

Advanced Popular Music Harmony

Documentary Film Series, Autumn 2006

Tue 10:00 – 11:50 in the Mac Lab

Dates	Wk	Video	Year
12 Sep	2	<i>The Last Waltz</i> (117 minutes) Martin Scorsese's beautiful feature film of the farewell concert by The Band, featuring guest appearances by Bob Dylan, Muddy Waters, Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, Eric Clapton, Van Morrison, Ronnie Hawkins, Dr. John, and others.	1978
19 Sep	3	BBC Classic Albums series, <i>The Band</i> (~60 minutes) A behind-the-scenes program on the making of The Band's second albums, featuring interviews and performances by band members Robbie Robertson, Levon Helm, Rick Danko, and Garth Hudson and producer John Simon.	1997
26 Sep	4	<i>Tom Dowd and the Language of Music</i> (86 minutes) A feature film on the career of the legendary producer and recording engineer Tom Dowd, who recorded seminal works by Ray Charles, Cream, the Allman Brothers Band, Aretha Franklin, John Coltrane, and many more.	2003
3 Oct	5	<i>Down from the Mountain</i> (98 minutes) A feature film mixing behind-the-scenes and performance footage from a concert by the bluegrass, country, gospel, and blues artists who performed on the soundtrack for the Coen Bros. film <i>O Brother Where Art Thou?</i> Performers include Ralph Stanley, Emmylou Harris, John Hartford, Allison Krauss & Union Station, and Gillian Welch.	2000
10 Oct	6	<i>The Gospel According to Al Green</i> (94 minutes) A combined profile, interview, and concert program about the great soul and gospel singer Al Green.	1984
17 Oct	7	<i>Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll</i> (120 minutes) Taylor Hackford's feature film celebrating the life of rock & roll legend Chuck Berry. Features footage of a 1986 celebratory concert organized by Keith Richards and featuring Eric Clapton, Linda Ronstadt, Etta James, Robert Cray, and Julian Lennon.	1986
24 Oct	8	Interviews from <i>Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll</i> A rare moment: Chuck Berry, Little Richard, and Bo Diddley discussing their music, their careers, race, the music business, and numerous other topics. (Chuck Berry: "They couldn't fool me. I majored in math." Little Richard: "I majored in mouth!")	1986
31 Oct	9	BBC Classic Albums series, <i>Elvis Presley</i> (~100 minutes) A behind-the-scenes program on the making of the singles that were collected on <i>Elvis Presley</i> , featuring interviews with producer Sam Phillips, guitarist Scotty Moore, and drummer D.J. Fontana, along with B.B. King, Keith Richards, and Peter Guralnick.	2001
7 Nov	10	<i>Jimi Plays Monterey and Shake! Otis at Monterey</i> (68 minutes) D.A. Pennebaker's reconstructions, from footage he shot for his 1967 feature film <i>Monterey Pop</i> , of the incendiary (literally) sets by The Jimi Hendrix Experience and Otis Redding (accompanied by Booker T & the MGs and the Mar-Key Horns).	1986
14 Nov	11	<i>Standing in the Shadows of Motown</i> (110 minutes) A feature film documenting the history of the Funk Brothers, the band that played on every song released by Motown Records until the early 1970s, including the music of The Supremes, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, and Martha Reeves & The Vandellas. They also accompany Bootsy Collins, Joan Osborne, Chaka Khan, and others in new performances of Motown songs.	2002

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21 Nov	12	BBC Classic Albums series, <i>Electric Ladyland</i> (~60 minutes) A behind-the-scenes program on the making of the 1968 album by The Jimi Hendrix Experience, featuring interviews with Noel Redding, Mitch Mitchell, manager/producer Chas Chandler, engineer Eddie Kramer, and Steve Winwood.	1997
28 Nov	13	BBC Classic Albums series, <i>Disraeli Gears</i> (~82 minutes) A behind-the-scenes program on the making of the 1966 album by Cream, featuring interviews with Eric Clapton, Ginger Baker, Jack Bruce, lyricist Pete Brown, producer Felix Pappalardi, recording engineer Tom Dowd, and John Mayall.	2006
5 Dec	14	Film TBA I'll consider requests for a re-run of one of the above films, a feature film such as <i>Ray</i> or <i>Walk The Line</i> , a Beatles film such as <i>A Hard Day's Night</i> , a documentary such as <i>The Soul of Stax</i> , or something else entirely.	

Next term's series is still taking shape, but it will likely include Stevie Wonder's *Songs in the Key of Life*, Elton John's *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*, Queen's *A Night at the Opera*, *The Ramones – End of the Century*, Prince's *Sign of the Times* concert film, Nirvana's *Nevermind*, the Seattle grunge documentary *Hype!*, *The Buena Vista Social Club*, *Tupac Resurrection*, *Joni Mitchell - Woman Of Heart And Mind*, and two Steely Dan films: a BBC Classic Albums program on *Aja* and an instructional video in jazz composition and piano by Donald Fagen. (Time and day TBD.)