

In the mood for



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Every year Valentine's Day is on 14 February, the traditional day on which lovers express their love for each other and when even the most macho men have to swallow their pride and go out on a limb to try to be a little romantic, even at the risk of making fools of themselves. Serenading your significant other with a romantic love song is a great way to score points on Valentine's Day.

Falling in love has been one of the most popular song subjects since the beginning of recorded history. People have always used music to woo their lovers. Music is a rare gift of nature to human beings. It is a medium of conversation with God and when a human being falls in love, music is much more than a celebration of love – it provides the soundtrack for life's most intimate moments.

Here follows a selection of romantic CDs in Central Collection that caters for everyone – from teenagers falling in love, young adults in love and the mature love between older people.

Hurry to your library and find the gem love song that will express your feelings and make this Valentine's Day one to remember!

Justin Timberlake: Futuresex/Lovesounds

This CD is for all young lovers. Justin Timberlake is one of the most influential young people in the entertainment industry. I loved all the tracks, but the one that stood out for me was *My love* (I think I can play that for someone special!) and *(Another song) All over again*. If you have broken up and want to make right again with that special person, then this song is for you.

Tracks

Futuresex/Lovesound
Sexy back
Sexy ladies
My love

Lovestoned
What goes around
Chop me up
Damn girl
Summer love
Until the end of time
Losing my way
(Another song) All over again.

Beyoncé: Dangerously in love

Beyoncé is one of America's most popular pop stars. This CD also features collaborations with other artists that have made a name for themselves, like Luther Vandross, her husband Jay Z, Missy Elliott and Sean Paul. In 2003, *Crazy in love* won her three awards at the MTV Video Music Awards, including Best Female Video and Best R&B Video. In the same year, she was recognised as the New Female Artist and New R&B Artist among the four awards she won during the Billboard Music Awards. The following year she won Best Contemporary R&B Album and Best R&B Song, Best Rap/Sung Collaboration for *Crazy in love*, Best R&B Performance by a duo or Group With Vocals for *The closer I get to you* with Luther Vandross and Best Female R&B Vocal

Performance for *Dangerously in love 2* at the Grammy Awards ceremony. The 1000th issue of the *Entertainment Weekly* which celebrates the new classics: the 1000 best movies, TV shows, albums, books, et cetera, from 1983 to 2008, ranks *Dangerously in love* 19th of the Top 100 Best Albums of the past 25 years. The album is ranked number 183 on the 200 definitive albums that shaped rock and roll, according to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The CD showcases her romance with JZ at the time. I loved the duet with Luther *The closer I get to you* (maybe it's only because I know the words?)

Tracks

Crazy in love (featuring Jay Z)
Naughty girl
Baby boy (featuring Sean Paul)
Hip Hop star (featuring Big Boi and Sleepy Brown)
Be with you
Me, myself and I
Yes
Signs
Speechless
That's how you like it (featuring Jay Z)
The closer I get to you (duet with Luther Vandross)
Dangerously in love 2
Beyoncé interlude
Gift from Virgo.

Brandon October: Opsoek na liefde

What would a South African article about Valentine's Day be without love songs in Afrikaans? (For aspiring singers all the words of the songs are printed in the CD booklet so one can sing along.)

I have never really listened to Brandon before so this was a first for me and I was quite surprised by the CD. I really liked the first track, *Môre* and *Alles vir jou* and can see *Alles vir jou* being sung at a wedding or to one's loved one. All the tracks are for that someone special. *Somewhere down the road* was blasting through my speakers and I can't understand why the radio stations don't market this track?

'Music. A truer form of honesty. A gateway to the spiritual. A balm of healing. An air of cheer. A shroud of encouragement. Always soothing, uplifting, entertaining.' Brandon October tells us on the cover.

Tracks

Môre
Daar waar liefde staan
Alles vir jou
Klop van my hart
Ek's oppad
Opsoek na liefde
Meisie
Somewhere down the road
Impossible dream
Pieces of your heart.

Loyiso: Blow your mind

Loyiso Bala is a South African R&B artist and his CD blew my mind. This is a CD to play 'to get in the mood' because all the tracks are romantic. While listening to *Dali Wami* I wanted to know the words as he sings in isiXhosa and it is such a romantic song that it can easily become one of my favourites. If you don't know the lyrics, the chorus with the English translation goes something like this:

'Dali wami ndiyakuthanda (My darling I love)
Ngentliziyo yami yonke (With all my heart)
N'dzokuthanda side soluphale (I will love you as we grow older ...)
Mina nawe (together/ me and you)
Nob' indaw' inokupela (Should we one day find that there's no more place ...)
Ezulwini (Up in heaven)
Thath' eyam ndingakufela (I'll give you mine, I'll die for you)
Ngoba mina ndyaziqhenya ngawe (Because

you give me so much joy)
S'thamdwa sentliziyo yami (Love of my heart).

Tracks

I want you (featuring Obita)
Blow your mind (featuring Tasha Baxter)
Take me back
Maybe
Rosy Red (featuring Elana Afrika)
Dali Wami
Karma Police
Freak you
Step to the throne (featuring AKA)
Closer than close
Walk with me
Found love
Blow your mind (featuring AKA).

The Beach Boys: 20 great love songs

Who has heard of the Beach Boys? This CD is more for the older generation who know their songs and want to sing along, and it starts with one of their most famous hits, *Good vibrations*. I was rocking and jiving, listening to this classic. It also features a few slow romantic songs like *God only knows*, *Surfer girl*, *Devoted to you*, et cetera.

Tracks

Good vibrations
Then I kissed her
God only knows
Darlin'
Help me Rhonda
All summer long
Wendy
Don't worry baby
You're so good to me
Why do fools fall in love
I can hear music
Wouldn't it be nice
Surfer girl
Devoted to you
I'm so young
There's no other (like my baby)
She knows me too well
Good to my baby
Please let me wonder
I was made to love her.

Demis Roussos: Lost in love

This CD will also cater more to the older generation. When the first track started I thought it sad that the teenagers of today don't know this artist. I believe music, like love, is universal and crosses boundaries like only God can. Roussos has a voice like an

angel and I loved the whole CD, especially *Forever and ever*, *Can't say how much I love you* and *When forever has gone*, because I imagined him singing to me. *Goodbye my love* is a classic and I know that nobody else can sing it like him. I loved it. I really liked the lyrics of *I need you* and I don't think there's a woman on this earth who won't become emotional when the one she loves sings or plays *I need you* or *The wedding song*.

Tracks

Happy to be on an island in the sun
Forever and ever
Can't say how much I love you
When forever has gone
Goodbye my love goodbye
My reason
Lost in love
I just don't know what to do with myself
Lost in a dream
Velvet mornings
Midnight is the time I need you
Gypsy Lady
I need you
The wedding song.

