

Original Beatles Revue

January 22 - 31, 2021

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm

Sundays at 3:00 pm

2nd Street Stage

Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center

120 South 2nd Street



An original musical revue featuring hits by the Beatles!
Come sing along to your favorite songs by the Fab Four with
the talented TACT Youth Theatre performers.

About the Thalian Association

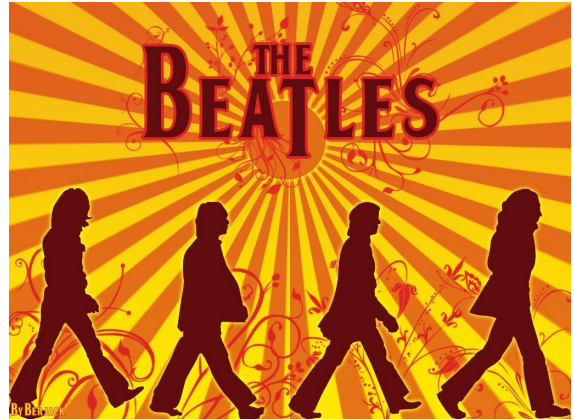
Thalian Association Community Theatre is a non-profit, membership organization that's dedicated to enhancing the rich artistic environment of the Cape Fear region. Tracing its roots back to 1788, the Thalian Association



Community Theatre was founded to provide arts education and bring the excitement of the performing arts to Wilmington, North Carolina. Today the Thalian Association Community Theatre produces five major productions annually on the Main Stage at historic Thalian Hall, offers a Youth Theatre program and professionally manages the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center for the City of Wilmington. In 2007, the North Carolina legislature named the Thalian Association Community Theatre the Official Community Theater of North Carolina

The Beatles: An Introduction

During the 1960s, the Beatles were the biggest band in the world. Hailing from Liverpool, a coastal city in England, the group's most famous lineup consisted of Paul McCartney on bass, George Harrison on guitar, Ringo Starr on drums, and John Lennon as lead vocalist.



The Beatles had over 27 number one hits during their career. In April 1964, they became the only band in history to occupy all five of the top slots on the Billboard Hot 100 chart!

Beatlemania

Imagine playing a live concert where you can't hear yourself over the sound of your fans screaming!



This was a common occurrence for the Beatles, which made playing live very difficult for them.

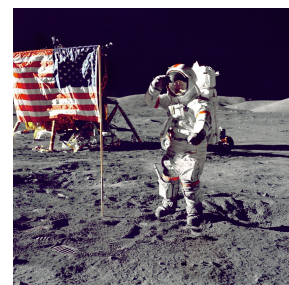
In 1966, the Beatles challenged their fans and the music industry by ceasing to play live concerts.

Instead, they focused on recording imaginative, technical and beautiful songs that would be released only on albums.

Beatles History: The 1960s

The Beatles formed in Liverpool in 1960. The band quickly became so popular that their songs were heard across the world by the end of the decade.

Many important historical moments happened in the 1960s that shaped the music written by the Beatles, including the Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam War, and the Moon Landing. Read the following article by The People History to learn more.



Music Styles, Bands And Artists during the 1960s

The 1960s were a time of upheaval in society, fashion, attitudes and especially music. Before 1963, the music of the sixties still reflected the sound, style and beliefs of the 1950s and many of the hit records were by artists who had found mainstream success in the previous decade, like Elvis Presley, Ray Charles, Dion, and The Everly Brothers.

In 1963 and the years to follow, a number of social influences changed what popular music was and gave birth to the diversity that we experience with music today.



The assassination of President Kennedy, the escalation of the war in Vietnam and the forward progress of the Civil Rights Movement all greatly impacted the mood of American culture, and the music began to reflect that change.

The "British Invasion" also began around 1963 with the arrival of The Beatles on the music scene. The type of rabid fandom that followed them would change the way people would view and interact with music and musicians forever.

British Invasion

The "British Invasion" is the name given to the period of time in the early to mid-1960s, during which many British rock bands and pop artists found mainstream success in the United States and worldwide. Many of these bands first started by covering American songs and showcasing an American Rock 'n' Roll and R&B influence in their sounds. As these bands gained popularity, many of them ventured into new music territory and created their own unique styles. The one band that comes to mind when speaking of the British Invasion is The Beatles, who first broke into the US music scene in 1963, but really became popular in 1964 after appearing on the Ed Sullivan Show.



The Beatles dominated worldwide charts from that point in time until they broke up in 1970. The phenomenon that surrounded them was known as Beatlemania and many up and coming music acts emulated their "Liverpool Sound".

The band holds many musical records to this day reflecting album sales and number one singles and they're music remains some of the most popular of all time.

They can be easily described as the most influential group of the 1960s. Some other notable British Invasion acts include The Rolling Stones, The Animals, The Who, Herman's Hermits, Tom Jones, and Donovan, some of whom reached comparable success levels to the Beatles but had different influences on music all together.

History Quiz: The 1960s

1. What is the name given to the early to mid-1960s where British musical acts found mainstream success in America?
2. Which three major events in the 1960s impacted the mood of the American culture and led to changes in music?
3. Which band can be described as the most influential group of the 1960s?
4. What was the phenomenon that surrounded the Beatles known as?
5. List some other notable British Invasion Acts:

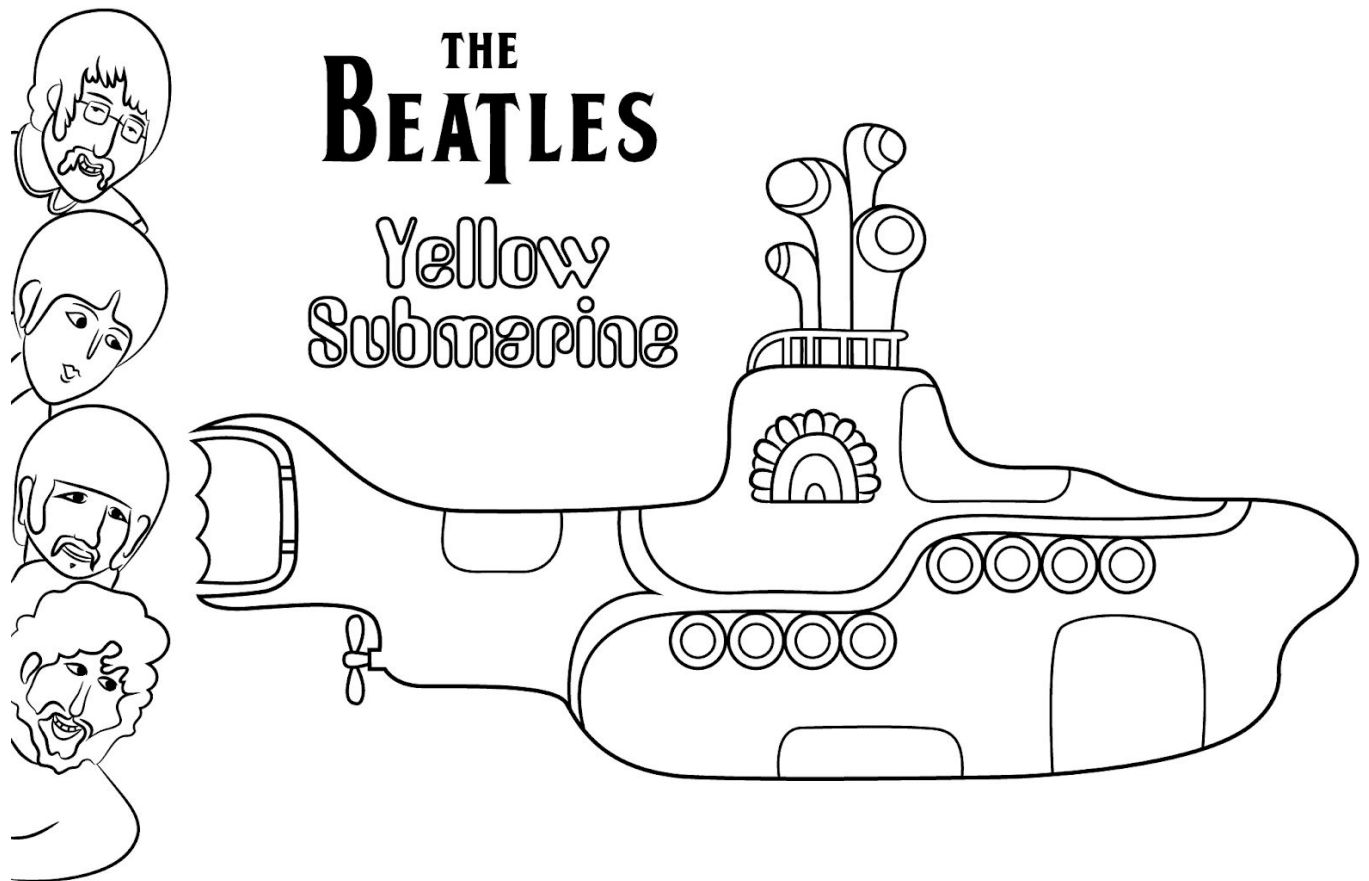


The 1960s vs Present Day: Compare and Contrast Activity

Compare and contrast the 1960s with today using the T Chart. What was daily life like today compared to then? What about current events or politics? Write down your thoughts using the chart below.

Present Day	1960s

Art Activity: Coloring The Beatles - Yellow Submarine



Sources: Billboard.com, Wikipedia.com, Shutterstock.com, Thepeoplehistory.com