

**The Association of Beach and Shag Club DeeJays  
Presents:**

# **The Top 50 Shag Songs of 2012**



***Dedicated to the  
memory of Charlie  
Byrd (Carawan) and  
The Charlie Byrd  
Beach Blast***

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**O**n the facing page are listed the Top 50 Shag Songs of 2012 as compiled by the Association of Beach and Shag Club DeeJays (ABSCDJs). All members of the organization were given the opportunity to send in their top 50 shag songs for 2012, based on dancer requests and “watching the floor” at parties, dances, SOS and other events throughout the year. The 50 songs you see listed were the ones that received the greatest number of points and “rose to the top.” This year we set a couple of records, first with the number of DeeJays who participated by sending their lists in with a total of 54 ABSCDJ members, and with the total number of songs submitted on one or more lists with 845.

**T**he ABSCDJ’s annual Top 50 Shag Songs follows in the tradition established by the late Charlie Byrd (Carawan) who published this annual list until his death. Since then, this annual list has been prepared and sponsored by the ABSCDJs and is dedicated to Charlie’s memory and the memories many of us have of his syndicated weekly radio show, The Charlie Byrd Beach Blast.

**T**his list is an attempt to capture the songs that filled the floor during 2012, not necessarily the newest, but the most consistent at bringing dancers out across the Carolinas and everywhere that shaggers come to dance. It does not include line dances or slow songs/ballads, although we may dance to them also.

**T**he songs were each assigned a point value based on where they fell on each list and then the points totaled up to find just what were the top songs.

**T**he number one song for 2012 was “The Walk” by Mayer Hawthorne closely followed by “Who’s Wockin’ You” by Donnie Ray, one of two songs that he recorded that made the Top 50. The Number one song from 2011, “The Bop” by Ms. Jody dropped only slightly, finishing at number three. Once again, the Band of Oz also remained strong, placing two songs on the charts with “I Can’t Think” at #6, up one position from last year, and “Build Me Up” at #14.

**S**everal old standbys again made the Top 50 for 2012. These included “I Used To Cry Mercy, Mercy” by the Lamplighters (1954); “Lady Soul” by The Temptations (1986); “Give Me You” by Billy Ward and the Dominoes (1955); and “Come Get To This” by Marvin Gaye (1973). However, Marvin Gaye’s version was edged out again by L.J. Reynolds’ version of Marvin’s super hit. Along with these standards, several of the beach artists, in addition to The Band of Oz, also placed songs on the Top 50. These included Jim Quick and Coastline, The Holiday Band, Goldrush and Jerry Shooter, Atlantic Groove, The Queens of Southern Soul, The Chairmen of The Board and The Fantastic Shakers.

**W**e hope you see some of your favorites listed. We also hope that you will support the ABSCDJ members listed on the back page and thank them for taking the time to help put together The Top 50 Shag Songs of 2012.

We miss you Charlie,

David Sessoms  
ABSCDJ Historian & Webmaster

# The Top 50 Shag Songs of 2012

1. The Walk	Mayer Hawthorne
2. Who's Rockin' You	Donnie Ray
3. The Bop	Ms. Jody
4. Let's Walk	Austin de Lone
5. I'm In Heaven When I'm With You	Roy Hamilton
6. I Can't Think	The Band of Oz
7. Share My Love	R. Kelly
8. Come Get To This/Steppin' Out	L.J. Reynolds
9. Sweetness of Your Love	L.U.S.T.
10. Why Don't We Just Dance	Josh Turner
11. Lady Soul	The Temptations
12. A Love To Call Mine	Johnnie Taylor
13. Bright	Peter White
14. Build Me Up	The Band of Oz
15. I'm Going Back	Donnie Ray
16. Carina	James Hunter
17. I Used To Cry Mercy Mercy	The Lamplighters
18. Boardwalk Angel	Jerry Shooter
19. Wild Turkey 101 Proof	Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne
20. Need You Now	Lady Antebellum
21. From The Back	L.J. Echols
22. I Still Do	The Fantastic Shakers
23. Stuff You Gotta Watch	Levon Helm
24. How Do You Stop	James Brown
25. Come Get To This	Marvin Gaye
26. Forget You	Cee Lo Green
27. Love Done Gone	Billy Currington
28. In This Mess	Snoopy Pryor
29. Rock Bottom Blues	Kid Rock
30. I Don't Want Nobody	Ike Turner
31. Lulu's Chicken Shack	Ron Moody
32. Getaway Car	Hall and Oates
33. Crazy 'Bout That Woman In Red	Atlantic Groove
34. Back By Popular Demand	The Queens of Southern Soul
35. Dance With You	Eugene "Hideaway" Bridges
36. Keep Singing The Blues	Chick Willis
37. All That Matters To Me	Jim Quick and Coastline
38. Fred's Dollar Store	Super Chikan
39. You	The Chairmen of The Board
40. 8-3-1	Lisa Stansfield
41. Shame	Mighty Mo Rodgers
42. It Only Hurts Me When I Cry	Raul Malo
43. Give Me You	Billy Ward and The Dominoes
44. Still Strokin'	Ms. Jody
45. Feelin' Single	R. Kelly
46. Hold On To The Blues	Lonnie Givens
47. Smooth Sailin'	The Holiday Band
48. Jelly Belly	The Fantastic Shakers
49. Katrina Katrina	Henry Gray
50. Overnight	The Zac Brown Band

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