

**FACT SHEET****Teen pop artists****Pat Boone**

Second only to Elvis in record sales in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Pat Boone had over 60 hits and six number one songs. Unlike Elvis, Boone was a conformist and many hits were tame covers of rock'n'roll or teen pop songs, including 'Love Letters In The Sand', 'April Love' and 'Don't Forbid Me'.

**Ricky Nelson**

From a show business family, Ricky Nelson began his career on television and enjoyed moderate rock'n'roll success in the 1950s before re-emerging as a teen pop idol. His hits included 'Travellin' Man', 'Hello, Mary Lou' and 'Fools Rush In', before fading fame led him into country music from 1966.

**Neil Sedaka**

A lyrical songwriter, Neil Sedaka had hits with 'Oh Carol', 'Calender Girl', 'Happy Birthday Sweet 16' and 'Breaking Up Is Hard To Do'. He concentrated on his song writing career from 1966, and wrote many hits for other artists, including Tom Jones and Tony Christie.

**The Ronettes**

Led by Veronica 'Ronnie' Bennett, the group was trained in close harmony singing before recording with Phil Spector and releasing hits 'Be My Baby', 'Baby, I Love You' and 'Walking In The Rain'. Bennett and Spector later married and Bennett pursued a solo career from 1976.

**The Chiffons**

An all-girl group from New York, The Chiffons had hits with 'He's So Fine', 'One Fine Day' and 'Sweet Talkin' Guy'. They achieved notoriety when they took ex-Beatle George Harrison to court, successfully accusing Harrison of plagiarising 'He's So Fine' in his hit 'My Sweet Lord'.

**The Righteous Brothers**

Actually unrelated to each other, The Righteous Brothers employed the Spector 'wall of sound' on their hits 'Unchained Melody' and 'You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling' before disbanding in 1968.

**The Supremes**

The most successful of the girl groups, The Supremes enjoyed a long but tortuous career with hits such as 'Baby Love', 'Stop In The Name Of Love', 'You Can't Hurry Love' and 'Love Child'. The group officially disbanded in 1969, and lead singer Diana Ross later embarked on a highly successful solo career.