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**AWESOME 80s**

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***SATURDAY AUGUST 10***

I ♥ 80's



# WELCOME

## FROM DICKO

I'm thrilled and honoured that you are all here today to help breathe life into what promises to be a spectacular day of 80s pop. The vision for Almost The Greatest Gig On Earth remains crystal clear; to present only the biggest hit songs of the 80s performed by the very best musicians and singers of today.

The 80s has been a much maligned musical decade. Maybe it was the big hair, the shocking make up and the enormous shoulder pads, and I think we can all agree that a pastel pink jump suit and head band will ALWAYS be a challenging look for a grown man, but I'm sorry haters!... 80s music was GREAT!!

80s music was a broad offer too, from the testosterone charged hard rock of AC/DC and Bon Jovi, through the intelligent pop of Eurythmics and Crowded House, all the way to the bubblegum pop of WHAM! and Rick Astley.

It was also a fantastic musical era for strong women. Cher, Annie Lennox, Cyndi Lauper, Tina Turner, Belinda Carlisle, Madonna, Bonnie Tyler and of course our very own Kylie all took on the music biz on their own terms.

Almost The Greatest Gig On Earth- The Awesome 80s is a decade of music with all the boring bits taken out. We have curated five diverse set lists of sensational 80s tributes who will perform only the biggest hits of the decade's biggest international superstars, including over 50 number one hits!

For those of us of a certain vintage, I believe today will be a highly evocative soundtrack to our glory days; expect those memories to come flooding back.

Sing along like you mean it. Dance like you don't care, make new friends, and feel the JOY that exists in hearing those first few bars of a song that you truly love! Enjoy the day and thank you for sharing it with us.



**DICKO**

CREATIVE DIRECTOR  
AND CO CREATOR



# EVENT PROGRAM

Our event has been curated into five individual sets. People often ask us, 'who are the headliners?', to which we answer... 'errr... they ALL are!' That's true. All the international superstars whose music is represented in today's show will have headlined huge arenas and stadiums in their heyday.

We have worked hard to craft a good mix of genres into each set to ensure that every hour of music contains an equal amount of punch-the-air-rock and dance-yourself-silly-pop. The aim of Almost The Greatest Gig On Earth is to produce a show in which every song performed is an unmistakable 80s classic.

During the breaks, you will be entertained by our mate, DJ Les Boss who lives for 80s music and has

promised to keep the energy alive by playing all of those artists we couldn't fit in to today's show, (and there were many!) Culture Club, Simple Minds, Tears For Fears, The Bangles, A Flock Of Seagulls, The Cure, Nik Kershaw, Bruce Springsteen, The Police, Blondie, to name but a few.

Finally, we hope you have a wonderful time, but please remember, today's event is more Melbourne Cup than Golden Slipper...please be sure to pace yourself! Drink plenty of water, be sure to eat and take advantage of the seating areas or Nanna's lounge if your poor dancing feet need a rest.

Other than that, have fun, stay safe and be kind to one another.

## SET ONE

EURHYTHMICS / IRENE CARA / CROWDED HOUSE  
HALL & OATES / SOFT CELL / BILLY JOEL

## SET TWO

U2 / OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN / BELINDA CARLISLE  
THE PROCLAIMERS / KYLIE MINOGUE / AC/DC

## SET THREE

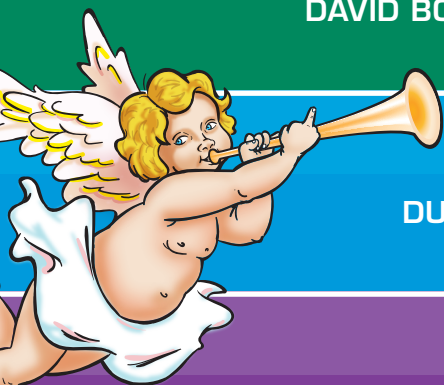
DAVID BOWIE / HUMAN LEAGUE / BON JOVI / PHIL COLLINS  
WHAM! / MEN AT WORK / BRYAN ADAMS

## SET FOUR

DURAN DURAN / RICK ASTLEY / CYNDI LAUPER  
BONNIE TYLER / CHER / QUEEN

## SET FIVE

INXS / MADONNA / TINA TURNER  
ELTON JOHN / FINALE



# TRIBUTE ARTISTS



## ELTON JOHN

**Lance Strauss'** wonderful Elton Jack show is a highly accurate and at times uncanny tribute to the Rocket Man we all know and love as Sir Reginald Of Dwight. With a background in Musical theatre he knows instinctively how to create the perfect blend of pure show biz and rock and roll.



## TINA TURNER

**Rebecca O'Connor** is 'Simply The Best' as Tina Turner. In fact, she is the only Tina Turner act in the world to be endorsed by the actual Tina Turner, who is happy to confirm 'Rebecca is so good...it's scary!' And the accolades keep coming for this young Irish Performer; 'Rebecca is way more than a Tribute act' says rock legend Mick Fleetwood. 'she is an amazing singer and performer in her own right... a night you'll never forget'.



## DAVID BOWIE

**Jeff Duff** is a consummate artist and a generous entertainer. His David Bowie show has mesmerized audiences for years now, not least because of the deep understanding that Jeff displays in his interpretation of one of Rocks most intriguing icons. Molly Meldrum says of Jeff Duff 'Flamboyant, eccentric, charming and with a great voice...Jeff is one of the greatest performers Australia has produced.'



## U2

**Achtung Baby** are an astounding U2 tribute act. This Melbourne band are such devotees of the Irish rock gods that even their mannerisms and chat between songs require you to blink a couple of times... just to check. Front man/Bono Michael Cavallaro looks, moves and sounds just like the real thing, and the sound they make will transport you back to a time when real rock stars roamed this planet.



## INXS

**Don't Change** are a true one-of-a-kind live experience not to be missed. These exceptional performers capture all the passion and energy that is/ was INXS. Featuring a line-up of 6 exceptional musicians fronted by the charismatic Blair Dwyer, Don't Change recreate a mega venue concert style tribute to one of the greatest live stadium acts the world has ever seen. Prepare for the screams!



## DURAN DURAN

**Wild Boys** are a brand-new Duran Duran tribute act emerging out of a group of hard rocking muso mates' mutual love for the Birmingham New Romantics. They are no strangers to the music biz however, the mysterious ringleader was a founder member of much loved Aussie pop group Wa Wa Nee. Wild Boys' front man and Simon Le Bon 2.1 is also something of a force of nature and will raise the temperature of more than a few adoring fan girls and boys on this winter evening.



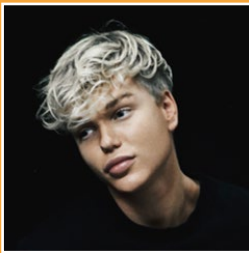
## FREDDIE MERCURY

**Gareth Hill** is Australia's very best Freddie Mercury act and appears courtesy of his awesome Queen tribute act, Victoria's Queen Forever, who were kind enough to lend us their brilliant singer for our show. The essence of one of music's greatest entertainers is fantastically captured by Gareth Hill via his costumes, his attention to detail and his obvious love for Freddie The Great. We WILL rock you!



## MADONNA

**Natalie Gauci** won Australian Idol series 5 and is still one of the great voices of Australia. She is a lifelong Madonna fan and when Creative Director Dicko contacted his old Idol friend about getting involved in this passion project, her answer was clear; 'Sure thing Dicko' said Ms Gauci 'As long as I can sing Madonna'. Performing the superstar's biggest hits on a stage this size will be a thrill for Natalie, and she cannot conceal her somewhat twisted delight at being 7 months heavily pregnant while singing 'Like A Virgin'!!



## GEORGE MICHAEL (WHAM!)

**Jack Vidgen** won Australia's Got Talent back in 2011 when he was just 14. His amazing voice has only improved with age, a hilarious statement considering he is still only 22. It takes a very special singer to don the 'Choose Life' T Shirt and take on the role of the young 'Yog', and fortunately young Jack is our boy. Amazing to think that Jack was born thirteen years after WHAM! Released 'Wake Me Up'. Feeling Old?



## CHER

**Ashleigh Toole** has always been something of an old soul. Even when she reached the final stages of Australian Idol 2009 at the tender age of 17, she was more comfortable belting out the songs of Barbara Streisand and Linda Ronstadt. Still just 27, Ashleigh has been performing as Cher for 10 years now and has shared the stage with Michael Buble, Tom Burlinson and Todd McKenney.



## SOFT CELL (and Maybe a few surprises)

**Sellma Soul** is a drag queen with a difference. Big Voice, Big Costumes and a Big beautiful bald head! You may have seen her recently on TV as a prominent member Of Team Boy George on Channel 9's The Voice. She is a regular on the Drag Scene of Brisbane's Fortitude Valley as well as starring in the Gold Coast's premier cabaret show Dragalicious. Be Afraid. Be VERY afraid!!



## THE PROCLAIMERS, CROWDED HOUSE

**Matt Cornell** has worked at the core of the Australian record industry for the past three decades. Of late he has developed a huge reputation as a shining star in the country music scene but he cut his teeth playing with the likes of Richard Clapton, Jenny Morris, Shannon Noll, Damien Leith and Adam Brand. Matt has great music genes; his father Wayne Cornell was the lead singer of The Deltones back in the 60s and sings the famous South Sydney Rabbitohs anthem, 'Glory Glory to South Sydney'.



## THE PROCLAIMERS, BILLY JOEL, PHIL COLLINS, JOHN OATES, MEN AT WORK

**Mike Carr** is a truly accomplished musician and a songwriter winning an APRA award for 'Song Of The Year' back in 2006. He has also won two Aria awards for albums by his comic country music alter ego 'Buddy Goode'. He has shared stages with Taylor Swift and Alan Jackson. Mike is an absolute certified Billy Joel tragic so when our set list finally took shape, there was only one call we needed to make.



### ANNIE LENNOX, KYLIE MINOGUE, BONNIE TYLER

**Brooke Supple** recently returned home to her native Australia after an extended stay in Europe where she worked as a singer/guitarist for many touring artists including Sinead O'Connor, The Corrs and Ellie Goulding. She is now very much in demand here in Australia, possessing the sort of international experience that comes from performing on Oprah Winfrey, Later with Jools Holland, Glastonbury Festival, WOMAD, and The Isle Of Wight Festival.



### BON SCOTT/BRIAN JOHNSON, DARYL HALL, JOURNEY

**Peter Millwood** is an under rated Australian performer. He has been singing professionally for many years and has earned the reputation as something of a vocal chameleon, as will be shown when Peter transforms from Daryll Hall to Bon Scott! Peter's versatility has seen him work on some of the industry's biggest EDM tunes providing vocals for world famous producer/DJs such as David Guetta, Nick Jay and Tiesto.



### BELINDA CARLISLE, IRENE CARA, CYNDI LAUPER

**Natalie Pearson** is something of a rising star in Australia's Country Music Scene. She recently turned heads performing a winning set on the main stage at Gympie Muster and went on to win the Independent Music Award for Best Country. Natalie's singles constantly chart on all of the nation's main country charts and having just returned from a song writing trip to Nashville, we are expecting big things from her in 2020. For today, we are just thrilled to have her as part of our gang.



### BRYAN ADAMS

**Glenn Bidmead** is a Sydney based singer, songwriter, performer and producer. He has been signed to major labels Warner Music and Roadshow and has recorded albums with his band Kerosene, Lemonjuice as well as a host of solo material. He has written songs with Foreigner's Mick Jones as well as The Veronicas and Brooke McClymont.



### RICK ASTLEY, HUMAN LEAGUE

**Tim Aitken** is a Sunshine coast local. Still just aged 20, he has already spent the past decade busking all-over South-East Queensland with his brother Sam. In 2018 Sam and Tim won the Byron Bay Bluesfest Busking competition and played live on the Delta stage at this year's 30th anniversary festival. Tim is also an accomplished songwriter and was signed to Sony/ATV publishing at the age of 17. He is currently in his final year of a music degree at Griffith University on the Gold Coast.



### JON BON JOVI, SIMON LE BON

**Tibor Hovarth** was born in Paris and played his first pub gig at 16. He achieved some success with his early original bands but eventually decided that he experienced more joy in taking to the stage and playing the songs of his heroes Bon Jovi. He soon became front man of Australia's most enduring and successful Bon Jovi Tribute acts 'One Wild Night'. We are thrilled and pumped to see Tibor do his thing on the big stage.



### WE ARE 80s NIGHTCLUB REUNION

Entertaining you throughout the day on his 'wheels of steel' will be our resident DJ **Les-Boss**. Les is South East Queensland's premier 80s club night DJ and promoter and is responsible for more middle aged one night stands than Yellowglen wine and viagra put together! Les refuses to believe that the 80s ever finished. Please don't tell him that George Michael and Prince have passed on, It will be too much for him to bear. OK Let's dance!



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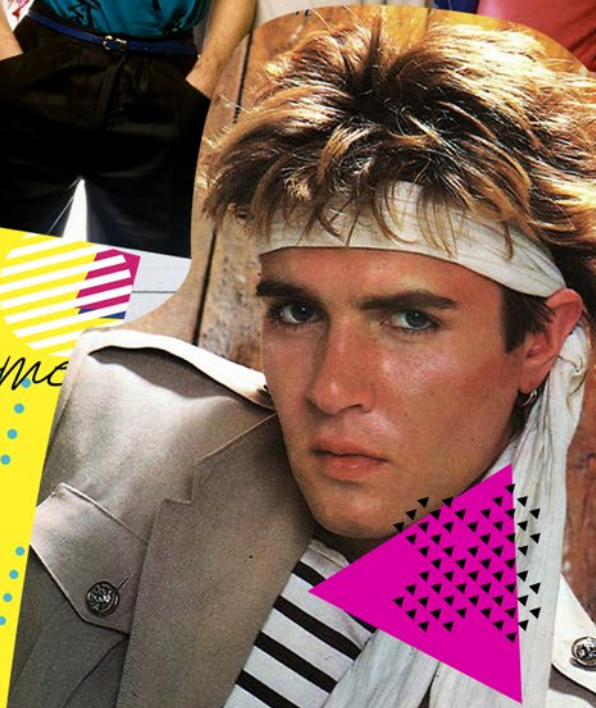
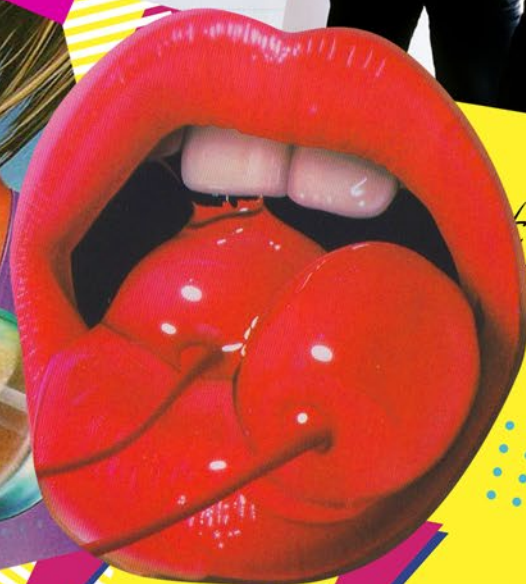


I made it through the wilderness  
Somehow I made it through  
I don't know how but I was



I found you  
was beat  
complete

I'd been had, I was so  
But we made me feel





# 80s SMASH HIT WORD SEARCH

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 TRUE  
 MYSTIFY  
 NUTBUSH  
 BEATIT  
 FAITH  
 TIMEAFTERTIME  
 DOWNUNDER  
 PUSHIT  
 DRIVE  
 SUPERFREAK

## ANAGRAMAGRAMAGRAM PUZZLE- 80S MOVIES

1. OUTBACK FUR TEETH
2. I FEARLESSLY BUFFER ROD
3. THUGS ROB SETS
4. SHOOT GENIE
5. BAR KEEPER CHEMIST SKIT
6. BELLY LOVE CHIRPS
7. GIDDY CART INN
8. NINE THIGHS
9. COATING RICE AMMO
10. HEATED DEVIL

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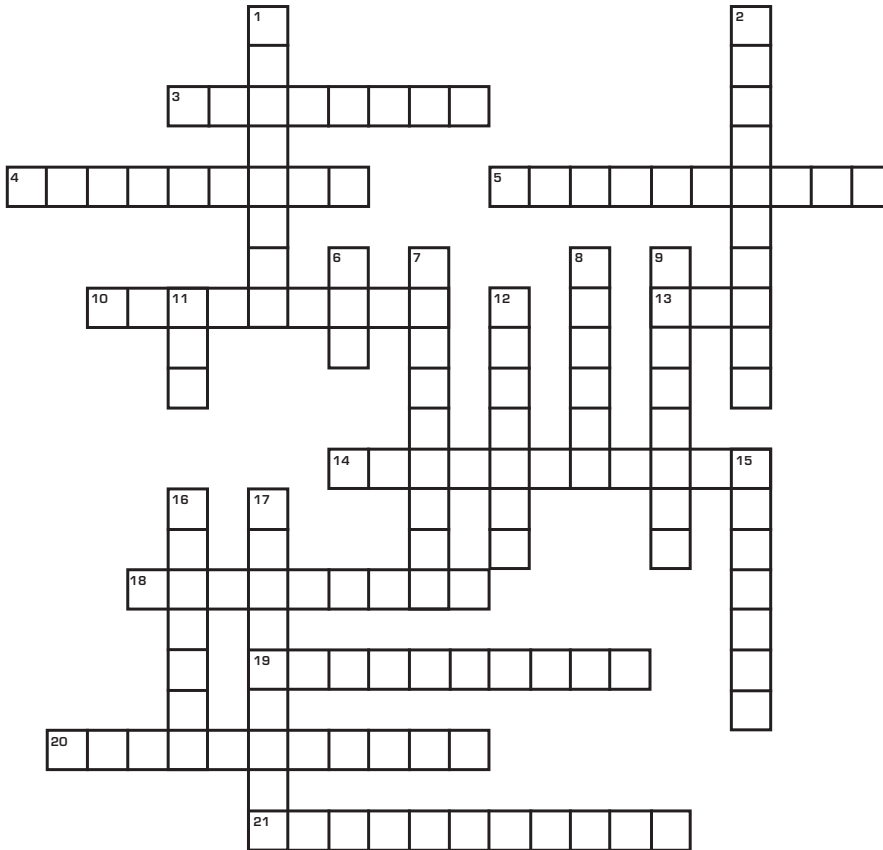
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# 80s BAND CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

3. They rocked the Casbah
4. Anyone fancy a Vegemite sandwich
5. Pale creature in David Coverdales strides
10. Armageddon this clue
13. So, no pop stars in Norway?
14. Judge on The Voice once sang in this band
18. Did they ever find out what love is?
19. Their drummer was Pammie's ex
20. The original brother's in arms
21. Jim Kerr's massive 80s group

## DOWN

1. Belinda's old group
2. Three girls who told us Robert De Niro's waiting
6. Jonny Rotten's band after the Sex Pistols
7. Gordon, Andy, Stewart
8. Little man in purple paisley
9. They might as well jump!
11. Did they really lose their religion?
12. Messy hair, bad lipstick, loves cats
15. On a steel horse they ride
16. She was hanging on the telephone
17. Manchester band with angry vegetairan singer



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# ARTISTS, CREATIVE TEAM & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## TRIBUTE ARTISTS

Lance Strauss in The Elton Jack Show  
Rebecca O'Connor in Simply the Best as Tina Turner  
Jeff Duff as David Bowie  
U2 Show Achtung Baby  
Don't Change Ultimate INXS

## FEATURED VOCALISTS

Natalie Gauci  
Jack Vidgen  
Ashleigh Toole  
Matt Cornell  
Pete Millwood  
Mike Carr  
Sellma Soul  
Brooke Supple  
Natalie Pearson  
Glenn Bidmead  
Tim Aitken  
Gareth Hill  
Tibor Hovarth

## MUSOS

Brett Tyrrell – Lead Guitar  
Zoltan John Budai – Bass Guitar  
Dario Bortolin – Bass Guitar  
Ross Milton – Saxophone  
Sam McNally – Keyboards and Programming  
Colin Coorie – Keyboards and Programming  
Joel McDonald – Guitars and Backing Vocals  
Gordon Rytmeister – Drums and Percussion  
Pete Skelton – Drums and Percussion  
Randall Waller – Guitars and Backing Vocals  
Ross Middleton – Saxophone, Flute, Harmonica and Brass Arrangements  
Martin Farrugia – Trumpet  
Michael Raper – Trombone

## BACKING VOCALS

Robyn Loau  
Brooke Supple  
Natalie Pearson  
Ross Middleton

## RESIDENT 80s DJ

Les Boss

## CREATIVE TEAM

Randall Waller – Musical Director  
Amanda Taylor – Choreographer,  
Chase Creations

Wayne Rowley – Content Creator, Hyperbole

Craig Chapman – Content Creator, Daily Planet Productions

Joseph Jember – Social Marketing

## DANCERS

Brooke Thomson  
Carla Doyle  
Kirralee Johnson  
Brooke Sharp  
Maddison Scarcella  
Emily Gordon  
Michael Hughes  
Nick Mills  
Ben Hogan  
Zeke Azzolini

## PRODUCTION & TECHNICAL

Powa Audio – Sound, Production, Audio Visual and Lighting  
BHSS Sydney – Backline  
Sooz Graham – Artist Liaison, Production and Technical Assistant  
Terry Lunney – Site and Event Manager  
Craig Portels – Track Producer

## EXECUTIVE & PROGRAMMING TEAM

Ian "Dicko" Dickson – Creative Director  
Dave Wilkins – Production Director  
Graham Gordon – Operations Director  
Linda Gordon – Director and Company Secretary  
Tony Aitken – Talent Wrangler

## MEDIA & MARKETING

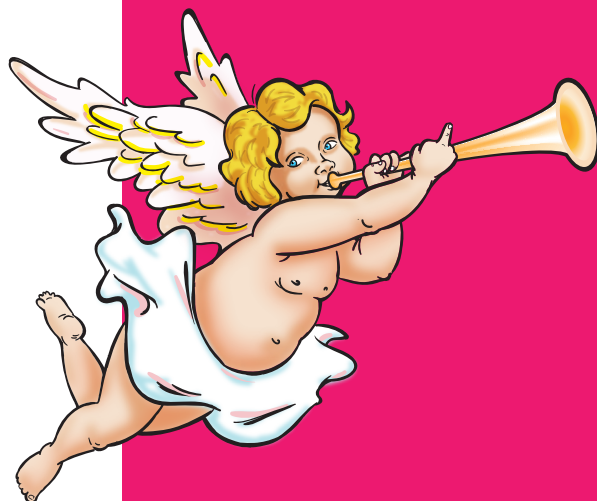
Mitch Fresta – SGC Media  
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Ticketing – eMedia Campaigns  
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Bill Blair – Drone Operator  
Craig Chapman – Lead Cameraman

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Kelly Farrer  
Isaac Morrison  
Bronte Bowen  
Breanna Townsend  
Madeleine Moore

## TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

Amanda Circosta – Travel Manager  
Lauren Plews – Sanctuary Cove  
Concierge Services  
Pat Eastman – The Ruby Collective



17. The Smiths  
16. Blondie  
15. Bon Jovi  
12. The Cure  
11. Rem  
9. Vanhalen  
8. Prince  
7. The Police  
6. P!l  
2. Bananarama  
1. The Gogo's

## DOWN

21. Simple Minds  
20. Dire Straights  
19. Motley Crue  
18. Foreigner  
14. Culture Club  
13. Aha  
10. Aero Smith  
5. White Snake  
4. Men At Work  
3. The Clash

## ACROSS

## 80s BANE CROSSWORD

10. THE EVIL DEAD  
9. COMING TO AMERICA  
8. THE SHINING  
7. DIRTY DANCING  
6. BEVERLY HILLS COP  
5. THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK  
4. THE GOONIES  
3. GHOSTBUSTERS  
2. FERRIS BEULLER'S DAY OFF  
1. BACK TO THE FUTURE

## PUZZLE - 80s Movies

## ANAGRAMAGRAM

## GAME ANSWERS



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