill Wyman and Charlie Watts.
- 5> The Beach Boys - Rolling Stone magazine listed The Beach Boys at number 12 on their list of the '100 Greatest Artists of All Time'.
- 6> More Human Than Human - The song's title, as well as some of the lyrical references, were taken from the film Blade Runner.
- 7> Beethoven - Beethoven's best known compositions include 9 symphonies, 32 piano sonatas, 5 concertos for piano and 16 string quartets.
- 8> Chicago - Bob Fosse died from a heart attack in 1987.
- 9> Another One Bites the Dust - Written by Queen bassist John Deacon, the song can be found on the group's eighth studio album 'The Game' released in 1980.
- 10> Johann Strauss II - Johann Strauss II was known as 'The Waltz King' during his lifetime.
- 11> Smith Thompson - The song is a tribute to the memory of four assassinated Americans - Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy.
- 12> George Jones - Jones and Wynette recorded some duet albums and singles that hit the charts throughout the 1970s.
- 13> Amahl and the Night Visitors - It was first performed by the NBC Opera Theatre on December 24, 1951, in New York City and broadcast live.
- 14> Split Enz - Featuring Phil Judd and brothers Tim Finn and Neil Finn, the group Split Enz was from New Zealand.
- 15> Texas - 'The Yellow Rose of Texas' is a traditional folk song that was first published in 1858.