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For those who came to Rock...

A look inside the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

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The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was founded on April 20, 1983. Up until Jan. 7, 1993, the Hall of Fame had no home until the museum opened in Cleveland.

It is dedicated to music's influential people. To be admitted you have to have contributed to popular music in a significant way. A handful of people or groups are nominated each year. The first class included Ray Charles, Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley and James Brown.

There are four different categories people can be inducted into: Performers, Early Influences, Sidemen and Non-Performers.

Performers include singers, vocal groups, bands and instrumentalists. Notable artists in the Hall of Fame include Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, the Beatles and Bob Marley.

Early Influences are artists who inspired future rock artists. Most inductees in this category are considered country, folk and blues artists. Notable inductees in this category are Hank Williams, Robert Johnson, Louis Armstrong and Les Paul, jazz guitarist and the founder of the Les Paul brand of guitars.

Non-Performers are people who work behind the scenes in the music industry. This includes songwriters, producers and record label executives. Some of the more



Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, houses memorabilia from some of the world's greatest musical artists, groups, and those who helped shape rock music as we know it today.

famous Non-Performers are Leo Fender of Fender guitars, Berry Gordy Jr. and Dick Clark.

Sidemen are musicians who haven't been in the spotlight because they spent their careers as backup musicians for more famous artists.

The hall of fame has come under some heat from the public for several reasons. The main criticism is that the nomination process is controlled by people who aren't musicians.

Another criticism is that too many artists are inducted, leaving little room for lesser known acts. The

Sex Pistols didn't attend their 2006 induction ceremony because they felt they were only being let in because they were a big name. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame museum has seven levels, the first five levels feature permanent and temporary exhibits dedicated to the history of rock 'n' roll.

The temporary exhibits feature items from artists that have been bor-

rowed for a short amount of time. The museum has also shown numerous musical films. One such film is George Harrison's "Concert for Bangladesh."

The permanent exhibits feature clothing worn by some of the genre's most influential stage acts, a history of musical technology and a section that looks at the musical scenes in some cities in certain periods of time such as San Francisco in the '60s and Memphis in the '50s.

The third level houses the actual Hall of Fame and has a wall with all of the inductees' signatures. The seventh level is occupied by a temporary exhibit dedicated to a specific artist or group. Led Zeppelin, The Who and John Lennon have all been featured on this level.

No matter what criticism there is, being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is a huge honor reserved for those who have affected people musically. In the words of John Lennon, "I don't know which will go first: Christianity or rock 'n' roll."



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This sculpture of the Division Bell comes from the Pink Floyd album of the same title.



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Metallica poses for the cameras before being inducted in the 2009 class of Hall honorees.



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Jazz guitarist Les Paul introduced the entire world to "The New Sound" when he created the first multi-track recording consoles. An exhibit at the museum takes visitors on a journey from the days of single-microphone recording, into the new age of multi-track.



Which game rocks all night and parties everyday?

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Millions of gamers around the world are asking the same question, "Is Guitar Hero World Tour or Rock Band 2 better?"

In 2005 Activision came out with Guitar Hero, a two-player guitar simulation game. They followed with seven more games including Guitar Hero World Tour (2008), which has a full band setup. These seven games

have collectively generated \$1.6 billion in retail sales.

But then MTV games came out with Rock Band in 2007, with a four-player band game, followed by Rock Band 2, released Dec. 18, 2008.

Wars have gone on between gamers all over the world between which should you buy.

Brody Grogan, a seventh grader at Belton Middle School, said, "I prefer Guitar Hero World Tour because the

controllers work much better than Rock Band 2, and the songs are more to my interest."

"I like Rock Band 2 because the songs are better and the drums are easier," said Ryan Ward, a seventh grader at Belton Middle School.

My opinion is Guitar Hero is my favorite, but Rock Band is more appropriate for younger children.

Whatever you choose I am sure you will have a great time with family or friends; just be sure to rock out!



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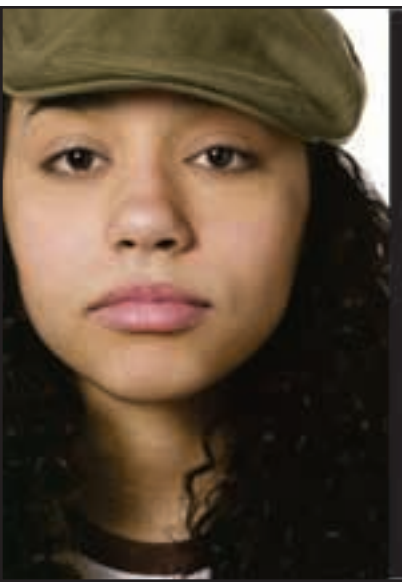
Goals in Life: I will be attending Baylor University in the fall, and will be pursuing a bachelor's degree, double-majoring in Political Science and English with a minor in Business Administration. Continuing on track with pre-law, I ultimately will obtain my degree in Jurisprudence, and intend to go into corporate law in either New York City or San Francisco.

What's important to you?

God, family, and the hunger for a higher education are the three things that matter the most to me. Each one in their own way, has molded me into the young woman I am today, and will continue to help shape my bright future. I know that the talents God has bestowed upon me, will enable me to make a profound impact on the world, as well as help me achieve my goals in being successful in my career and life.

Who is Ariane?:

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