

Summer of Soul

The Summer of Soul was a historic musical event that occurred over the summer in Harlem, NY between June 29 through August 24th 1969. Over 300,000 people attended, yet it received virtually no media coverage from the mainstream media. The event stood as a testament to the healing power of music during times of unrest, both past and present. The state of America in the summer of 1969 eerily resembles the state of the nation today. The musical festival had been filmed and yet remained unpublished for at least 45 years! That is until Questlove took up the honor of revealing a piece of history that needed to be shared. This film, his directorial debut, premiered this January at the Sundance Film Festival, where it picked up both the Audience Award and the U.S. Grand Jury Prize.

Soundtrack Credits

Drum Solo

Written by [Stevie Wonder](#)

Performed by [Stevie Wonder](#)

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Written by [Eddie Floyd](#), [Steve Cropper](#) (as Stephen Lee Cropper)

Performed by [Tony Lawrence](#) and [The Harlem Festival Jazz Band](#) (as The Harlem Cultural Festival Band)

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Written by [Don Covay](#)

Performed by [Herbie Mann](#)

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Written by [Stuart Scharf](#) (as Stuart M. Scharf)

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Written by [Rudy Stevenson](#)

Performed by [The 5th Dimension](#)

Published by Rudy Stevenson

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Performed by [The 5th Dimension](#)

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Let the Sunshine In

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Performed by [The Staple Singers](#)

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Written by Lawrence Curtis Roberts

Performed by **Herman Stevens** (as Professor Herman Stevens) & **The Voices of Faith**

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Wrapped, Tied and Tangled

Written by Karl Tarleton

Performed by **Clara Walker & The Gospel Redeemers**

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Lord Search My Heart

Traditional

Performed by **Mahalia Jackson**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Written by James Barge, **Ben Branch**

Performed by **Operation Breadbasket**

Published by Chevis Publishing Corp

Precious Lord Take My Hand

Written by **Tommy Dorsey** (as Thomas A. Dorsey)

Performed by **Operation Breadbasket** featuring **Mahalia Jackson** and **Mavis Staples**

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My Girl

Written by **Smokey Robinson** (as William Robinson Jr.), **Ronald White**

Performed by **David Ruffin**

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I Heard It Through the Grapevine

Written by **Barrett Strong**, **Norman Whitfield**

Performed by **Gladys Knight & The Pips**

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Sing a Simple Song

Written by **Sly Stone** (as Sylvester Stewart)

Performed by **Sly and the Family Stone** (as Sly & the Family Stone)

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Everyday People

Written by [Sly Stone](#) (as Sylvester Stewart)

Performed by [Sly and the Family Stone](#) (as Sly & the Family Stone)

Published by Mijac Music

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Written by [Herbie Hancock](#)

Performed by [Mongo Santamaria](#)

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Abidjan

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Performed by [Ray Barretto](#)

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Shoo-Be-Doo-Be-Doo-Da-Day

Written by [Henry Cosby](#), [Sylvia Moy](#), [Stevie Wonder](#)

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Ogun Ogun

Traditional

Performed by [The Dinizulu Dancers & Drummers](#) (as Dinizulu and His African Dancers and Drummers)

Cloud Nine

Written by [Barrett Strong](#), [Norman Whitfield](#)

Performed by [Mongo Santamaria](#)

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Hold On, I'm Comin'

Written by [Isaac Hayes](#), [David Porter](#)

Performed by [Herbie Mann](#) & [Sonny Sharrock](#)

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It's Time

Written by [Max Roach](#) (as Maxwell Lemuel Roach)

Performed by [Max Roach](#)

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Africa

Written by [John Coltrane](#)

Performed by [Abbey Lincoln](#) and [Max Roach](#)

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Written by [Philemon Hou](#), [Harry Elston](#)

Performed by [Hugh Masekela](#)

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Backlash Blues

Written by [Langston Hughes](#), [Nina Simone](#)

Performed by [Nina Simone](#)

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To Be Young, Gifted, and Black

Written by **Nina Simone, Weldon Irvine**

Performed by **Nina Simone**

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Are You Ready?

Written by **David Nelson**

Performed by **Nina Simone**

Higher

Written by **Sly Stone (as Sylvester Stewart)**

Performed by **Sly and the Family Stone (as Sly & the Family Stone)**

Published by **Mijac Music**

Have a Little Faith

Written by **Sammy Turner**

Performed by **The Chambers Brothers**

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