Music of the AIDS Epidemic

Library Professor Rachel Wexelbaum compiled this playlist based on research she had done for the presentation “The Art and Music of the AIDS Era” with Art Professor Godfre Leung. Please consult the references at the end of this playlist for more information.

1977: Ready for the 80's, The Village People

1981: Tainted Love, Soft Cell

1982: Do You Really Want to Hurt Me, Culture Club
   Under Pressure, Queen and David Bowie

1983: Safety Dance, Men Without Hats
   Relax, Frankie Goes to Hollywood

1984: Safe Livin' in Dangerous Times, Automatic Pilot
   Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go, Wham!
   That’s the Way I Like It, Dead or Alive
   People Are People, Depeche Mode
   Smalltown Boy, Bronski Beat

1985: That’s What Friends Are For, Dionne Warwick, Gladys Knight, Elton John, Stevie Wonder
   Sex Over the Phone, The Village People

1986: We Don't Have to Take Our Clothes Off, Jermaine Stewart
   Boy Blue, Cyndi Lauper
   I'm Not Perfect, Grace Jones
   A Different Corner, George Michael

1987: It's a Sin, Pet Shop Boys
   No Sex, Alex Chilton

1988: Chains of Love, Erasure
   Living with AIDS, Romanovsky & Phillips

1989: Halloween Parade, Lou Reed

1990: I've Got You Under My Skin, Neneh Cherry
   Gotta Lotta Livin' To Do, Peter Allsop

1991: The Show Must Go On, Queen
   On Every Corner, Ani DiFranco
   *Living in Wartime*, The Flirtations
   *The Last Song*, Elton John
   *In This Life*, Madonna
   *Do You Really Want to Know*, George Michael
   *Blood Makes Noise*, Suzanne Vega

1993: *Streets of Philadelphia*, Bruce Springsteen
   *Dreaming of the Queen*, Pet Shop Boys
   *Hold On*, Sarah McLachlan

1995: *Waterfalls*, TLC
   *One Sweet Day*, Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men
   *Jesus to a Child*, George Michael
   *Il Adore*, Boy George

1996: America, Wu-Tang Clan
   *They Are Falling All Around Me*, Michael Callen w/Cris Williamson and Holly Near
   *Hush, Hush, Hush*, Paula Cole and Peter Gabriel

1999: *Asimbonanga*, Johnny Clegg


2007: *Sing*, Annie Lennox

2010: *AIDS Theme Song*, Uganda

2013: *Azisenzeni Na, Bongani Magatyana*, South African HIV/AIDS awareness song

References


