

Rankings

Musicals:

P.J.'s Ranking:

- [Preference Ranking](#) (My favourite movies)

- [Quality Ranking](#) (Which movies I think are best)

Vote now for your favourite movie!

The Fans' Opinions (A poll of the Fred Astaire Mailing List by Gary Shupak):

Poll 2, April/May 2001

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My Personal Preference Ranking

1. [The Sky's The Limit](#)
2. [Three Little Words](#)
3. [You Were Never Lovelier](#)
4. [The Belle of New York](#)
5. [The Band Wagon](#)
6. [Swing Time](#)
7. [The Gay Divorcee](#)
8. [Top Hat](#)
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15. [Damsel In Distress](#)
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18. [Holiday Inn](#)
19. [Broadway Melody of 1940](#)
20. [Funny Face](#)
21. [Silk Stockings](#)
22. [Daddy Long Legs](#)
23. [Let's Dance](#)
24. [Finian's Rainbow](#)
25. [You'll Never Get Rich](#)
26. [Flying Down To Rio](#)
27. [Second Chorus](#)
28. [Ziegfeld Follies](#)
29. [Follow The Fleet](#)
30. [Blue Skies](#)
31. [Dancing Lady](#)

My Personal Quality Ranking

1. [The Sky's The Limit](#)
2. [The Band Wagon](#)
3. [Easter Parade](#)
4. [Top Hat](#)
5. [You Were Never Lovelier](#)
6. [The Gay Divorcee](#)
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The Experts' Picks

(Polls of members of the Fred Astaire mailing list, conducted by Gary Shupak. Below are the results, broken down and analysed by Gary.)

[An explanation of how points were allocated.](#)

Poll #2: April/May 2001

Report #1: By Total Points, All Repondents (46 Respondents)

1. Top Hat
2. Swing Time
3. The Gay Divorcee
4. The Band Wagon
5. Easter Parade
6. Shall We Dance
7. Roberta
8. Funny Face
9. The Sky's The Limit
10. Follow The Fleet
11. Carefree
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28. Second Chorus
29. Let's Dance
30. Finian's Rainbow
31. Dancing Lady

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Report #2: Change in Rankings

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Top Hat

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Blue Skies
The Belle of New York
Yolanda and The Thief
Second Chorus
Let's Dance
Finian's Rainbow

Dance Changes

No Change

No Change

Up 5

Up 1

Down 2

Down 2

Up 5

Down 2

Up 7

Down 3

Up 2

Up 7

Down 4

Down 1

Up 7

Down 5

Down 7

Down 3

Down 1

Down 3

No Change

Up 3

Down 3

No Change

Down 2

No Change

No Change

No Change

No Change

No Change

No Change

Biggest Changes:

The Sky's The Limit: up 7 places, from 16th to 9th

Holiday Inn: up 7 places, from 19th to 12th

You Were Never Lovelier: up 7 places, from 22nd to 15th

The Gay Divorcee: up 5 places, from 8th to 3rd

Roberta: up 5 places, from 12th to 7th

Silk Stockings: down 5 places, from 11th to 16th

The Broadway Melody of 1940: down 7 places, from 10th to 17th

Poll #1: April/May 1999

Report #1: By Total Points, All Respondents (23 Respondents)

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2. Swing Time
3. Easter Parade
4. Shall We Dance
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6. Funny Face
7. Follow The Fleet
8. The Gay Divorcee
9. The Barkleys of Broadway
10. The Broadway Melody of 1940
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Report #2: By Total Points, People who have seen all 31
Musicals (10 Respondents)

1. Top Hat
2. Swing Time
3. The Band Wagon
4. Easter Parade
5. The Sky's The Limit
6. The Gay Divorcee
7. Funny Face
8. Follow The Fleet

9. Shall We Dance
 10. The Broadway Melody of 1940
 11. Silk Stockings
 12. Roberta
 13. The Barkleys of Broadway
 14. Daddy Long Legs
 15. Carefree
 16. Holiday Inn
 17. You Were Never Lovelier
 18. You'll Never Get Rich
 19. The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle
 20. Damsel In Distress
 21. Three Little Words
 22. Royal Wedding
 23. Ziegfeld Follies
 24. Blue Skies
 24. Yolanda and The Thief (tie)
 26. Flying Down To Rio
 27. Second Chorus
 28. The Belle of New York
 29. Finian's Rainbow
 30. Let's Dance
 31. Dancing Lady
- 270
269
253
240
229

228
219
217
215
211
196
180
178
177
170
167
161
157
149
144
141
131
106
103
103
90
74
67
45
40
22

Report #3: By Total Points, People who have seen less than 31 Musicals (13 Respondents)

1. Top Hat
2. Swing Time
3. Easter Parade
4. Shall We Dance
5. The Band Wagon
6. Funny Face
7. Follow The Fleet
8. The Barkleys of Broadway
9. Royal Wedding
10. The Gay Divorcee
11. Carefree
12. Three Little Words
13. Roberta
14. Daddy Long Legs
15. Silk Stockings
16. Damsel In Distress
17. The Broadway Melody of 1940
18. The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle
19. Blue Skies
20. Holiday Inn
21. You'll Never Get Rich
22. Flying Down To Rio
22. The Belle of New York (tie)
24. Ziegfeld Follies

- 25. The Sky's The Limit
- 26. You Were Never Lovelier
- 27. Let's Dance
- 28. Second Chorus
- 29. Yolanda and The Thief
- 30. Finian's Rainbow
- 31. ~~300~~ Dancing Lady
- 293
- 264
- 255
- 202
- 174
- 169
- 163
- 155
- 150
- 134
- 133
- 131
- 127
- 126
- 119
- 118
- 96
- 90
- 81
- 78

71
71
57
53
48
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44
19
18
16

Report #4: By Average Points Per Person, People who have seen less than 31 Musicals (13 Respondents)

[An explanation of this report \(how the averaging works\)](#)

1. Swing Time
2. Top Hat
3. Shall We Dance
4. You Were Never Lovelier
5. The Barkleys of Broadway
6. The Band Wagon
7. The Gay Divorcee

8. Easter Parade
 9. The Broadway Melody of 1940
 10. Funny Face
 11. Carefree
 12. Follow The Fleet
 13. Silk Stockings
 14. The Sky's The Limit
 15. Damsel In Distress
 16. Three Little Words
 17. Roberta
 18. Story of Vernon and Irene Castle
 19. You'll Never Get Rich
 20. Royal Wedding
 21. Daddy Long Legs
 22. The Belle of New York
 23. Second Chorus
 24. Holiday Inn
 25. Flying Down To Rio
 26. Blue Skies
 27. Ziegfeld Follies
 28. Let's Dance
 29. Finian's Rainbow
 30. Dancing Lady
 31. ~~Yankee Doodle~~ Thief
- 25.8 (12)
- 25.5 (10)
- 24.0 (2)

23.3 (7)
22.4 (9)
21.4 (7)
20.3 (13)
19.7 (6)
19.3 (9)
19.1 (7)
18.8 (9)
18.0 (7)
17.7 (3)
17.0 (7)
16.6 (8)
16.4 (8)
16.0 (6)
15.6 (5)
14.1 (11)
14.1 (9)
11.8 (6)
11.0 (4)
10.1 (8)
10.1 (7)
10.0 (9)
8.1 (7)
7.5 (6)
6.0 (3)
5.3 (3)
4.8 (4)

[Further remarks](#) on the above breakdown.

Report #5: By Average Points Per Person, All Respondents (23 Respondents)

What this ranking is about

1. Top Hat
1. Swing Time
3. The Band Wagon
4. Shall We Dance
5. The Gay Divorcee
6. Easter Parade
7. The Sky's The Limit
8. Funny Face
9. The Broadway Melody of 1940
10. Follow The Fleet
11. The Barkleys of Broadway
12. Silk Stockings
13. Carefree
14. You Were Never Lovelier
15. Roberta

16. Daddy Long Legs
 17. You'll Never Get Rich
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 19. The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle
 20. Three Little Words
 21. Holiday Inn
 22. Royal Wedding
 23. Blue Skies
 24. Ziegfeld Follies
 25. Flying Down To Rio
 26. Yolanda and The Thief
 27. The Belle of New York
 28. Second Chorus
 29. Let's Dance
 30. Finian's Rainbow
 31. Dancing Queen (22 replies)
- 26.76 (21)
- 23.9 (19)
- 23.5 (20)
- 22.2 (17)
- 21.9 (23)
- 21.7 (13)
- 20.7 (19)
- 20.6 (16)
- 20.3 (19)
- 20.1 (17)
- 18.9 (17)

17.9 (17)
17.4 (12)
17.3 (18)
16.0 (19)
15.7 (15)
15.5 (17)
15.3 (16)
15.2 (18)
13.8 (18)
13.6 (21)
10.2 (19)
9.6 (17)
9.5 (17)
8.7 (14)
8.6 (16)
8.4 (14)
5.3 (16)
4.8 (13)
2.9 (13)

[Further remarks](#) on the above breakdown.

Report #6: By Number of Place Votes (1st, 2nd, 2nd-last

and last only)

First place votes

- Top Hat
- Swing Time
- Shall We Dance
- The Band Wagon
- The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle
- The Sky's The Limit
- Easter Parade

Three Little Words

- 6
- 3
- 2
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1

Second place votes

- Easter Parade
- Swing Time
- Band Wagon
- Top Hat
- Follow The Fleet
- Barkleys of Broadway
- Gay Divorcee
- Shall We Dance

Carefree

The Sky's The Limit

Funny Face

4

3

2

2

2

1

1

1

1

1

Second-last place votes

Second Chorus, Ziegfeld Follies and Let's Dance were each ranked 2nd lowest by 3 people.

Dancing Lady, Flying Down To Rio, Yolanda and the Thief, and Blue Skies were each ranked 2nd lowest by 2 people.

1 person ranked each of the following as their 2nd-least-favourite: The Gay Divorcee, The Broadway Melody of 1940, Easter Parade, Three Little Words, Royal Wedding, The Belle of New York.

Last place votes

Dancing Lady was chosen as least favourite by 6 people.

Finian's Rainbow was chosen at least favourite by 5 people.

Let's Dance was chosen at least favourite by 3 people.

Tied at one last-place vote each are: Damsel In Distress, Holiday Inn, Yolanda and the Thief, Easter Parade, Royal Wedding, The Belle of New York, Band Wagon, Daddy Long Legs, Silk Stockings.

Remarks on positional votes.

Report #7: By Highest and Lowest Ranking

Movie Title

Dancing Lady

Flying Down to Rio

Gay Divorcee

Roberta

Top Hat

Follow the Fleet

Swing Time

Shall We Dance

Damsel In Distress

Carefree

The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle

The Broadway Melody of 1940

Second Chorus

You'll Never Get Rich

Holiday Inn

You Were Never Lovelier

The Sky's The Limit

Ziegfeld Follies

Yolanda and the Thief
Blue Skies
Easter Parade
The Barkleys of Broadway
Three Little Words
Let's Dance
Royal Wedding
Belle of New York
Band Wagon
Daddy Long Legs
Funny Face
Silk Stockings
Finian's Rainbow

Highest Rank

23rd

9th

2nd

6th

1st

2nd

1st

1st

3rd

1st

2nd

3rd
14th
3rd
10th
4th
1st
8th
7th
9th
1st
2nd
1st
13th
6th
5th
1st
3rd
2nd
5th
15th

Lowest Rank

31st (last)
30th
21st
28th

13th
23rd
15th
22nd
31st
29th
22nd
23rd
30th
27th
30th
28th
23rd
30th
31st
30th
17th
24th
30th
31st
27th
31st
19th
28th
17th
22nd
31st

The film with the highest "Lowest Rank" : Top Hat (13th)

The film with the lowest "Highest Rank" : Dancing Lady (23rd)

The film with the great difference between "Highest Rank" and "Lowest Rank": Three Little Words (1st and 30th).

Internet Movie Database Rankings

(Compiled by Gary Shupak)

1.

Top Hat

2. Holiday Inn

Swing Time

3. Broadway Melody of 1940

4. Shall We Dance?

5. Three Little Words

6. The Band Wagon

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23. Finian's Rainbow

24. Ziegfeld Follies

25. Let's Dance

26. The Belle of New York

27. Yolanda and The Thief

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7.50

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7.44

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7.30

7.27

7.23

7.20

7.15

7.07

7.04

7.00

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6.79

6.70

6.60

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