# The Taxonomy

# Zero to 180's hierarchical arrangement of category terms – This applies to the ALL CATEGORIES drop-down menu on the home page

NOTE: Categories in GREEN consist of names & proper nouns - potentially limitless in number

# Artists/Musicians/Songwriters/Producers/Engineers/Label Staff

[NOTE: Large category to browse from A-Z – a few examples]

- Adrian Belew
- Ann Jones
- Bob Wills & The Texas Playboys
- Carol Kaye
- Clyde Stubblefield
- Henry Glover
- Jimi Hendrix
- Lee Hazlewood
- Miriam Makeba
- Nina Simone
- Shel Silverstein
- Shelby Singleton
- The Tokyo Happy Coats
- Zeke Turner

# Blues/R&B/Jazz

- Blues
- Calypso & cha cha
- Disco
- Doo wop
- Funk
  - ➤ Go-Go
- Hip hop +/- modern R&B
- Jazz
  - ➤ Word jazz
  - Fusion jazz
- Jump blues +/- boogie
- Rhythm & blues
  - First rock 'n' roll recording
- Soul

# **Country music**

- Bakersfield +/- country outlaw
- Bluegrass
- Country jazz
- Country rock
- Country soul +/- funk
- Countrypolitan +/- country pop
- Honky tonk
- Steel guitar
- Truck driving songs
- Western swing
- Yodeling country music

#### **Featured Song**

[NOTE: Large category to browse from A-Z – a few examples]

- "Asphalt Outlaw Hero"
- "Blues Stay Away From Me"
- "Cincinnati Kid"
- "Fastest Guitar Alive"
- "Hello L.A. Bye Bye Birmingham"
- "I Can't Tell The Boys From The Girls"
- "Life's a Trippy Thing"
- "Mr. Cole Won't Rock 'n' Roll"
- "Phfft! You Were Gone"
- "Santa Claus Hides In Your Phonograph"
- "Truck Stop At The End Of The World"
- "Your Wiggle And Your Giggle"
- "Zanzie"

# **Gospel & Sacred**

- Chant
- God pop

# **Instrumentals**

- Autoharp +/- harp instrumentals
- Bagpipe instrumentals
- Bass instrumentals
- Drum +/- percussion instrumentals
- Flute +/- recorder instrumentals
- Guitar instrumentals
  - Guitar armies
- Harmonica instrumentals
- Harpsichord +/- electric harpsichord instrumentals
- Horn instrumentals
- Mandolin instrumentals
- Melodica instrumentals
- Organ instrumentals
- Piano instrumentals
- Sax instrumentals
- Sitar instrumentals
- Steel guitar instrumentals
- Synthesizer instrumentals
- Trombone instrumentals
- Vibraphone instrumentals
- Violin +/- fiddle instrumentals
- Vocal instrumentals

#### Jamaican popular music

- DJ +/- dancehall reggae
- Dub reggae +/- version
- Early reggae
  - First reggae song
- Nyabinghi
- Pop +/- strings reggae
- Rocksteady
- Roots reggae
- Ska
  - > Birth of ska

#### **Latin-American sounds**

- Afro-Cuban +/- Latin jazz
- Boogaloo +/- salsa
- Brazilian +/- bossa nova
- Latin rock
- Mambo
- Mexican +/- mariachi pop

#### **Musical Instrument Manufacturers**

#### [for example]

- Baldwin
- Fender
- Hohner
- Mosrite
- Steinberger

#### **Musical instruments**

- 12-string guitar
- Autoharp +/- harp
- Bagpipes
- Celeste
- Cowbell
- Dobro +/- resonator guitar

#### Electronic musical instruments

- Clavinet
- Clavioline
- Mellotron
- ➤ Moog +/- synthesizer
- Ondes Martenot
- Ondioline
- ➤ Sono-Vox +/- talk boxes
- > Stylophone
- > Theremin

#### - Guitar innovations

- ➤ 6-string bass +/- baritone guitar
- > 7-string guitar
- > 10-string guitar
- > 18-string guitar
- Cecil Null's gun-tar
- > Dave Bunker's touch guitar
- Dick Denney's guitar-organ
- Doubleneck guitars
- > Emmitt Chapman's The Stick
- Fuzz bass
- Letritia Kandle's Grand Letar
- Special tunings
- Steinberger bass
- Touch guitar +/- double tapping
- Kalimba, mbira +/- thumb piano
- Sitar +/- electric sitar
- Steel drums
- Toy piano
- Vibraphone
- Whistling

# Native +/- Indigenous American sounds Other regional pop sounds worldwide

- African pop
  - Afrobeat
- Asian pop
  - > Indian pop
  - > Indo rock
  - > Indonesian pop
- European pop
  - Bosnian pop
  - Celtic rock
  - French pop
  - German pop
    - Schlager
  - > Italian pop
  - Nordic pop
  - Polish pop
  - > Romanian pop

# **Places & Musical Hot Spots**

# [for example]

- Cincinnati
- DC's 9:30 Club
- Silver Spring

# Quirky releases & oddball topics

- 12-inch singles
- 45 sides +/- obscure tracks
- 8-track releases
- Advertising +/- marketing in popular music
- Answer songs
- B-side breakout hits
- Backwards B-sides
- Baltimore in song
- Banned music
- Bass-centric recordings
- Bats in popular music
- Beatle novelty songs
- Bootleg +/- pirate recordings
- Bowling songs
- Break-in records
- Cash-in albums +/- 45s
- Cassette releases
- Cincinnati in song
- Color-your-own album covers
- Connect-the-dots album covers
- Cover version hall of fame
- Diction in popular music
- Educational songs
- Flexi-discs
- Future Shock typeface in popular music
- Garlic in song
- Halloween & horror
- Humor +/- satire

- Languid pop
- Library songs
- Long albums
- Long songs +/- extended singles
- Lost albums
- Multi-groove records
- Musical bloopers
- Musical code of conduct
- Musical fights
- Musical impersonations
- Musical misspellings
- Musical roll calls
- Musical salute to grits
- Musical tongue twisters
- Musician dandies
- Non-stop verbal barrages
- One-man bands
- Party games
- Phasing
- Philadelphia in song
- Pop-up album covers
- Posthumous productions
- Prison albums
- Rugby typeface in popular music
- Short songs
- Songs named Joe
- Soundalike recordings
- Spoken word
- Stereo demonstration records
- Tape flanging
- Train songs
- Twist songs
- Unusual split singles +/- Eps
- Winter holiday songs

# Radio, TV & Media

#### [for example]

- CKLW
- John Peel
- Lester Bangs
- Mad Magazine
- WLW

#### **Record Labels**

[NOTE: Large category to browse from A-Z – a few examples]

- A&M
- Buddah
- Counterpart
- Decca
- Immediate
- King
  - Agape
  - o Audio Lab
  - o Bethlehem

- o DeLuxe
- o Federal
- King custom press
- o Rockin'
- o Tri-Us
- o Willow
- Mercury
- RCA Victor
- Starday

# **Recording Studios**

#### [for example]

- Central Recording Studio
- E.T. Herzog Studios
- RCA Studios (Nashville)
- Track Recorders

#### **Rock music**

- 50s/60s rockabilly bop +/- boogie
- 60s/70s rock +/- pop
- Electronic dance music
- Experimental pop
- Folk
- Garage rock
- Hard rock
- Modern rock (80s, 90s, 00s)
- Power ballads
- Power pop
- Progressive +/- art rock
- Psychedelic rock +/- pop
- Punk
- Rock 'n' soul
- Sunshine pop
- Surf

# Special topics in popular music

- Animation in popular music
- Atomic energy in popular music
- Aviation +/- aeronautics in song
- Civil rights in popular music
- Concept albums
- Film +/- TV soundtracks
- Gender politics in popular music
- Labor politics in popular music
- Monsters in song
- Music in physical education
- Music in wartime
- Musical ambassadors
- Sports in popular music
- Unusual time signatures in popular music
- Various artists compilations

# Zero to 180 year-ender

- Nepotism in music blogging

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