

Hey DJs: the Traktor Kontrol S2 Is Here!

Live DJing has come a long way since the days of keeping the party going by simply playing one song after another. The turntable revolution of the 1980s established DJs as performers in their own right?songs on vinyl records became the raw materials sonic artists mixed, "scratched," and re-fashioned into amazing new musical statements and creative experiences. Then came the next game-changer that made individual records themselves optional: by using digital controllers?some of which emulate the look and feel of a turntable and mixer setup?today's DJs are limited only by their imaginations and the number of audio files on their computers. Read more

Posted by Jeannette L. on April 10, 2018

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Music Review: First Aid Kit



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The first time I heard First Aid Kit, composed of doe-eyed Swedish sisters Klara and Johanna Söderberg, I had stumbled across their melancholic ballad "Ghost Town" on an episode of NPR's Echoes. From the very first, when I heard them croon, "Maybe I should just turn around and walk away / For no matter how much I want to stay / You know I can't / It's just too late", I was hooked. How could two people so young tap so ably into the defeated resignation that comes with the death of dreams? I explored more of their music, and with the 2014 breakout album Stay Gold, I was hooked on the Söderbergs' angelic harmonies, piercing lyrics, and ability to render even cover songs into something distinctly theirs.

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Posted by Ryan S. on January 30, 2018

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David Bowie 1947 ? 2016

David Bowie

On January 10 of this year we lost one of the most the most innovative musical performers of the late 1960's on: David Bowie. David Bowie managed to re-invent his stage persona and musical style to fit the times and keep himself relevant. Bowie was not just a talented musician and singer. He was also a talented actor and he starred in a number memorable and now classic films. In his first major role his acting ability and unique looks brought the alien character of Thomas Jerome Newton to a life in *The Man Who Fell to Earth*. And few who have seen the film *Labyrinth* can forget him as the King of the Goblins in his M.C. Escher inspired castle.

Below I have provided a link which will bring up a list of Monroe County Public library's holdings which feature the music, writing or acting talent of David Bowie. Mr. Bowie, you will be missed.

David Bowie

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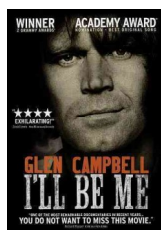
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Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me.



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The sound of a projector is heard as an old 8mm home movie is projected on to a screen. They show a young father playing with his children, making faces at the camera, laughing and enjoying his life. The camera pulls back behind an older couple watching the film from their couch. Then a close up. The older man is biting his upper lip then asks, "Who is that?" "That's you honey" comes the reply. A pause then, "Oh, there I am." And he laughs. Another pause, "Who's that with me?" "That's your daughter. Your first daughter Debbie." And so begins this 2014 documentary on the life of Glen Campbell, now in his 70's, struggling with Alzheimer's and preparing to go on one last farewell tour. [Read more](#)

Posted by Keith C. on November 18, 2015

Glen Campbell : I'll Be Me

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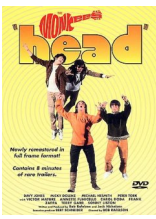
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The Monkees ? Head



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The Monkees were one of the most controversial bands of the 1960's. They were controversial because many people could not decide if they were really a band or not. Conceived first as a television series the group was made of up two established musicians Michael Nesmith and Peter Tork, an English Broadway performer, Davy Jones and a former child star, Micky Dolenz who was also toured with his sister as part of a folk singing duo. [Read more](#)

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The Fab Four Films

In 1964 the United States developed a love affair with four young men from Liverpool, England known as The Beatles. I'm sure you've heard of them. By the time they reached the United States they had already been popular in England for two years and had been contracted to film their first movie *A Hard Day's Night*. That was soon followed by their second Film *Help!* Then came two semi psychedelic films *Yellow Submarine* and *Magical Mystery Tour*. If you haven't seen them they are worth a look, if only for the history of both the music and the band. [Read more](#)

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Eddie and the Cruisers



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Eddie and the Cruisers is the story of a fictional band from the early '60s, their rise to fame and the death of their leader and chief wordsmith, Eddie Wilson. The story itself seems to be inspired by two real life events; the death of Doors lead singer Jim Morrison and the sudden decision by Brian Wilson of The Beach Boys to shelve the band's album *Smile*. Like singer Jim Morrison, Eddie Wilson is a master in putting words and music together in ways that convey feeling while still containing the drive and energy to make a great song. Like Brian Wilson, Eddie is forward thinking in his writing style and wants to

produce a piece that is not simply rock and roll, but something that will be remembered for all time even if it is vastly different than anything he has done before. [Read more](#)

Posted by Keith C. on July 23, 2014

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Across the Universe



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I'm not much of a purist about most things but Beatles' songs are an exception. The idea of a movie that used the songs of The Beatles to tell a story did not really appeal to me. That the songs were not the original recordings made the idea seem even worse. However after re-reading Roger Ebert's review of the movie 'Across the Universe' I felt I had to at least give the film a shot. Jude (Jim Sturgess) has come to the United States to find his father and make his way as an artist. While here he meets Max Carrigan and his sister Lucy. From here the film follows Jude and Lucy through the turbulent sixties while capturing their up and down relationship. This happens to the beat of the accompanying background of Beatles tunes. [Read more](#)

Posted by Keith C. on January 28, 2014

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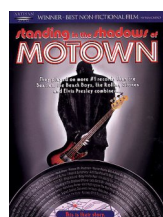
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Always Heard, Never Known



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This is the story of a band that everyone has heard and yet most people don't even know their name. They played on more hit records than Elvis, than The Beach Boys, than The Rolling Stones or the Beatles' combined. They were responsible for the driving beat of the Motown hit factory. The riffs you remember to so many songs were arranged and performed by them; yet if I mentioned some of their names, James Jamerson, Richard Allen, Joe Messina, to name a few there would be no flash of

recognition in your mind. [Read more](#)

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