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[DVD Review: America's Music Legacy - Rock `n Roll](#)

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Rock and Roll grew from the melding of Black Rhythm and Blues with Country and Western. This mixture was so volatile that several southern congressmen went on record stating that Rock and Roll was a plot to destroy American values by encouraging race mixing, Rock and Roll originally was predominately in black areas, but started out being labeled as rebellious, primitive, black music until white artists such as Buddy Holly and the Big Bopper introduced Rock and Roll to the mainstream youth in the early 1950's. Their influence along with others began the first true multi-racial and multi-cultural movement in America.

When I was a pre-teen and a teenager I loved music. Basically I liked Country and Western music but I also liked Rock `n Roll too. Today if I am asked what kind of music I like my answer would be Country and the Oldies. The Oldies to me is none other than the good old fashion Rock `n Roll.

This DVD *America's Music Legacy - Rock `n Roll* is brought to us by Quantum Leap and they have put together an awesome DVD with a great list of artists performing some of the best Rock `n Roll you could imagine filmed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1985.

To name a few guests, Lou Christie, Leslie Gore, The Coasters and Chubby Checker, Bo Diddley and lots more. Fabian is the host of the show and he starts the concert out singing "*Old Time Rock and Roll*"



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Second on stage is The Coasters singing *Poison Ivy* as their opening song. Other songs include *Searching* (1957), *Charlie Brown* (who could ever forget this one) and *Yakety Yak*.

Third on stage is Lou Christy who performs *I'm Gonna Make You Mine*, *Two Faces Have I*, and *Lightin` Strikes*. Christy does an appealing closing dance with *Lightin` Strikes*, I wish I had his energy.

Gosh next was Leslie Gore singing some of my all time favorites including *Sunshine Lollipops & Rainbows*, *It's My Party* (1963 which is the first one she ever recorded) and *You Don't Own Me*. This lady still has it. This sure makes me feel old.

Then Lou Christie and Leslie Gore sings a duet, *Since I Don't Have You* and *It's Only Make Believe*. This sure brought back lots of memories.

Chubby Checker sings *Pony Time* and a medley of, *Blueberry Hill*, *Good Golly Miss Molly*, *Sea Cruise*, *Whole Lotta Shakin Going On*, *Shake Rattle & Roll*, *Hound Dog*, *I Saw Her Standing There* and *Let's Twist Again* and finally *The Twist*. These sure made me want to stand up and dance like I use to as a teenager. It sure made me feel alive.

Fabian then is on stage singing *Turn Me Loose*. Then he has a few couples up on stage doing the twist to as he sings *Tiger*. He ends this segment with *Old Time Rock & Roll*.

The Crystals come out on stage with *He's a Rebel*, *He's Sure the Boy I Love*, *Then He Kissed Me*, and *Da Doo Ron Ron*.

The Diamonds entertain the audience by singing *Silhouettes*, *The Stroll* and *Little Darlin`*.

Little Anthony does an outstanding job singing *Tears On My Pillow*, *Hurts So Bad* and *Shimmy Shimmy Ko Ka Bop*. I can close my eyes and see myself dancing to these. He also performs *I Think I'm Going Out Of My Head*. This one was a surprise to me. It used to be one of my favorites too.

Next Fabian introduces Bo Diddley as the father of Rock and Roll. Diddley enters the stage with *Come On*, *Hey Bo Diddley*, *I'm a Man*, *Bo Diddley Put the Rock into Rock & Roll* (I really love the beat to this one). Once he left the stage he was called back and he does his wild dance for the audience.

Fabian, Bo Diddley, The Crystals, The Diamonds, Little Anthony, Lou Christie, Leslie Gore, Chubby Checker, and The Coasters all join together on the stage and end the concert with the song, *Johnny B. Goode*.

To me this DVD *America's Music Legacy - Rock `n Roll* was one of the most entertaining concerts that I have seen in a long time. Once I started watching it I couldn't stop. I was even late cooking dinner so my husband, Simon, who is great decided to cook for me. I could have paused it and come back to finish but I honestly got into it so much I didn't want to.

I am from New Orleans and back in 1985 when this concert was held in Baton Rouge if I had known about it I would have been there myself. The total run time is 120 minutes but well worth the two hours listening. If you would like your copy of this fantastic DVD just click on the Amazon link above. It goes on sale on October 19, 2010 so you can pre-order it now.

My final thoughts would be: **Rock `n Roll is here to stay and it will never die!**

Jan Barrett

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einstein said,

in September 19th, 2010 at 11:05 am

“ROCK AND ROLL WILL NEVER DIE!” Jan is exactly right. The list of performers mentioned in this excellent review are as much a part of my childhood as the hula hoop and Davy Crockett’s coonskin cap. I was 13 in 1965 when I received my first AM transistor radio and at night it would pick up a radio signal from a station in New York. Sitting in my bedroom with this small radio up to my ear listening to the very music Jan speaks of created deep lifelong memories...memories which resurface each and every time I hear one of these songs. This was 45 years ago and this music still lives as vibrant and exciting as ever. You would be hard pressed to name a song recorded in the last 25 years which will still be playing 45 years from now...but these songs will be! Rock and Roll music is America’s legacy and we can trace its roots very deep indeed...to the black gospel and soul music of the South. Born from the cries of suffering and bondage. A spiritual scream for freedom put to music. Rock and Roll expression is the Declaration of Independence in song with it’s vicious baseline and its thundering drum beat and long may it blast from whatever music delivery systems which may lie in the future...mine will always be the memory of that first little transistor radio I held up to my ear in 1965.

Thank you,

Gary W Walters

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