

Instructional Related Activities
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ACTIVITY TITLE	DATE (S) OF ACTIVITY
Beatles Guest Artist Series	Nov. 29, 2012

PLEASE EXPLAIN (1) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY; (2) HOW DID THE ACTIVITY RELATE TO A COURSE(S); AND (3) WHAT YOU LEARNED FROM THE PROCESS.

- 1. BEATLES GUEST ARTIST SERIES DISCUSSION, Q & A WITH FORMER BEATLES ENGINEER GEOFF EMERICK**

- 2. THIS ACTIVITY RELATED DIRECTLY TO THE BEATLES: MUSIC, FASHION AND CULTURE CLASS I TEACH. MR. EMERICK WAS THE BEATLES SENIOR RECORDING ENGINEER FROM 1966-1969 WORKING ON SUCH CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED BEATLES ALBUMS LIKE REVOLVER, SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND, MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR, THE WHITE ALBUM AND ABBEY ROAD. FOUR OF THESE ALBUMS WERE VOTED IN THE TOP FOURTEEN IN ROLLING STONE MAGAZINES 500 GREATEST ALBUMS OF ALL TIME ISSUE. THE OTHER THAT IS NOT WAS NOMINATED FOR A GRAMMY FOR BEST ALBUM.**

- 3. WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IS THAT THE STUDENTS ABSOLUTELY LOVED THIS DISCUSSION, Q & A SESSIONS. THIS EVENT HAD OVER 200 CI STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHO ALSO ATTENDED. THE STUDENTS IN THE COURSE CONSISTENTLY REMARK IN THEIR EVALUATIONS THAT THESE GUEST ARTISTS ARE THE MOST FUN AND CULTURALLY ENRICHING CLASSES OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AT CI. I RECEIVED MANY COMMENTS FROM STUDENTS WHO FELT HONORED THAT SUCH A FAMOUS ENGINEER AND AN IMPORTANT PART OF POPULAR MUSIC HISTORY VISITED THEIR OWN CLASSROOM**

Ashley Tucker

Dear Dr. Murphy,

I can't put in words how grateful I am for the appearance by Geoff Emrick and what it must have took to get him here. I thought to myself during the presentation that wow my college tuition finally paid off, this is what experience I was hoping to experience in college. Not only was the experience beneficial to the Beatles class but it is also beneficial to just simply hear the thoughts of such an important person that is part of history.

Best Regards,

Yao

Dear Professor Murphy,

Thursday's class with Geoff Emerick was so awesome and very informative. I really appreciated having the opportunity to listen to his words of wisdom.

Marlisa Kunz

Dr. Murphy,

Once again you have put together an incredible event and I have to express my gratitude! Geoff Emerick was so fascinating and personable and the way that he spoke of his time with the Beatles was very entertaining. It was wonderful to hear a unique take on the history of the Beatles that goes beyond the basics. I am a Beatles fanatic and there are countless times where I will watch a documentary or read something about them that I already know, but with Geoff Emerick there is a very different set of interesting stories. I love hearing about the technical aspects of the music and the dynamics between everyone in the studio, though it is rather sad to hear about the tension that escalated toward the end. I am just so thrilled to have been able to be there today and I cannot accurately express how amazing Geoff Emerick's lecture was (if I were to try, this email would likely turn into a dissertation). The wonderful thing about the Beatles is that they are so influential and significant on various levels: musical, cultural, historical, social, emotional, etc. If it had been a lecture from someone who worked with Led Zeppelin or the Grateful Dead or any other great band, that would have been amazing, but with the Beatles it is so much more meaningful to so many people, myself included. It truly warmed my heart to see the joy that Geoff Emerick's visit brought to many of the people who attended and to hear their sentimental comments. So, I know I sound like a broken record by now, but I have to thank you for bringing so many people together with these events and I admire your ability to do so. I have said this before but I hope you never doubt that you are a kind and excellent teacher whose hard work is certainly appreciated. I am sad that there is only one more in-class concert this semester but I look forward to next semester's events. I hope you had a lovely holiday and that you have a great weekend! Thanks again!

Ana

Seeing Geoff Emerick and getting to talk with him and ask him questions and hear his story of working with the Beatles was something I will never forget. I grew up listening to the Beatles with my dad, and this class has given me an entirely new perspective on my favorite band. Both Geoff Emerick and Laurence Juber were incredible because not only are they wonderful people, they have worked with members of the Beatles on a personal level that gave me insight I couldn't have imagined before on what the Beatles were like and the way they worked. I would recommend this course to anyone, and these performances/appearances were absolutely the cherry on top of an amazing and educational course.

Thanks,

Hannah Russell

Dr. Murphy,

Today's visit from Geoff Emerick was really interesting and a great event for the class. As a freshman, I haven't experienced the exclusive opportunities that all the different courses have to offer. I have to say, out of all of my classes, your Beatles course is by far the most interesting and interactive. My expectations for the class have been surpassed and I can do nothing more than thank you for that. Giving the students of CI the opportunity to expand their musical culture and understanding is such a fantastic opportunity. Appearances from Laurence Juber and Geoff Emerick alike have been fulfilling and expansive to the course. I hope you can continue to give these opportunities to other students - they really make a difference.

Taylor Reinhardt

Hi,

To hear such amazing stories about his life as an engineer and the behind the scenes look at the Beatles was so interesting! Having guest speakers in general, who can provide a personal account of the history we're learning, is fantastic! Thank you!

I do hope we can continue to receive these great guest lecturers.

Abby Schiaffino

Geoff Emerick coming to our campus was so awesome, it really tied the class together meeting someone we learned about and also hearing stories from someone who worked with the Beatles one on one. I think everyone that takes this class should be able to experience this.

-London Lang

Dear Dr. Murphy,

I definitely found Mr. Emerick coming to our class to be a most valuable. After learning so many details about the most historic musical influence of the 20th century, it really brought a more full bodied feel to the story's we learned to hear the first hand accounts from Mr. Emerick. I am

most grateful for the opportunity to have met him and to have heard all he had to add to our educational experience studying The Beatles.

Thank you again,
Brian Johnson

Hello Dr. Murphy,

I thought Geoff Emerick's visit was extremely important! Hearing him speak about his involvement in the Beatles' music was the closest thing to hearing George Martin himself and he was able to provide insight that books can not. There should definitely be more events like this!

Thank you,

Erin Leithiser

I thought it was great. I am so glad to listen to such a fascinating story about working with the Beatles. It felt as if we went back in time when I saw Geoff. I hope he comes back on campus next semester, I would love to experience the history of the Beatles again.

Thank you.
James Pratt

I personally loved the appearance he made in class.

Thank you,

Taylor Kidd

Hi Dr. Murphy,

I definitely thought it was valuable to have Geoff Emerick come into our class. It really put our class into perspective since we got the chance to be in the presence of someone who worked very intently with The Beatles. It was a highlight of my semester for sure.

Thanks!

Callie Stickney

I personally believe the visit was very insightful into the understanding of the development of the Beatles in their later years and that it is beneficial to get an inside perspective of not only the history of the Beatles but how an observer felt about it during the time (like Emerick's view of Yoko yelling into the microphone). There are many small stories that are often left untold or unknown and this allowed for these fast facts to be shared and even laughed about with someone who experienced them first hand.