

Beat: Music

Why I love Rock Music SO Much

(From The Beatles to Foo Fighters)

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USPA NEWS - Life without rock? May as well give me life w/o cheeseburgers! I have loved Rock Music since I was a kid. I distinctly remember playing Frisbee in the street at our annual suburban Houston Block Party and grooving on the rock blaring from the speakers placed outside. It actually made me feel cool!

I became familiar with The Beatles after the group had broken up. I borrowed the blue "Greatest Hits 1967-1970" Double Album from a friend and was absolutely stunned by what I heard. I knew then, as I know now, that this is the greatest rock music we will ever know. While I never saw the band perform live, I am privileged to have enjoyed both Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr in concert multiple times. I miss the late great John Lennon (my favorite Beatle) and George Harrison, as do all fans of the band, and I mourned their untimely passings almost as if I had lost a family member. Rock is happiness. And it is mandatory for me to feel truly alive. In fact, I genuinely can not imagine my life without rock. The great thing is, I don't have to!

As I got a few years older I found that I was really drawn to hard rock, and the bands who cranked it out in my era and before. I fell in love with Bad Company, Bachman-Turner Overdrive, Styx, CCR, Hendrix, Foghat, The Who, Aerosmith, Ted Nugent and Van Halen. I started to play guitar and try to emulate these groups I idolized so fervently. Over the years I've also become an enthusiastic supporter of brilliant musicians such as R.E.M., Tom Petty, Son Volt, Wilco, The Tragically Hip, Carbon Leaf, Counting Crows, Foo Fighters and Pearl Jam, to name just a handful. Rock is to be actively participated in. It is to be embraced. And not with a limp handshake, but with a full on BEAR HUG! "LONG LIVE ROCK! I NEED IT EVERY DAY!" Boy, do I ever!

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