

Psychedelic Rock

The Late 60's in San Francisco and London





Two Psychedelic Scenes

San Francisco	London
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Beatniks and Hippies ◦ Haight / Ashbury ◦ Acid Tests ◦ Protest culture ◦ Loads of drugs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Mods, Beatniks and Hippies ◦ The UFO and the Marquee ◦ Spontaneous Underground ◦ Hindu mysticism ◦ Loads of drugs

Psychedelic Culture


- Protest movements: war, civil rights
- Mainstream drug use
- Mega-Festivals: Monterey Pop, Woodstock
- 1967: **The Summer of Love**
 - Hippie culture became a national movement
 - Began with The Human Be-In in San Fran.
- **Psychedelic Rock**
 - A mix of Folk, Blues and Rock with psychedelic topics





The Doors of Perception

- 1965: Drugs entered mainstream
 - Marijuana and LSD
- LSD
 - A strong hallucinogenic
 - Not illegal until 1968
- The Acid Tests**
 - Touring psychedelic concerts
 - Run by LSD advocate **Ken Kesey**
 - Performance art, ritual



The 27 Club

Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin & Jim Morrison




Jimi Hendrix

- ◆ **1966: Discovered by The Animals' Chas Chandler**
- ◆ **Formed "The Experience" in UK**
 - ◆ *Guitar, studio, effects innovations*
- ◆ **1967: Monterey Pop re-launched his US career**
- ◆ **9/70: overdosed, dying at 27**
- ◆ **Legacy: THE guitar hero**
 - ◆ *Virtuosity, showmanship*



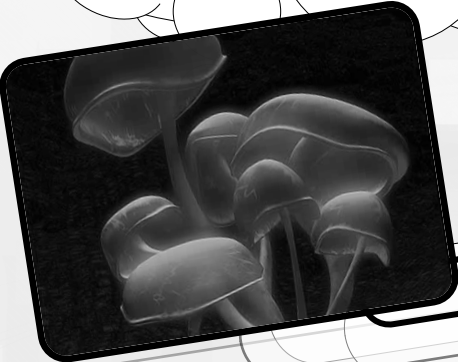
Janis Joplin

- ◆ **Big Brother & the Holding Company's singer**
 - ◆ *Powerhouse blues style*
- ◆ **1967: Monterey Pop**
 - ◆ *Led to contract, national stage*
- ◆ **1968: Goes solo**
- ◆ **10/70: overdosed, dying at 27**
- ◆ **1971: *Pearl* released**
 - ◆ *"Me & Bobby McGee", a #1*




Jim Morrison

- 1965: **The Doors** were formed by Manzarek and Morrison
- About the dark side of drugs
 - "Bad Trip" music
 - Surreal, oedipal, sexual
 - Highly psychological
- By 1969: Shows mixed theatre, psychedelic experiments
- 6/71: heart attack related to heroin use, died at 27



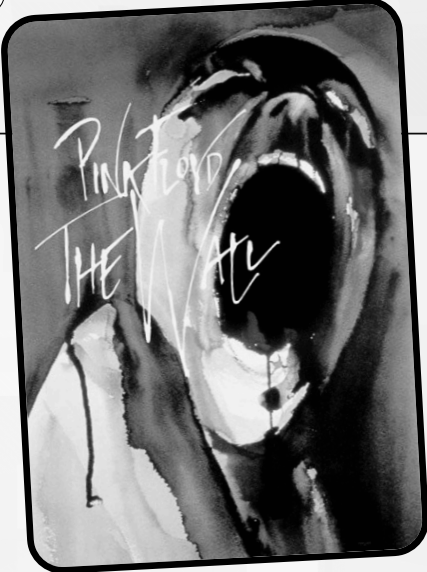
What a long, strange trip

Other giants of psychedelic music



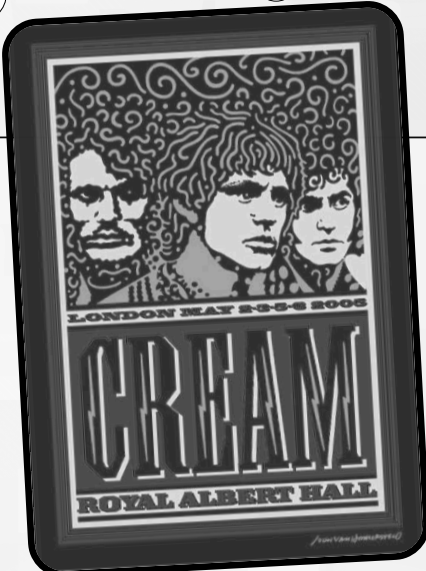
The Grateful Dead

- 1st San Fran psychedelic band
- A **Jam Band**: songs featured extended, loose improvisations
- House band for The Acid Tests
- Central group of Hippie Culture
- Tours were travelling festivals of Hippie art, poetry, ideals
- Organized by the "Dead Heads"
- Longest lasting psych. band



Pink Floyd

- 1964: Formed by Roger Waters
- Syd Barrett was the key writer
 - 1968: goes insane from LSD
 - David Gilmour replaced him
- The house band for The Spontaneous Underground
- 1970s: Concept Albums
 - Often about insanity, surrealism
 - Dark Side of the Moon*
 - The Wall*



Cream

- ◊ 1966: A “Super Group”
 - ◊ Eric Clapton
 - ◊ Ginger Baker
 - ◊ Jack Bruce
- ◊ Strong Blues repertoire
- ◊ 1968: An early **Metal** band
 - ◊ Warlike use of toms
 - ◊ Extended guitar solos
 - ◊ **Riff**-driven songs

Want to hear more?

- ◊ Jefferson Airplane
 - ◊ “White Rabbit”
- ◊ The Steve Miller Band
 - ◊ “Fly Like an Eagle”
- ◊ Santana
 - ◊ “Black Magic Woman”
- ◊ Sly & The Family Stone
 - ◊ “I Wanna Take You Higher”
- ◊ Country Joe & the Fish
 - ◊ “Fixin’ to Die Rag”
- ◊ Iron Butterfly
 - ◊ “In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida”
- ◊ Creedence Clearwater Revival
 - ◊ “Bad Moon Rising”
- ◊ Moby Grape
 - ◊ “Omaha”