

# Five years of Readers Recommend

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## In five years of Readers Recommend ...

1,393 artists and 2,550 songs have appeared in the playlist.

## The 15 acts with the most appearances:

1	The Beatles	15
2	Neil Young	14
3	Bob Dylan	13
3	Tom Waits	13
5	David Bowie	12
5	Kate Bush	12
5	Stevie Wonder	12
8	The Kinks	11
9	Johnny Cash	10
9	Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds	10
9	Serge Gainsbourg	10
9	Public Enemy	10
9	The Rolling Stones	10
9	Nina Simone	10
9	Bruce Springsteen	10

## Readers to have had the most nominations make the playlist

1	steenbeck	123
2	BeltwayBandit	104
3	ejaydee	101
4	DarceysDad	59
5	Catcher	53
5	TonNL Ton Bukkems	53

7	gordonimmel	49
7	jasonaparkes	49
9	may1366	43
10	magicman	39
10	MrMustard	39

## 10 notable acts who have appeared in the playlist only once:

Genesis, Guns N' Roses, Rod Stewart, Beyoncé, Coldplay, the Band, the Doors, Paul Simon, Green Day, Parliament.

## 10 notable acts who have never appeared in the playlist:

Barry White, Billy Joel, Dire Straits, Eagles, Eurythmics, Duran Duran, the Police, Mariah Carey, Shakira, Red Hot Chili Peppers

## The longest song title to have appeared in RR (number of words)

Parliament - I Just Got Back (From the Final Fantasy Ahead of Our Time in the Four Lands of Ellet).

## The longest song title to have appeared in RR (number of characters)

Sufjan Stevens - They are Night Zombies!! They Are Neighbors!! They Have Come Back from the Dead!! Ahhhh!

## The act with the greatest percentage of their work reaching the playlist

The Shangri Las recorded only 40 songs during their career, but five of those - 12.5% - have made the playlist

## The acts appearing most frequently in the playlist under each RR curator:

**Dorian Lynskey (124 columns):** the Beach Boys, the Beatles, David Bowie, Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, Leonard Cohen, the Kinks, Pet Shop Boys, Pixies, Prince, REM, Frank Sinatra, the Velvet Underground, Stevie Wonder (six appearances each)  
**Maddy Costa (43 columns):** the Divine Comedy, Drive-By Truckers, Bessie Smith (three appearances each)  
**Rob Fitzpatrick (26 columns):** Tom Waits (six appearances)  
**Paul MacInnes (54 columns):** Bruce Springsteen, Neil Young (five appearances each)

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