NEWS

In memoriam: Chuck Berry (1926-2017), one of the biggest influences on The Beatles.

Good news, bad news, and good news: The good news is that I've surpassed the 1,000 subscriber mark! The bad news is that my current newsletter format (gmail) caps the quantity of emails sent per day, and that's why some of you have received my newsletter on the 19th instead of the customary 20th. The good news is this means starting next month I'll feature a completely revamped newsletter format.

Meanwhile, unlike last year (when I gave 23 presentations), April will be the least busy month of 2017. I have a grand total of zero speaking engagements next month (first time I can say that since January 2013).

Nevertheless, I will be hard at work all month long on the final drafts of my next two books: 
*BEATLESTUDY volume 1: Structural Analysis of Beatles Music* and *BEATLESTUDY volume 2: Harmonic Analysis of Beatles Music*. Both are on schedule for publication in late April or early May, so look for details in May's newsletter.

Until then, I've created two new BEATLES MINUTES as previews:
- [Palindromic Arch Structure in "Sgt. Pepper"](#)
- [Structure and Harmony in "Martha My Dear"](#)

SCHEDULE

I have no speaking engagements in April, but my March lecture tour wrap up over the next few days with three renditions of "Band of the Sixties". I'm told that one of my heroes, Alan Pollack, whose "Notes on The Beatles" series has been hugely influential on my own studies, will be attending one of the two Richmond events.

**Tuesday, 21 March 2017, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**
**South Regional Library, 4505 S. Alston Ave, Durham, NC**
**The Beatles: Band of the Sixties**
Explore the music of The Beatles in this 60-minute multimedia presentation (part history and part musical analysis) spanning the full 1960's: beginning with the band's seminal visits to Hamburg, continuing through Beatlemania, and concluding with Abbey Road. The program will be supplemented with audio clips of music and excerpts from interviews with the band members.

**Wednesday, 22 March 2017, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**
**Henrico County Public Library - Fairfield, 1001 N Laburnum Ave, Richmond, VA**
**The Beatles: Band of the Sixties**
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**Thursday, 23 March 2017, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**Henrico County Public Library - Glen Allen, 10501 Staples Mill Rd, Glen Allen, VA**

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Looking ahead:

- May will see the publication of both BEATLESTUDY volumes, as mentioned above. I'll visit Kansas and Missouri early in the month, then head to [Abbey Road on the River](http://www.abbeyroadontheriver.com) at the end of the month.
- In June I'll be presenting at the University of Michigan's [Summit of Creativity: A Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band](http://www.uchicago.edu) and speaking throughout the state.
- In July I'll be visiting New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
- The [Chicago Beatles Fest](http://www.chicagobeatlesfest.com) will take place in August.
- September includes the [London (Ontario) Beatles Fest](http://www.londonontariobeatlesfest.com), with additional stops throughout Ontario and Michigan.
- I drive out to New England in October again (is there a better month to visit that area?).
- November and December: Florida.

A complete and up-to-date calendar of upcoming events can be found here:  

The monthly Abbey picture: