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Bicentennial Heritage Music Series *The History of Rock n Roll*

Wayne County – October 19, 2023 – The Wayne County Bicentennial committee concludes its yearlong celebration of the County’s 200th anniversary with the last free musical performance of the Heritage Music Series. These events feature professional musicians who perform a full set of tunes as well as weave historical commentary into the performance about the music they are playing. On Sunday, November 5th, starting at 6:30 pm at the Ohmann Theatre in Lyons, Todd Hobin will present the History of Rock’n’Roll. This presentational concert is the result of Hobin’s college course, “The History of Rock.” His students enjoy his take on the events leading up to and including the early days of rock’n’roll. The LIVE demonstrations of that music have taken his lecture into a whole new realm of art and history. The performance will transport many listeners back to those “good old days.”

According to Professor Hobin, “The Rock Era is too broad and too diverse to cover in a semester, let alone in a two-hour concert.” However, he has made the effort to present his audience with the history of where this “new” music came from and how it burst onto the pop music scene and has dominated ever since. In these public performances, he demonstrates early pop music with snippets of songs and breaks down the notes of the Blues, where it came from, and how it infiltrated into Country Western, Folk, Pop, and even Church music.



The lecture is punctuated with personal reflections from Hobin and his first-hand experience having worked with some of the early practitioners of rock’n’roll such as Little Richard, James Cotton (Muddy Waters), The Kinks, The Beach Boys, and many more. He is still performing today while continuing as a professor and a fan of Rock. He has played in concert halls, stadiums, barrooms, roadhouses, fields, cities and too many towns to mention. Hobin says of his life-long adventure, “I am a road warrior who is still playing, still writing songs, still recording, still practicing, and still dreaming.” The Todd Hobin Band was a popular favorite on the music scene in Wayne County and Rochester back in the 70’s and 80’s.

“Mr. Hobin will entertain us and provide a lesson in history for music lovers of all ages,” states Gene Bavis, Bicentennial Committee Co-chair, Blue Grass Festival coordinator and retired history teacher. “We are thrilled to welcome him back to Wayne County.” It feels more like a concert and a party than any lecture you have ever attended. All performances in the Heritage Music Series are FREE thanks to generous contributions from the Robert G. Boehmler Foundation and our Bicentennial Sponsors. For more information about these events and other Bicentennial projects, visit www.WayneCounty200.com.