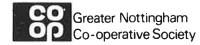


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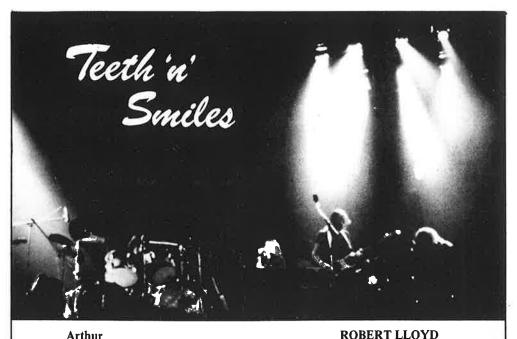
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1967

summer, we really did believe that all you needed was love. And that love was everything And that love was everything And that love was going to change the world. By 'we' I mean every young person who bought a kaftan, or wore beads, or hung a tinkling Indian bell around the neck, or played Scott McKenzie's San Francisco (Flowers In Your Hair). 'We' included those who dropped acid, stuck flowers into the barrels of the rifles of the soldiers guarding the Pentagon, attended Be-Ins and Love-Ins, coupled gently under the stras and to the strains of Procul Harum's A Whiter Shade of Pale. Or wandered around Monterey, at pop's first great festival and tribal gathering, stoned on pot or merely the 'natural high' of being young, loved and loving and accompanied by music.



The Beatles of '67

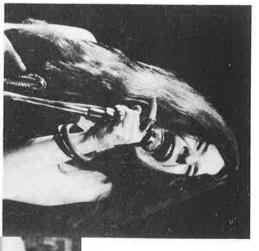


# WOODSTOCK

event and it passed into the rock annals as the a commercial venture, but the half million movie and albums. money as a festival and gained a fortune as a highpoint of youth's tribalism. It also lost It was a beautiful, if rather self-conscious, Hendrix, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Jefferson Airplane, Grateful Dead, the Band, Blood, Sweat and Tears, Creedence Clearwater Revival, the Incredible String Band, Johnny After, Sha Na Na, Santana, Richie Havens, Iohn Sebastian, Joan Baez, Arlo Guthrie,The and tranquillity reigned and in the mud the rain turned the site into a quagmire but peace open to all and sundry for free. The second day the heavens opened and the and the facilities and the doors were thrown crowd that arrived inundated the organisation Ravi Shankar, Mountain and Keef Hartley. Winter, Paul Butterfield, Janis Joplin, Melanie, known - listened to the music of Ten Years for three August days in '69. It started out as the farm of Max Yasgur in upstate New York ove movement. The hippie tribes gathered at Woodstock, the final flowering of the peace and between light and dark. The light was <sup>c</sup>amily Stone, Canned Heat, Joe Cocker, Jimi Who, Country Joe MacDonald, Sly And The Woodstock Nation - as they came to be The Sixties drew to a close with a clash

It seemed to confirm that those things we'd lt seemed to confirm that those things we'd believed in 1967 could actually happen.

Another festival, four months later, killed such whimsical beliefs for ever.



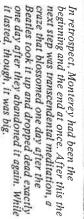
# JANIS JOPLIN

She died on October 3rd, 1970, after accidentally injecting an overdose of heroin into her arm. Another death had been added to the toll of artists who had been at Monterey – Otis Redding, Brian Jones, Al Wilson, Hendrix and then Janis. Hendrix had died only three weeks before, and the similarity in both their lives and deaths was uncanny. They were both 27, and had both made it big at Monterey. They both poured out solid sexuality on the stage, and were both preparing new songs with new bands to reinstate themselves as rock stars. Lastly, they both neutralised their lives with narcotics.



# ALTAMONT

Youth gathering at festivals not of life, but of death. A fan was stabbed to death at Altamont, where the Hells Angels had insisted on supervising the 'security.' The show must go on; it did. 'The musicians did it to themselves,' Bill Graham believes. 'They go involved in coke or mescaline or heroin on a regular basis, and it showed in their material, it showed in the lapsed time between their records. It got to the point where the public would go to shows just to see if musicians would turn up, and when they did turn up, it was an event. It was a macabbre reason for going to a music show, but it was the truth.



JIMMY HENDRIX

other. In the meantime though rock may won't last, of course, within a decade the intensity will have gone and this generation it's the major rallying cry will sink into the same uneasy apathy as any real political factor over these next years. It through rock, because pop is the new religion move may be, it's going to be expressed to the next move. And whatever that next and meditation, and that's going to give rise solutions that gave rise to acid rock, love-rock It was this restlessness, this basic hunger for underlying restlessness remains and is real they're all jokes anyway . . . . only the three times a year and they re hardly relevant, pop had stuffed itself so full of acid that it very much a legacy from the LSD period lust possibly, in fact, rock is going to be a What next? . . . . the fashions change maybe addled its mind, it went lightheaded. ... the whole meditation bit had been

Adapted from Awopbopaloobopalopbamboom Nik Cohn, 1969.





Keith Moon, drummer with the Who, says. 'There were so many of them that agents just signed up anyone who came along. We were sent out to the most obscure places, one side of the country one night and the other side the next, and all for thirty dollars a night. But it would cost that to get there and back. Most of our pocket money, therefore, had to be borrowed from the agents - and paid back with interest. In fact, you never really earned any money at all. The equipment was paid for by the agency, so was the van that took you to concerts and brought you home. And when the agents got paid for the work we had done, they kept most of it as repayment for loans and paid us ten or twenty dollars a week. The agents and the managers and the record companies had

The mid-sixties was littered with rock groups exploited in much the same way as many of the swing bands had been in the thirties. On tour, promoters would demand five or six performances a week; if the crowds were good, maybe a seventh. Image was

everything sewn up, and we were just

getting further into debt.



### BRITISH SINGLES CHART June 7 - 13, 1969

- 1 Dizzy Tommy Roe
- 2 Get Back The Beatles
- 3 Man of the World Fleetwood Mac
- 4 The Ballad of John & Yoko The Beatles
- 5 My Way Frank Sinatra
- 6 The Boxer Simon & Garfunkel
- 7 My Sentimental Friend Herman's Hermits
- 8 Behind the Painted Smile Isley Brothers
- 9 Oh Happy Day Edwin Hawkins Singers
- 10 Ragmuffin Man Manfred Mann
- 11 Love Me Tonight Tom Jones
- 12 Time Is Tight Booker T & The MG's
- 13 Tracks of My Tears Smokey Robinson & The Miracles
- 14 Galveston Glen Campbell
- 15 Higher and Higher Jackie Wilson
- 16 Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In Fifth Dimension
- 17 I'd Rather Go Blind Chicken Shack
- 18 Dick-A-Dum-Dum Des O'Connor
- 19 Come Back and Shake Me Clodagh Rogers
- 20 Goodbye Mary Hopkins

In the Sixties rock had gone from harmless flippancy, music to whistle and dance along with, to high art with cultural significance. It had a gross conceit. It over-valued itself. Its performers had been placed atop a popular Olympus. It had evolved a lifestyle to which sex and, more seriously, drugs were integral. The Sixties had started with such promise. Rock had done so much that was good and creative and sheer fun. The Sixties ended in death, disillusion and destruction. It also ended in a great deal of dishonesty and self-deception.

The trouble was that far too many people thought that the music and its trappings were life. They talked about living a 'rock & roll life' - hard, fast, drug-sped, sexually-greedy - and dying a 'rock & roll death' - premature, drug-induced, with the body ravished and mind fuddled by the effects of such a pace. They spoke of these things with admiration. They did not realise that rock music is not, in itself, life. It is merely an adjunct to life, an entertainment, a side-show.

The Sixties and rock showed us a dream. Both ended in a nightmare.



**David Hare** 

DAVID HARE was born in Sussex in 1947 and was educated at Lancing College and Jesus College, Cambridge. He co-founded and ran Portable Theatre. an experimental theatre company for three years from 1968 to 1971, became first literary manager and then resident dramatist at the Royal Court (1969/71) and held both those positions at Nottingham Playhouse in 1973/74. He was co-founder of Joint Stock Theatre Group in 1974 and was awarded an American Bicentennial Fellowship for 1978/79. His plays include SLAG (for which he won the 1971 Evening Standard Most Promising Playwright Award); THE GREAT EXHIBITION (1970); an adaptation of Pirandello's THE RULES OF THE GAME for the National Theatre (1971); *LAYBY* (for the 1971 Edinburgh Festival) and ENGLAND'S IRELAND (which he co-directed) in 1972 – both plays written in collaboration with six others; BRASSNECK co-written with Howard Brenton and co-directed with Richard Eyre for Nottingham Playhouse, and KNUCKLE (1973); he directed the original production of TEETH 'N' SMILES at the Royal Court in 1974 and co-directed his play FANSHEN (based

and Trevor Griffiths.
He also directed the original productions of Howard Brenton's CHRISTIE IN LOVE and FRUIT (1970); Snoo Wilson's THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE at the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs (1973); Trevor Griffiths' THE PARTY for the National Theatre on tour (1974); Howard Brenton's WEAPONS OF HAPPINESS at the National Theatre in 1976 and DEVIL'S ISLAND by Tony Bicat for Joint Stock at the Royal Court and on tour (1977).

on the book of the same name by William Hinton) for Joint Stock Theatre Group (1975). In 1978 he wrote and directed *LICKING HITLER* (BBC Television) and *PLENTY* for the National Theatre and was co-author of *DEEDS* for Richard Eyre at Nottingham Playhouse with Howard Brenton, Ken Campbell

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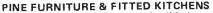
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