



HISTORY OF ROCK N' ROLL

Art Form: Music

Style: Rock and Roll

Culture: American

Technical Needs

- Electrical outlets

Meet the Artists

Mike Dangeroux and Colours are dedicated to the further advancement and cultivation of the arts by performing in educational programs throughout schools around the world.

The band members include:

Mike Dangeroux- guitar

James C. Williams-lead vocals

Lovely Fuller Jr.- bass

Brady Williams- drums

Joe Townsend- keys

About the Performance

Mike Dangeroux and Colours take the audience on an encompassing voyage through the history of Rock & Roll. From its early, electrified blues influences through the British Invasion, Funky 70's, Heavy 80's, Alternative 90's and Today's Rock. In *History of Rock and Roll*, students and teachers will be clapping and singing along to some of the best songs in the rock and roll genre.

Contextual Information

The origins of Rock & Roll came from the blues music of the deep South. The early rock & roll recordings of the 50's consisted mainly of boogie-woogie and doo-wop patterns.

Moving into the 60's brings the psychedelic era with surf bands, folk music and the British invasion. The power of America's rock & roll music was felt all over the world as many artists began to add the rock sound to their music. The influence of this sound brought together people of all races as they blended together to achieve musical greatness.

Funk, Punk, and Hard Rock are the musical influences of the 70's. The carefree attitude of the 70's era is evident in the style of music. More money was spent on the music industry in the 70's as concerts moved from smaller club venues in local towns to large stadiums, national and international arenas.

The introduction of New Wave and Heavy Metal is the music that rules the 80's. The bands of this era utilized heavy theatrics, costumes and stage props to further enhance their marketability. Songs became faster with extended guitar passages. We saw the emergence of the guitar virtuosos who became just as popular as lead singers of the bands of this time.

Grunge and Alternative hold strong through the 90's. The glam of the 80's is left behind as we see artists performing not with costumes and theatrics, but in jeans and sneakers. Musical contact and expression are the concentration of this era. Today's music incorporates flavor from all the earlier eras and continues to grow.

Vocabulary

Alto Low female voice, above a tenor saxophone

Amplifier An instrument that enables a guitar (for example) to be made louder by electricity

Backbeat A snare hit accented on beats 2 & 4

Baritone Upper bass voice, above a bass saxophone

Bass Baritone guitar (a lower clef instrument)

Electric Amplified by electrical equipment

Guitar Six-string instrument, treble clef instrument.

Lyrics The words to a song

- Microphone** Electrical instrument that allows the voice to be made louder by electricity
- Organ** The organ is a keyboard instrument played using one or more manuals and a pedal board
- Strings** The steel or nylon wires on a guitar
- Synthesizer** A device capable of generating or manipulating electronic signals for use in music creation, recording and performance
- Tenor** Adult male singing voice, above a baritone saxophone
- Vocal** Human voice