

JAZZ DANCE FILMS

1920S-1930S

- 42ND STREET (1933)
- FLYING DOWN TO RIO (1933)
- GOLD DIGGERS (1933)

1940S

- OKLAHOMA! (1943)
- ANCHORS AWEIGH (1945)
- ZIEGFELD FOLLIES (1946)
- ON THE TOWN (1949)

1950S

- GUYS AND DOLLS (1950)
- AN AMERICAN IN PARIS (1951)
- SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (1952)
- SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN
- BROTHERS (1954)
- WEST SIDE STORY (1957)

1960S

- MAN OF LA MANCHA (1966)
- CABARET (1972)

1970S

- SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER (1977)
- ALL THAT JAZZ (1979)

1980S

- FAME (1980)
- FLASHDANCE (1983)
- FOOTLOOSE (1984)
- BREAKIN' (1985)
- DIRTY DANCING (1987)

1990S

- MTV MUSIC VIDEOS AND DANCE COMPETITIONS (NO STANDOUT FILMS, BUT STRONG INFLUENCE FROM POP CULTURE)

FUSION & ETHNIC FOUNDATIONS

AFRICAN:

Earthy movements, body isolations, rhythmic clapping, improvisation

EUROPEAN:

Irish Jig, English Clog, ballet technique

LATIN & CARIBBEAN:

In the 1940s, dance forms from Afro-Haitian and Latin American cultures began to merge with jazz dance. These styles rejuvenated jazz's primitive and earthy qualities, introducing drumming as a primary musical source and adding vibrant energy to the movement vocabulary.

INDIAN:

Around the 1940s, West Indian dance forms also fused with jazz. Pioneering jazz choreographer Jack Cole studied East Indian linear dance movements, incorporating them into his technique. His research laid the groundwork for Matt Mattox's jazz style, which emphasized body isolation and geometric movement design. As described in *Jumping into Jazz*.

EGYPTIAN:

Stylized poses and visual aesthetics. By the 1970s, breakdance had become a major influence on jazz dance. Interestingly, breakdance itself drew inspiration from Egyptian art and movement aesthetics, adding another layer of cultural depth to jazz's evolution.

1970S FUSION:

Breakdance, disco, aerobic dance, street styles.

PERFORMERS & CHOREOGRAPHERS

1930S-1940S

- BUSBY BERKELEY
- FRED ASTAIRE
- GINGER ROGERS
- JEROME ROBBINS

1970S

- BOB FOSSE
- MICHAEL BENNETT
- JOHN TRAVOLTA

1950S-1960S

- GENE KELLY
- MATT MATTOX
- MICHAEL KIDD
- CYD CHARISSE
- BOB FOSSE
- RON FIELD
- LUIGI
- GUS GIORDANO

1980S-1990S

- DEBBIE ALLEN
- JOE TREMAINE
- MICHAEL JACKSON
- PAULA ABDUL
- MADONNA
- JANET JACKSON
- TOMMY TUNE