

Classic Rock and Rock & Roll Playlists



13 July is the International Day of Rock ‘n Roll – a day to celebrate Rock Music in all its many manifestations. To mark this event, we have prepared lists of a selection of recordings of Rock ‘n Roll and Classic Rock that are available in Cape Town libraries. We would like to introduce you to these fantastic musicians and their music.

Rock ‘n Roll and Rock are important genres of music that have been hugely influential on popular music around the world. Early Rock ‘n Roll musicians such as Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis and Chuck Berry burst onto the music scene during the 1950s, electrifying audiences with a new style of music that fused the Blues and Boogie-Woogie with Country and Gospel music. By the mid-1960s the music had evolved into a style that was dominated by electric guitars and was now an international style of music known simply as Rock Music. The Rolling Stones, the Beatles, Pink Floyd and other British bands were often at the forefront of Rock becoming hugely popular on a global scale.

The Cape Town Library Service holds thousands of compact discs and the lists below are just a very small representation of the many CDs that are available in our libraries. The LIS also holds multiple titles by many of these artists. For instance, Rock groups such as Cream, Fleetwood Mac and Talking Heads and performers such as Jimi Hendrix, Bruce Springsteen and David Bowie are all very well represented in our CD collections.

To celebrate the important contributions of Rock musicians to the development of music culture everywhere we would like you explore our music collections. Please enquire at your library about the artists who interest you.

Great Early Rock & Roll Performers	
Performers	Albums
BILL HALEY	Rock around the clock
FATS DOMINO	Rock & Roll legend
JERRY LEE LEWIS	Great balls of fire

LITTLE RICHARD	Whole lot of shakin' goin' on
CHUCK BERRY	Greatest hits
ELVIS PRESLEY	The essential Elvis
BO DIDDLEY	Jungle music
BUDDY HOLLY	The best of Buddy Holly
RICKY NELSON	Hello Mary Lou
EVERLY BROTHERS	Wake up Little Susie
The YARDBIRDS	Eric Clapton & the Yardbirds
The BEATLES	A hard day's night
The BEATLES	Help!

CLASSIC ROCK ALBUMS

Performers	Albums
PINK FLOYD	Dark side of the moon
PINK FLOYD	Wish you were here
The BEATLES	Abbey Road
The BEATLES	Revolver
CREAM	Disraeli Gears
ERIC CLAPTON	461 Ocean Boulevard
FLEETWOOD MAC	Rumours
DEEP PURPLE	Made in Japan
The WHO	Who's next
JEFFERSON AIRPLANE	The essential Jefferson Airplane
QUEEN	Night at the opera
The EAGLES	Hotel California
GEORGE HARRISON	All things must pass
The ROLLING STONES	Let it bleed
The ROLLING STONES	Sticky fingers
BOB DYLAN	Blonde on blonde

JIMI HENDRIX	Axis bold as love
JIMI HENDRIX	Electric Ladyland
The CLASH	London calling
GUNS 'n ROSES	Appetite for destruction
DAVID BOWIE	The rise and fall of Ziggy Stardust
MEAT LOAF	A bat out of hell
CROSBY, STILLS & NASH	Deja Vu
JETHRO TULL	Aqualung
NEIL YOUNG	After the gold rush
BRUCE SPRINSTEEN	Born to run
ELTON JOHN	Goodbye Yellow Brick Road
U2	The Joshua tree
DEREK & the DOMINOES	Layla and other assorted songs
AC/DC	Let there be Rock
RADIOHEAD	Ok Computer
PRINCE	Purple rain
PEARL JAM	Ten
TALKING HEADS	Remain in light
NIRVANA	Nevermind