

Spring 2022, OLLI CAL:

Great Voices; an in-depth look at 8 iconic rock and R&B singers

Course Description:

Throughout the rich, long arc of popular music there has always existed the *great singer*, the individual who elevates the *great song* to another dimension, a place where, as listeners, we are thrilled and inspired for the rest of our lives when we hear their work. This course will cover the lives and careers of six legendary rock and r&b singers from the period 1955-75, six singers whose work has embodied American roots music. Although all of them are also known as songwriters and performers, they made their mark as vocalists, who could rock our socks off one minute, while with the next breath cajole the sweetest melodies from the material they so passionately tackled. The eight classes will be presented as a cultural and musical journey through the amazing lives and work of these artists when they were at the forefront of popular music. The course will do this through several media: lectures, slide shows, photographs, recorded music, film clips and the use of live music. The instructor will also use piano, guitar and other instruments to illustrate points in class.

Week One: The “Genius,” **Ray Charles**

Week Two: The “King of Soul,” **Sam Cooke**

Week Three: The “The Queen of Rock n’ Roll,” **Tina Turner**

Week Four: The “Voice,” **Roy Orbison**

Week Five: Soul personified; **Bonnie Raitt**

Week Six: The “Crown Prince of Soul.” **Otis Redding**

Week Seven: Versatility, class and grace; **Linda Ronstadt**

Week Eight: The “Queen of Soul,” **Aretha Franklin**

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Suggested reading (bolded), *listening* (italicized), and viewing (underlined)

Week One: Ray Charles

Brother Ray: Ray Charles' Own Story, by Ray Charles and David Ritz 2004

Ray Charles, Man and Music, by Michael Lydon

Ray Charles, his 1st album, Atlantic, 1957

The Genius of Ray Charles, 1959

The Genius Hits the Road 1960

Ray Charles' Greatest Hits 1962

Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music, 1962

Blues Brothers, the movie, 1980

Ray, a film, starring Jamie Foxx 2004

In-class audio and video playlist for week one:

play CD#1—Unchain my Heart

play video clip #1: Mess Around 1953 from biopic Ray 2004

play CD#2--I got a woman 1954

play CD#3--Drown in my own tears 1955 Henry Glover

play CD#4--Night time is the right time 1958

play video clip #2: Atlantic/Ray/What I say clip from History (1994)

play video clip #3: What I'd say, 1959 clip from *Ray* (2004)

play CD#5--Let the good times roll 1959

play CD#6—Baby it's cold outside 1961, w/Betty Carter

play video clip #4: Hit the road Jack, 1961 from biopic *Ray* (2004)

play CD#7--Georgia on my Mind 1960

play CD#8--You don't know me 1962

play CD#9--You win again 1962, by Hank Williams

play CD#10--I can't stop loving you 1962, by Don Gibson

play CD#11--Crying time 1966 by Buck Owens

play video clip #5: I'm Busted, live in Edmonton 1963 (1980)

play CD#12--Let's go get stoned 1966

play video clip #6: Shake a tail feather, 1963 from Blues Bros (1980)

play video clip #7: We are the world 1985

play video clip #8: America, 1999, FL school for blind benefit

Week Two: Sam Cooke

Dream Boogie: The Triumph of Sam Cooke, by Peter Guralnick, 2006

You Send Me: The Life and Times of Sam Cooke, by Daniel Wolff, 1996

The Wonderful World of Sam Cooke, 1960

Ain't That Good News, 1964

Sam Cooke at the Copa, 1964

Greatest Hits, 1998 (21 songs)

American Masters; Sam Cooke: Crossing Over, 2010

In-class audio and video playlist for week two:

play CD#1—Good Times

play CD#2--Touch the hem of his garment 1956 w/Stirrers.

play CD#3--Jesus gave me water, 1951

play video clip#1—from “Crossing over”

play CD#4—Were you there 1955, Soul Stirrers, with lyrics

play video clip#2-- You send me/History of Rock and Roll, 1957

play video clip#3—Sentimental Reasons—Sullivan Show 1957

play CD#5—Only sixteen

play CD#6—Everybody loves to Cha Cha Cha

play CD#7—Sad Mood

play CD#8—Cupid

play CD#9-- Wonderful world

play CD#10-- Chain Gang

play CD#11— Bring it on home to me

play video clip#4—Allen Klein, Sam the writer/producer

play video clip#5---Good news, 1963 from bandstand

play video clip#6---Ali, Sam and civil right movement 1964

play video clip#7---Sam—Blowin' in the Wind 1964

play CD#12—Another Saturday night
play video clip #8—Tennessee waltz at the Copa 1964
play CD#13—Havin' a party
play CD#14—Shake
play CD#15—Twistin' the Night Away
play video clip #9—Sam—the end, comments
play CD #16-- Change is Gonna come

Week Three: Tina Turner

Tina Turner: My Love Story (Official Autobiography)

The Soul of Ike & Tina Turner 1961

Dynamite! 1962

River Deep – Mountain High 1966

Private Dancer (1984)

Foreign Affair (1989)

What's Love Got to Do With It (1993, soundtrack)

Wildest Dreams (1996)

Tina Turner - "One Last Time" Tour Documentary

Tina Turner's Wildest Dreams - Amsterdam Documentary (1996 ...

What's Love Got To Do with it, 1993 film starring Angela Bassett

In-class audio and video playlist for week three:

play CD#1—Shake a Tail feather

play video #1—Rocket 88—Ike

play CD#2—Fool in Love

play CD#3—Poor Fool

play video #2--Big TNT medley, 1966

play CD#4 River deep, mountain high 1966

play video #3--Proud Mary, 1970

play CD#5 Everyday People

play CD#6—Working together

play CD#7--Higher

play CD#8—Sweet Rhode Island Red

play video #4 Delilah's power, Honky tonk women 1970

play CD#9—Let's stay together

play CD#10—What's love got to do with it

play video#5 State of shock, w/Mick Jagger, from Live Aid, Philly 1985

play CD#11—Private Dancer

play video #6—We don't need another hero, Amsterdam 1996

play video #7—Addicted to Love, Amsterdam 1996

play video #8—Nutbush City Limits, Amsterdam 1996

Week Four: Roy Orbison

Rhapsody in Black: The Life and Music of Roy Orbison, by John Kruth, 2013

The Authorized Roy Orbison, by Wesley, Roy Jr., and Alex Orbison

Crying, 1962

In Dreams 1963

Pretty Woman 1964

Traveling Wilburys 1988

Roy Orbison: One of the Lonely Ones, BBC 2015

Roy Orbison and Friends: A Black and White Night, with Bruce Springsteen

In-class audio and video playlist for week four:

play CD #1—Leah—1962

play CD #2—Ooby Dooby 1956

play CD #3--Uptown 1959

play video #1—Only the Lonely 1960, from Black&White DVD 1987

play CD #4—Blue Angel—1960

play CD #5—I'm Hurtin'—1960

play video #2—Running Scared, 1960, from In Dreams

play CD #6—Workin' for the Man—1962

play video #3—Crying—1961

play CD #7—In Dreams—1963

play CD #8—It's Over 1964

play CD #9—Mean Woman Blues—1963

play video #4—Roy In England, from In Dreams

play CD #10—Pretty Woman—1964

play video #5—Roy's tragedies, from In Dreams

play video #6—Rock Hall/Bruce/Dream Baby

play video #7—Handle with care—1988— Travelin' Wilburys

play video #8—End of the Line 1988—Travelin' Wilburys

play CD #11—You got it--1988—from Mystery Girl

play CD #12--Blue Bayou

Week Five: Bonnie Raitt

Bonnie Raitt: Just in the Nick of Time, Mark Bego 1996

Bonnie Raitt 1971

Give it up 1972

Home Plate 1975

Nick of Time 1989

Luck of the Draw 1990

Longing in their hearts 1994

Fundamental 1998

Austin City Limits, 40th anniversary concert

No Nukes 1977

In-class audio and video playlist for week five:

play CD#1—Something to talk about

play video #1—John Raitt, If I love you, from carousel, 1945

play video #2—Give it up or let it go, 1975
play CD#2—Love Has No Pride 1972
play CD#3—Guilty 1974
play video #2—What is success? with Allen Toussaint
play video #3—Runaway, from No Nukes, 1980
play CD#4--Nick of time 1989
play CD#5
play video #4—Have a heart 1992
play CD#6—I ain't gonna let you break my heart 1989
play video #5--Love letter 1994
play CD#7—Not the only one 1991
play CD#8—I can't make you love me 1991
play video #6 The road is my middle namwe
play CD#9—Longing in their hearts 1993
play CD#10—Dimming of the Day 1993
play video #7--Your Good Thing Is About to End
play video #8—Angel from Montgomery, 2019, Colbert Show

Week six: Otis Redding

Otis Redding; an Unfinished Life, by Jonathan Gould, 2017
Dreams to Remember: Otis Redding, Stax Records, and the Transformation of Southern Soul by Mark Ribowsky 2015
Pain in My Heart 1964
Otis Blue: Otis Redding Sings Soul 1965
Complete & Unbelievable: The Otis Redding Dictionary of Soul 1966
Dock of the Bay 1968
The Immortal Otis Redding 1968
Monterey Pop, 1967
Stax Volt Revue, Live in Norway 1967

In-class audio and video playlist for week six:

play CD#1: That's how strong my love is 1964 /Roosevelt Jamison
play video #1: These arms of Mine w/Steve Cropper
play CD#2: These arms of Mine 1962 by Otis Redding
play video #2: Mr. Pitiful w/ Steve Cropper 1965
play CD#3: Wonderful World—1965—by Sam Cooke --fade
play CD#4: Change is gonna come—1965 by Sam Cooke
play CD#5: Ole Man Trouble—1965 by Otis--fade
play video #3: Can't Turn You Loose w/Cropper/1966 by Otis
play CD#6: You don't miss your water—1965/by William Bell
play video #4: Fa fa fa from Norway 1967—by Otis
play CD#7: Day Tripper—Live in Europe—1967
play video #5: Satisfaction at Monterey—by the Stones
play CD#8: Tramp—1967—duet with Carla Thomas

play video #6: Jackson/Cropper/Zelma on Monterey
play video #7: Shake/Respect/Been lovin' you too long Live at Monterey
play CD#9: Dock of the Bay—1968—by Otis
play CD#10: Hard to handle—1968—by Otis
play CD #11: Dreams to remember—1968—by Otis and Zelma
play video #8: Jim Stewart on Try a little Tenderness
play video #9: Try a little Tenderness

Week seven: Linda Ronstadt

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

Linda Ronstadt, Linda Ronstadt, 1972 Capitol

Heart Like a Wheel, Linda Ronstadt, 1974, Capitol

What's new 1983

Canciones de mi padre 1987

Cry like a Rainstorm, Howl Like the Wind, 1989

Trio, 1999

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

In-class audio and video playlist for week seven:

play CD #1--Silver Threads, Linda Ronstadt (start class—1969)

play CD #2—Different Drum, The Stone Poneys, 1967

play video #1--Long long time, 1969

play CD #3—Desperado 1973

play CD #4—Faithless Love 1974

play CD #5—You're no good 1974

play video #2—When will I be loved 1974

play CD #6—Willin' 1974

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

play CD #7—Hasten down the wind, with Don Henley 1976

play video #3--Back in the USA, Linda Ronstadt, Chuck Berry 1986

BREAK!!

play video #4 Ah, Leave Me Not to Pine, from Pirates of Penzance 1980

play video #5 What's New, from What's new 1983

play CD #8 Farther Along, from Trio, w/Dolly and Emmylou 1986

play CD #9, Los Laureles, from Canciones de mi Padre, 1987

play CD #10—Don't know much, with Aaron Neville 1989

play CD #11--All my Life, with Aaron Neville 1989

play CD #12-- Somewhere out there, with James Ingram 1986

play CD #13 Dedicated to the one I love 1996

play CD #14 Adios, Linda Ronstadt 1989 with Brian Wilson

play video #6—Blue Bayou

Week eight: Aretha Franklin

Aretha: From These Roots, by David Ritz, 1999

Respect: The Life of Aretha Franklin, by David Ritz, 2015

I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You, 1967

Lady Soul, 1968

Aretha Now 1969

Who's Zoomin' Who 1985

Blues Brothers, 1980

Aretha Franklin: The Queen of Soul |PBS American Masters documentary

In-class audio and video playlist for week eight:

play CD #1 since you've been gone 1968 by Aretha and Ted White

play video #1—early days, from Queen of Soul

play CD #2-- I Never Loved a Man

play CD #3--Respect by Otis Redding

play video #2—Do right woman, Merv Griffin 1967 Moman/Dan Penn

play CD #4--Baby I love you by Ronnie Shannon

play video #3-- Dr. Feelgood by Aretha and Ted White

play video #4-- Ray and Jerry on Aretha

play CD #5--Chain of fools by Don Covay

play CD #6--Ain't no way, with lyrics, by Carolyn Franklin

play video#5--Aretha , C.L. and MLK Jr.

play CD #7--See saw, written by Steve Cropper and Don Covay

play video # 6—Amazing Grace at church in LA

play video #7--Say a little prayer by Bacharach/David

play CD #8--The weight by Jamie Robbie Robertson

play CD #9--Bridge over troubled water by Paul Simon

play video# 8-- Don't play that song by Ertegun/Betty Nelson

play CD #10 --Until you come back to me by Clarence Paul, Stevie

play video #9—Freeway of Love 1985 by Jeffrey Cohen, Narada

play video #10—Natural Woman at Kennedy center 2015 w/ Carole King