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GUEST POST: RATING THE OSCAR NOMINATED SONGS

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With each passing day, it becomes another day closer to the Academy Awards. Films have been competing and campaigning all year to be nominated for one of those snazzy golden trophies. This year it is quite a tough race in all categories, but primarily in the Best Original Song section. There are four nominees, all deserving of this accolade, but some obviously have a better chance than others. Check out which songs are nominated for an Oscar, as well as the likelihood of it winning.

“Happy” – *Despicable Me 2*

Pharrell Williams returned as the driving force behind the music and lyrics of *Despicable Me 2*. To those who have not seen either *Despicable Me* film, Williams’ nomination may come as a surprise. But to those who have, it is not shocking whatsoever, in fact, it is well deserved. From the moment *Despicable Me 2* premiered, Williams had everyone singing and dancing along to his tunes in the film, particularly “Happy.” While it is not very likely Williams will take the Oscar home this year considering some of his competition, don’t count him out in the future.

“Let It Go” – *Frozen*

Frozen is by far one of the best Disney animated films to come out in months – maybe even years. Part of this is due to its extremely positive and progressive message. The other part is because of its hit songs. *Frozen* had one of the best-selling soundtracks this year, in part due to the beautiful and out-breaking song “Let It Go.” Now nominated for an Oscar, “Let It Go” is sure to take the golden trophy

home. The song has had massive success and it deserves every accolade it receives.

“The Moon Song” – *Her*

For *Her*, Spike Jonze teamed up with Karen O once again to create a smash original tune for the film. The result “The Moon Song” is exactly that. Perfectly complimentary to the score and acting, “The Moon Song” is incredible in every way. Since the release of “Her,” the movie was expected to garner quite a few Oscar nominations. Even though Jonze and Karen O created such a magnificent single, it is not available for purchase. In fact, none of the score is available, in physical or digital form. And this makes the music of the *Her*, as well as the film itself, much more unique and special.

“Ordinary Love” – *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*

When searching for music to represent a man that had as much of an impact as Nelson Mandela, there is really only one option, U2. For *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* the powers that be decided to turn to U2 to write an original song for the film encompassed all that Mandela and the film represent. While “Ordinary Love” took home the Golden Globe for Best Original Song, it has some tough competition. “Ordinary Love” not only embodies Mandela and his legacy, but the vibe and liveliness of South Africa as well.

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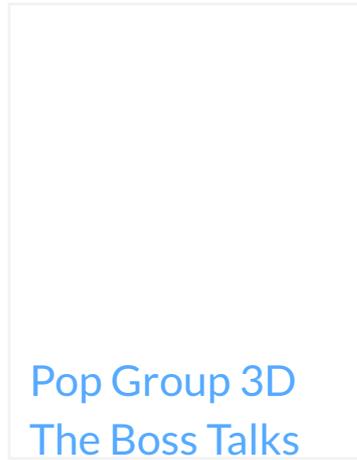
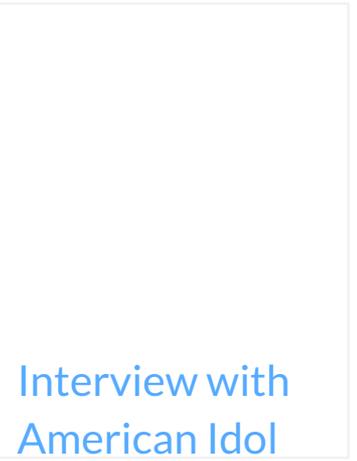
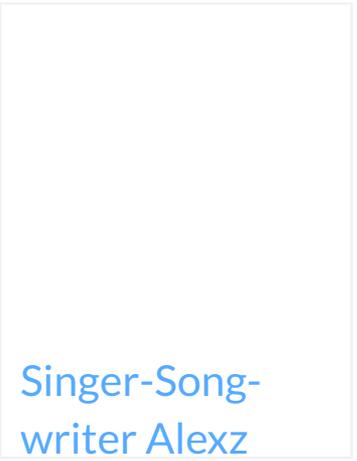
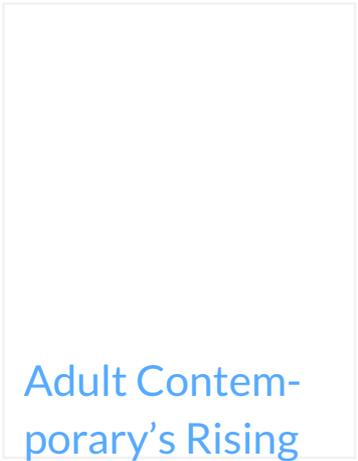
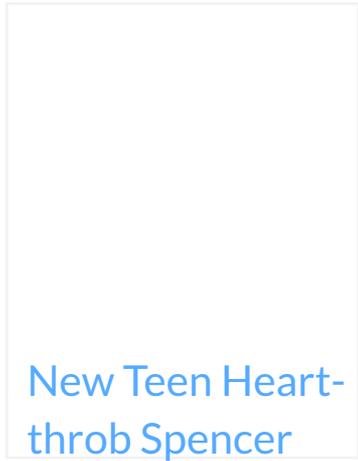
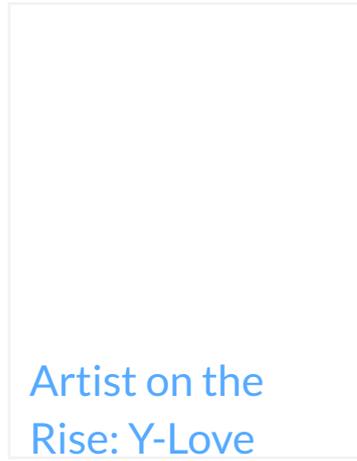


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