

Avoiding the old favorites

suggestions for something new

Everyone loves Carmen. Or do they?

There's a reason certain pieces become skating classics. They're dramatic. They're powerful. They work. But there's also a reason some coaches, judges, and rink announcers would be justified in feeling a tiny twitch in their eye when they hear the opening notes for the fifth time that day.

Here's the thing: you might skate three competitions in a season. Judges are there every weekend, sometimes all weekend long. What feels exciting and fresh to you may be the musical equivalent of hearing the same song on repeat during a long car ride... with no skip button.

This guide isn't about banning the classics or taking away music you love. It's about showing you how to find music that does the same job — drama, confidence, sparkle, emotion — without making anyone fantasize about pulling their own teeth out. **And again - these ideas are for expanding your algorithm.**

If you like this:

Maybe take a listen to this:

The Piano Guys

2 Cellos, Atlys, Nathan Lanier, Dario Marianelli

Orchestral Music

Boston Pops Orchestra, London Philharmonic, BBC Radio Orchestra, Hans Zimmer, Alexandre Desplat, Ramin Djawadi

Carmen

Glinka - Spanish Overture No.1 OR Spanish Overture No.2, Ritual Fire Dance

Dance Bacchanale (Saint Saens)

Libertango (arr Metamorphose String Orchestra)

Caruso (by Hauser), Dvorak Symphony #9 in E Minor, I Loved Him (Saltburn Soundtrack) The Middle of the World

Romeo and Juliet

Historia da un Amore

Spartacus

Rhapsody in Blue

An American in Paris

Porgy and Bess (A Symphonic Picture)

Billie Eilish

Sia

Abba, KC and the Sunshine Band

Michael Buble

Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Seth McFarlane, Matt Ford

All That Jazz

Feeling Good

Maybe This Time, Fever (the Elvis version!)

Lose Control (Teddy Swims) The Best is Yet To Come, It Had To Be You, New York State of Mind, Whatever Lola Wants

Why Don't you Do Right

The Life of the Party, Caberet, Roxie, It's Too Darn Hot

This is Me (Keala Settle), Electricity (from Billy Elliot)

When I Grow Up (Matilda)

Lose Control or I Can't Make You Love Me (Teddy Swims)

Licence to Kill

Brave (Sara Bareille), Breakaway (Kelly Clarkson)

Count on Me (Bruno Mars)

All Of Me (John Legend)

I Have Nothing

One

Defying Gravity

How Far I'll Go

Hallelujah

Skyfall

A Whole New World

Somewhere Over the

Rainbow Someone Like You

My Heart Will Go On

Some Song Ideas

Orchestral

Those Were the Days - Boston Pops Orchestra
Too Darn Hot - James T Lane version
License to Kill - Ian Thomas, Philharmonic Orch
Macavity the Mystery Cat - Cats
The 5th - David Garrett
What Was I Made For - Hauser/London Symphony
Experience - Ludovico Einaudi/Daniel Hope
Romantic Flight - How to Train Your Dragon
There are Worse Things I Could Do - Martine McCutcheon

Emotional Performance

You Can Leave Your Hat On - Etta James
Aint No Sunshine - Buddy Guy/Tracy Chapman
When You're Smiling - Michael Buble
She Used to Be Mine - Sara Bareilles
Razzle Dazzle - Chicago
W.I.T.C.H. - Devon Cole

Character songs

Nothing - Natalie Cortez (A Chorus Line)
Rose - Bette Midler
Chim Chim Cheree - Boston Pops Orchestra
The Typewriter - Melbourne Symphony
Danse Macabre - Any orchestra
So What - Pink
When Will My Life Begin - Mandy Moore
Jailhouse Rock - Elvis
Intergalactic - Beastie Boys
Walk This Way - Aerosmith
Donnie Darko: Mad World

Kid's Songs

While You Can - Adrian Berenguer
What Lurks - Adrian Berenguer
Letters - Mauricio Trabanino
Anything - Sofia the First
Mickey Mouse March - Boston Pops
Make Some Noise - Sofia the First/Trollstopia
The Candy Man - Sammy Davis Jr
Roll Call - Thomas the Tank Engine
Banana Boat Song - Harry Belafonte
Revolting Children - Matilda

Dramatic Songs

I Have Nothing - Whitney Houston
Earned It - The Weekend
Shallow - Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper
Dangerously - Charlie Puth
Higher - Michael Buble
Die With A Smile - Bruno Mars/Gaga
Uninvited - Alanis Morissette
Sparks - Coldplay
Writings On The Wall - Sam Smith
Spanish Flame - Maxime Rodriguez

Interesting Sounds

Revival - Gregory Porter
Crazy - Post-Modern Jukebox
I Found A Love - Jose James/Taali
Fragile - Erykah Badu
Sentimientos - Andres Linetzky/Ernesto Romeros
Chromatica 1 - Lady Gaga
Doing My Thing - Desert Belle
After the Battle - Amadeus
Rock Me Amadeus - Amadeus
Together - David Arnold
The Hollywood Wiz - Cirque Du Soleil
Succession Main Theme - Nicholas Britell

Waltzes

Only You - The Platters
If I Aint Got You - Alicia Keys
It's All Right - Jon Batiste
Iris - Goo Goo Dolls
Vision Of Love - Mariah Carey
Kiss From a Rose - Seal
Love on the Brain - Rihanna
In Another Time - Sade
She - Harry Styles
Sparks - Coldplay

Duets

Sesame Street Theme - Boston Pops Orchestra
Together Again - The Muppets/Josh Groban
Istanbul - They Might Be Giants
Dancing in the Street - Bowie and Jagger
I Got the Horse Right Here - Guys and Dolls
Seventeen - Heathers
Thank You For Being a Friend - Andrew Gold
With a Little Bit Of Luck - My Fair Lady
Everybody Needs a Best Friend - Norah Jones
You Make Me Feel Like Dancing - Leo Sayer
Friendship - Anything Goes

Free Skate

Come Gentle Night - Abel Korzeniowski
Forbidden Love - Abel Korzeniowski
Masquerade Suite 1 - Abel Khachaturian
Reflection (Mulan) - Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Theme from Sabrina - Boston Pops Orchestra
Dance For Me Wallis - Abel Korzeniowski
A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes - Royal Phil
Photograph/Clair de Lune - Cody Fry/Debussy
Merry Go Round - Joe Hisaishi/Royal Philharmonic
A Whole New World - Jack P. Jezzro
Java - Al Hirt/Boston Pops
Eternity - Alex Warren, Gigi Perez
Songbird - Eva Cassidy
Over The Rainbow - Eva Cassidy
February Sea - George Winston
Kiss the Rain - Yiruma
Oblivion - Chris Botti/Caroline Campbell
The Joke - Brandi Carlile
Smile - Michael Jackson
I Hear A Symphony - Cody Fry
Choreographie du Depart - Daprikski
Pavane pour une Infante Defunte - Ravel