

# Rock & Roll and the Rest of Us:

## Popular Music and Social Change After Bing, Benny & Basie

Wednesdays: March 5, 12, 26 & April 2  
7 – 8:30 p.m. • Eau Claire Room  
L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library  
400 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire

Lecture and discussion led by David Jones



How has popular music impacted the American culture since World War II? This series will look at when and why 1950s rock and roll, 1950s/1960s blues, bebop/modern jazz, and hip hop music have been embraced as part of our individual and social identities.

Dr. David M. Jones is an Associate Professor of English and Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire who is also the executive producer of a radio program series on the history of jazz, blues, soul, and reggae music—Jazz, Blues, and Beyond—that is broadcast on 89.7 FM WUEC in Eau Claire. A professional musician, David performs locally at Fisher's on the Green and Sheeley House. His website, [www.amblues.com](http://www.amblues.com), provides information about his live performances and sound recordings.

### March 5: We Will Rock You: Why Do We Like the Music We Do?

Focuses on the joy of being a fan, pilgrimages to music hotbeds, and how and why our tastes in music change over time.

### March 12: More Than a Feeling: How Do We Know What's Good?

Who takes the lead in critiquing popular music? Examples will include music critics from Rolling Stone (particularly Peter Guralnick and Griel Marcus), Robert Gordon and Albert Murray, Nelson George, Nat Henthoff, and the noted documentary filmmaker, Ken Burns.

### March 26: Hot Blooded: The Controversial Aspects of Post-WWII Music

We'll take a look at some hot button topics surrounding popular music production and consumption.

### April 2: Go Your Own Way: Recent Case Studies and Research

Research into popular music criticism will be featured, including the lecturer's recent essay on Etta James and an essay on Joan Morgan and hip-hop feminism.

Free. Registration is highly encouraged. Please contact the library to register for any one or all of the sessions.

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