

Spring term 1 musical appreciation

Men in music

Week beginning	Value	Artist/ composer/ genre	Links
13.1.20	Fairness and Justice	<p>James Brown: James Joseph Brown (May 3, 1933 – December 25, 2006) was an American singer, songwriter, dancer, musician, record producer and bandleader. A progenitor of funk music and a major figure of 20th century music and dance, he is often referred to as the "Godfather of Soul" and "Soul Brother No. 1".^[1] In a career that lasted over 50 years, he influenced the development of several music genres.^[2]</p> <p>Brown's name was supposed to have been Joseph James Brown Jr., but his first and middle names were mistakenly reversed on his birth certificate. The Brown family lived in extreme poverty in Elko, South Carolina.</p> <p>He began singing in talent shows as a young child. Brown performed buck dances for change to entertain troops from Camp Gordon at the start of World War II as their convoys traveled over a canal bridge near his aunt's home.^[21] He learned to play the piano, guitar, and harmonica. In his teen years, Brown briefly had a career as a boxer.^[23] At the age of 16, he was convicted of robbery and sent to a juvenile detention center, There, he formed a gospel quartet with four fellow cellmates - he got an early release, which led to Brown promising the court he would "sing for the Lord".</p>	<p>This is a man's world https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rq9OvaJyRc</p> <p>I feel good https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1wOK9yGUYM</p> <p>Living in America https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yrT0DpvfVI</p>

<p>20.1.20</p>		<p>Elvis Presley Elvis Aaron Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi on January 8, 1935. He was the only child of Vernon and Gladys Presley. His family was poor. At a young age, people noticed that Elvis had an excellent singing voice and loved playing the guitar. He carried it with him wherever he went, even to school. He never got formal singing or guitar lessons and never learned to read music. He just watched other people play and learned songs by ear (listening to them).</p> <p>Elvis had a unique style of music and performance all his own. His music was a combination of country and gospel music. He also danced around on stage shaking his hips. At the time, many adults were shocked by his music and dancing. When he went on TV, he was usually asked not to dance or was filmed from the waist up. Teenagers, however, loved Elvis' music and dancing. They had never seen anything like it and they loved it.</p> <p>He became the leading figure of the newly popular sound of <u>rock and roll</u>. He is often referred to as the "<u>King of Rock and Roll</u>" or simply "the King".</p>	<p>Jailhouse rock https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjORz-uP4Mk All shook up https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23zLefwiii4 Blue suede shoes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bm5HKIQ6nGM Can't help falling in love https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGJTaP6anOU</p>
<p>27.1.20</p>	<p>Courage</p>	<p>David Bowie David Robert Jones (8 January 1947 – 10 January 2016), known professionally as David Bowie (/ˈboʊi/ <i>BOH-ee</i>),^[2] was an English singer-songwriter and actor. He was a leading figure in the music industry and is considered one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, acclaimed by critics and musicians, particularly for his innovative work during the 1970s.</p>	<p>Under pressure (Queen & Bowie) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoDh_gHDvkk Starman https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRcPA7Fzebw Dancing in the street (Mick Jagger & Bowie) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HasaQvHCv4w Let's dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbD_kBJc_gl</p>

Bowie was first impressed with Presley when he saw his cousin dance to "[Hound Dog](#)".^[12] By the end of the following year, he had taken up the [ukulele](#) and [tea-chest bass](#), begun to participate in [skiffle](#) sessions with friends, and had started to play the piano; meanwhile, his stage presentation of numbers by both Presley and [Chuck Berry](#)—complete with gyrations in tribute to the original artists—to his local [Wolf Cub](#) group was described as "mesmerizing ... like someone from another planet"

He received a serious injury at school in 1962 when his friend [George Underwood](#) punched him in the left eye during a fight over a girl. After a series of operations during a four-month hospitalisation,^[17] his doctors determined that the damage could not be fully repaired and Bowie was left with faulty [depth perception](#) and a [permanently dilated pupil](#), which gave a false impression of a [change in the iris's colour](#); the eye later became one of Bowie's most recognisable features

Bowie's album *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars* was released in 1972. It is one of his best-known albums. As a result of his performance, Bowie became a leader of glam rock. [Ziggy Stardust](#) became Bowie's second personality ([alter ego](#)). For a press-conference, he would show up as Ziggy.

3.2.20

Andrea Bocelli

Andrea Angel Bocelli (born 22 September 1958) is an Italian opera singer, songwriter, and record producer.^{[1][2]} **Celine Dion** has said that "if God would have a singing voice, he must sound a lot like Andrea Bocelli,"

Bocelli showed a great passion for music as a young boy. His mother has said that music was the only thing that would comfort him. He started piano lessons at age 6 and later learned to play the flute, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar, and drums. By age 7, he was able to recognize the famous voices of the time and tried to emulate the great singers.^[15]

At age 12, Bocelli lost his sight completely following an accident during an [association football](#) game.^{[10][16]} He was hit in the eye playing goalkeeper during a match and suffered a brain haemorrhage.

In 1992, Italian rock star [Zucchero](#) held auditions for tenors to make a [demo tape](#) of his song "Miserere", to send to Italian tenor [Luciano Pavarotti](#). After hearing Bocelli on tape, Pavarotti urged Zucchero to use Bocelli instead of him. Zucchero eventually persuaded Pavarotti to record the song with Bocelli, and it became a hit throughout Europe.

Since 1982, Bocelli has recorded 15 solo studio albums of both pop and classical music, three greatest hits albums, and nine complete operas, selling over 90 million records worldwide.^{[6][7]} He has had success as a crossover performer, bringing classical music to the top of international pop charts

Nessun Dorma

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2SZsxTBCzoA>

Ave Maria

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwp1CH5R-w4>

Fall on me (sings with his son)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChcR2gKt5WM>

Duet with Ed Sheeran: Perfect Symphony (start at 1.11)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qTLOVC_khU

10.2.20

Bee Gees

The **Bee Gees** were an English-Australian group. Its members were three brothers, **Barry Gibb** (born 1 September 1946), and twins **Maurice Gibb** (22 December 1949 – 12 January 2003) and **Robin Gibb** (22 December 1949 - 20 May 2012). They performed together for almost 40 years.

They were born on the Isle of Man to English parents, and lived in Chorlton, Manchester until the late 1950s. The family moved to Redcliffe, in Queensland, Australia. After achieving their first chart success in Australia, they returned to the UK in 1967.

During their career, the Bee Gees scored 19 UK top 10 singles, including five number ones. Among their many hits include 'Stayin' Alive', 'Night Fever', 'How Deep is Your Love', 'Tragedy', 'More than a Woman', 'Massachusetts', 'You Win Again' and 'Jive Talkin''. They have sold more than 220 million records worldwide.

They didn't actually use their signature falsetto sound until their 1975 album 'Main Course'. They liked the sound so much that they kept it up, and it became one of the main reasons their 'Saturday Night Fever' album was so huge later that decade.

Staying alive

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_izvAbhExY

How deep is your love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpggjU7u5Yc>

Tragedy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSVTOMkJdgs>