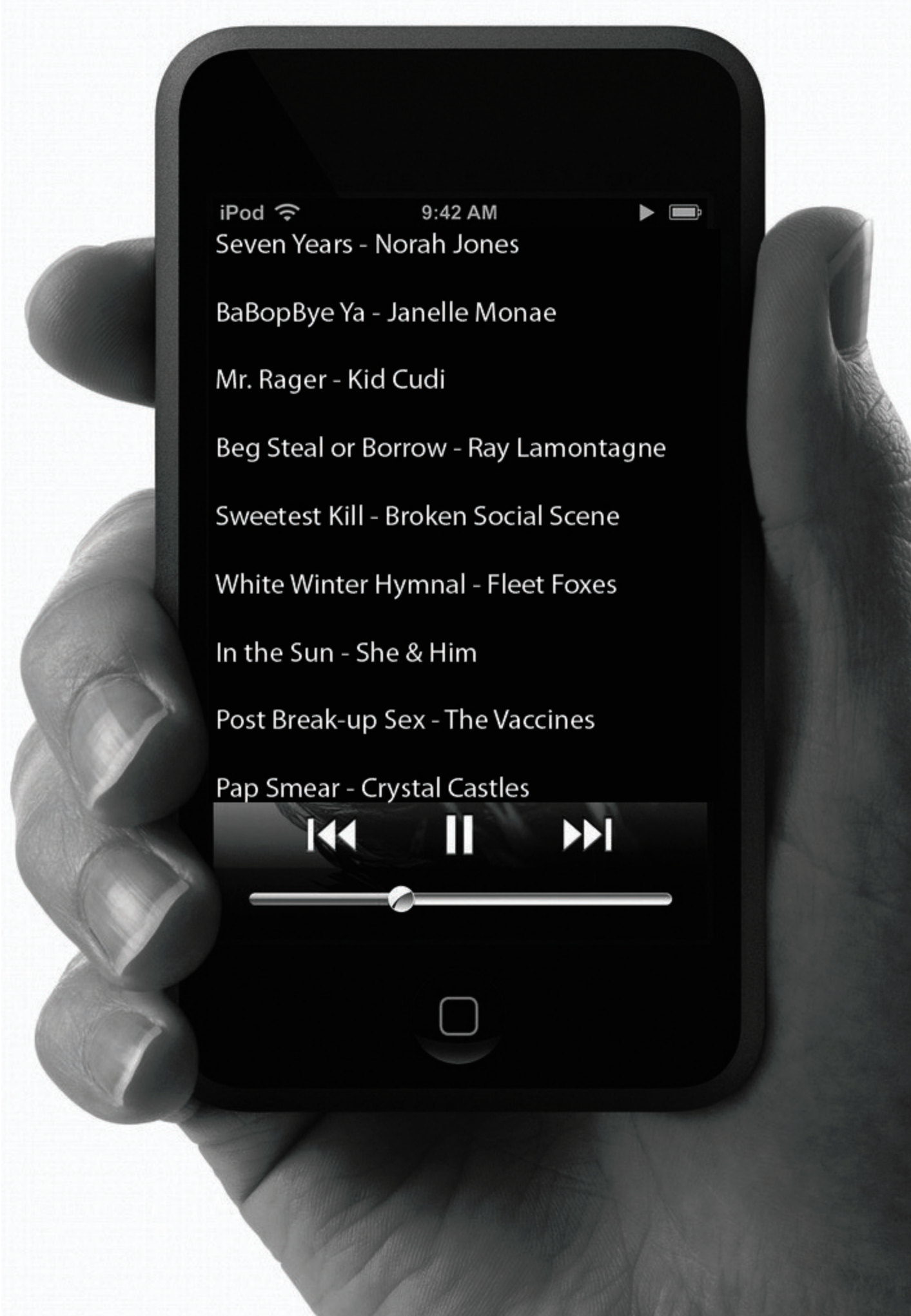


what's playing on Becca Waterloo's playlist?



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HOW TO CHICAGO

THE KEY TO UNLOCKING CITY LIFE



Finally. Summer is here, or rather, will be here in a few weeks. No more exams, assignments, or project deadlines for a few months. Don't you feel you should spend your Summer break wisely? Chicago is a magnificent city where you can easily find something to do. See below for a few examples!

Movies:

Summer is the time to enjoy the outdoors, do all the summer activities, remove all coats and boots and walk freely, or take a dip in the beach; however, if the temperature gets too high, you could get inside a theatre, buy a large soda and a bag of popcorn, enjoy the air-conditioning, and watch a movie on the big screen. These are the movies you shouldn't miss during this summer.



- *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* (May 20)
Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) embark on a quest to find the elusive fountain of youth, only to discover that Blackbeard and his daughter (Penelope Cruz) are after it too. (imdb.com)

- *The Hangover Part II* (May 26)

The four guys (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zack Galafianikis, and Justin



Bartha) return to Bangkok for another post-blackout misadventure.

- *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* (Jul 15)

The end begins as Harry, Ron, and Hermione go back to Hogwarts to find and destroy Voldemort's final hor-cruxes, but when Voldemort finds out about their mission, the biggest battle begins and life as they know it will never be the same again. (imdb.com)



- *Transformers: Dark of the Moon* (Jul 1)

The Autobots learn of a Cybertronian spacecraft hidden on the Moon, and race against the Decepticons to reach it and learn its secrets, which could turn the tide in the Transformers' final battle. (imdb.com)

Events

Chicago is known countrywide for the communal events that happen around the city. Most involve music, food, and just enjoying the outdoors and surrounding skyscrapers. Be sure to take advantage of these events Chicago provides; it's what makes us one of the best cities in the world.

- *Taste of Chicago* (June 24 - July 3)

For all those foodies out there, it's that time of the year again. The Taste of Chicago is happening, and everything else takes a backseat. No matter where you are from, your favorite food will be found at the Taste of Chicago. Spanning over 10 days, this is the most popular event of the Summer for all Chicagoans and beyond.

- *Chicago Summer Dance Fest* (July 7- September 18)

Come to Grant Park to enjoy the 15th annual Summer Dance Fest. Every Thursday Night from July 7 to September 18 offers you a one-hour dance lesson by professional instructors followed by two hours of live music and dancing. (601 S. Michigan Avenue) <http://www.explorechicago.org/>

Music:

Check the website to see where your favorite artist is performing. Sing with them, take photos of them (or with them) and tell stories to your friends. Who can beat free music in the park? Grab a blanket, some friends, and bring some food to enjoy the nice weather and music hovering over you for an excellent night you'll never forget. Here are some concerts happening this summer:

- Rammstein, Allstate Arena (May 10)
- Usher with Akon, Allstate Arena (May 20)
- Rihanna: Loud Tour, United Center (June 15)
- U2, Soldier Field (July 5)
- Katy Perry, Allstate Arena (July 8)
- Pitchfork Music Festival, Union Park (July 15)
- Lollapalooza Music Festival, Grant Park, (August 5-7)



<http://www.chicagotraveler.com/concerts.htm>

- *The Grant Park Music Festival* (June 15 - August 20)

Take advantage of this music fest, as it's the country's only remaining outdoor classical music series you can get for free. Every summer in Chicago, the fest is committed to providing you free classical music. Find it in the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park a couple days every week this summer.

<http://www.grantparkmusicfestival.com/the-music/2011-season>

- *Downtown Sound Series* (May 23 - July 25)

Enjoy New Music Mondays this summer at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park to be introduced to some new free music or enjoy your own classic tunes. Popular artists featured are: Iron & Wine, Bonnie Prince Billy, Blonde Redhead, Low & many more. <http://www.explorechicago.org/>

If nothing on here attracts you, you must be crazy. Check out [explorechicago.org](http://www.explorechicago.org) for more opportunities. The summer is the best time to be in Chicago, so take advantage of everything you can these next few months.

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