

2008 Seminar in American Music - Final Class Project

Goal: *To design and give a presentation on the music of a past or currently performing musician and the influences of past music on their own style.*

Presentation Requirements:

- 3-5 minute presentation
- Must be given orally, with a Powerpoint slideshow to supplement your speech.
- Powerpoint must include at least 6 slides, text, photos, and musical examples.

Process:

1. Select a musician, and get approval from Dr. Fodor (see below).
2. Begin researching biographical info, recordings, photos, and – most importantly – prior musical influences according to your selected performer.
3. Build your slideshow shell: Intro slide; 4-5 information pages; conclusion slide.
4. Select audio / video music examples. Dr. Fodor will show you how to extract your audio files and place them into Powerpoint.
5. Add text, photos, and music to slideshow. Write your speech script.
6. Practice giving your speech with the slideshow. Make any changes needed.

Timeline: You must follow the timeline below or sooner.

Over Break – Decide on an Artist; Collect information needed.

By January 5 – Select Musician for your presentation (SEE BELOW).

January 5-13 – build slideshow shell; convert audio files (in class).

January 14-23 – Add content to slideshow; finish script & get final approval.

Finals Week – Present during final exam slot.

Return this portion to Dr. Fodor to approve before beginning your research.

YOUR NAME: _____ email: _____

MUSICIAN YOU WANT TO PRESENT:

Write your reasons you chose this musician, and what you know of their prior influences: