# **New course title: (part two)**

# Great guitars, great songs and great harmonies: roots and royalty of country-rock, 1965-1980

# **Description: Part Two**

Part two continues the evolution of country-rock, probing the fertile decade of the 1970's, and takes in-depth look at the importance of harmony singing, featuring the careers of Crosby, Stills and Nash, the rich catalog of Neil Young, Poco, the New Riders of the Purple Sage, Pure Prairie League, Rick Nelson, Linda Ronstadt, Emmylou Harris and the greatest country-rock band ever, the Eagles, as well as trends in instruments, arrangements and lyric-writing that made up the songs.

# **Course Outline: Part Two:**

**WEEK ONE:** The superstars move in: Crosby, Stills, Nash—and Neil Young **Listening:** 

Crosby, Stills and Nash, 1st album

Crosby, Stills and Nash, Déjà Vu

Neil Young, 1st album

Neil Young, Everybody Know this is Nowhere

Neil Young, After the gold Rush

Neil Young, Harvest

Neil Young, Long may you run

**Reading:** 

Waging Heavy Peace: A Hippie Dream, by Neil Young Shakey: Neil Young's Biography, by Jimmy McDonough

Viewing:

Echoes in the Canyon 2018

Year of the horse 1997

Last Waltz 1978

Rust never Sleeps 1979

## **Playlist for this class:**

CD #1—Emperor of Wyoming, Neil Young

video #1—Suite Judy blue eyes, CSN from Woodstock 1969

CD #2-- You Don't Have To Cry, CSN

CD #3-- Helplessly Hoping, Crosby, Stills & Nash

**CD #4—49 Bye Byes** 

play video #2—Marrakech Express, CSN

CD #5—Teach your children, CSN 1970

CD #6—Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere, Neil Young

Live—Losin' End (Neil Young) guitar in G

video #3--Last Waltz. Helpless, from Déjà vu, Neil Young

CD #7-- Only Love Can Break Your Heart, Neil, with piano

CD #8---I Believe in You

CD #9—Heart of Gold Neil Young

#### CD#10—Long May You Run

WEEK TWO: The mid 1970's brings the second wave; style and innovation:

Poco, The New Riders of the Purple Sage, Pure Prairie League, Rick Nelson

#### **Listening:**

Poco, Picking up the Pieces, 1969 Epic

Poco, Poco, 1970 Epic

Nashville Skyline, Bob Dylan, 1969, Columbia

New Riders of the Purple Sage: New Riders of the Purple Sage 1971 Columbia

Bustin' Out, Pure Prairie League, 1972 RCA

#### Reading:

Pickin' Up the Pieces: The Heart and Soul of Country Rock Pioneer Richie Furay, by Michael Roberts, 2012.

#### Playlist for this class:

\*Tonight I'll Be Stayin' Here With You, Bob Dylan

CD #1---Pickin' Up the Pieces, Poco

CD #2—Consequently So Long, Poco

CD #3—You Better Think Twice, Poco

CD #4---Honky Tonk Downstairs, Poco

CD #5—Crazy Love, Poco

CD #6---Last Lonely Eagle, New Riders of Purple Sage

CD #7—Glendale Train, New Riders of Purple Sage

CD #8—Panama Red, New Riders of Purple Sage

CD #9---Amie, Pure Prairie League

CD #10—Fallin in and out of love, Pure Prairie League

CD #11—Boulder Skies, Pure Prairie League

video #1— Hello Mary Lou – Ricky Nelson 1958

video #2—She belongs to me Rick Nelson 1969

video #3— Garden Party—Rick Nelson 1972

**WEEK THREE:** The two women who did the most to define country-rock; Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris. In this class we look at these incredibly versatile and talented singers; appreciating an artist who ran the gamut from folk and country to rock, pop and beyond, and another who has been the soul, conscience and spirit of the genre for 45 years, both of whom have made a lasting impression on American music. With a shout-out to Rodney Crowell.

## **Listening**

Linda Ronstadt, Linda Ronstadt, 1972 Capitol

Heart Like a Wheel, Linda Ronstadt, 1974, Capitol

Emmylou Harris, Pieces of the Sky, 1975, Warner Brothers

Emmylou Harris: Luxury Liner, 1978

Rodney Crowell, Diamonds and Dirt, 1988

# Reading:

Simple Dreams, a musical memoir, by Linda Ronstadt, 2013

Emmylou Harris: Angel in Disguise Paperback -2004, by Jim Brown

Viewing:

Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of my own voice, feature film, 2019

The Last Waltz, 1978

#### Playlist for this class:

CD#1--Silver Threads, Linda Ronstadt

CD #2—Desperado 1973

video #1—When will I be loved 1974

CD #3—Willin'1974

video #2 Blue Bayou

CD#4 Adios, Linda Ronstadt with Brian Wilson

video #3--I can't help it with/Emmylou Harris 1974

CD #5—Bluebird wine

video #3--Boulder/Birmingham Lost Highway/Emmylou

CD #6—If I could only win your love

video#4: Rodney Crowell: I couldn't leave you if I tried, 1988

CD#7: Emmylou/Rodney: Back when we were beautiful 2013

video #5—Evangeline/Last Waltz

CD#8—Queen of the Silver Dollar

WEEK FOUR: *The Boys of Summer: The incredible legacy of The Eagles:* How four guys from all over the USA became America's most popular band ever.

#### **Listening:**

The Eagles, the Eagles, 1972 Asylum

Desperado, the Eagles, 1973 Asylum

On The Border, the Eagles, 1974 Asylum

One of these Nights, the Eagles, 1975 Asylum

Hotel California, the Eagles, 1976, Asylum

Cass County, Don Henley, 2015, Capitol

# Reading:

Eagles: Taking It to the Limit, by Ben Fong-Torres, 2011

## Viewing:

Hell Freezes Over DVD 1994

History of the Eagles documentary DVD 2013

# Playlist for this class:

CD#1 Take it Easy

video clip #1 from History of the Eagles —Glenn, Don

video clip #2 Peaceful easy Feeling

CD#2 Tequila Sunrise

CD#3 Already Gone

CD#4 Best of my Love

**CD#5** One of these Nights

**CD#6 Hollywood Waltz** 

video clip #3 Take it to the limit

CD#7 Lyin' Eyes—big analysis

CD#8 Seven Bridges Road

video clip #4 from History

video clip #5 from History -Hotel California

**CD#8 The Last Resort** 

video clip #6—from History--How Long