



## NEWS

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### **BERKELEY MUSIC SCENE BOOMS ANEW**

**BERKELEY, Calif.**, Oct. 20, 2017 – Jimi, Janis, Dylan, the Doors, Creedence and Country Joe all played epic gigs in Berkeley, giving the Bay Area city a booming sonic reputation. A new exhibit honors that legacy and new venues are carrying it forward with live music nearly every night.

**Soundtrack to the '60s** hits the Berkeley History Center for an extended run through April 2018. The exhibit perfectly captures the Berkeley attitude, a mix of sarcasm and politics with an insolence that presaged the punk movement, all wrapped up in a free-spirited, Age of Aquarius serape of a vibe.

Musicians were keen to play Berkeley, delivering many legendary performances, from a divisive electric Bob Dylan show in 1965 to Jimi Hendrix's famous appearance documented in the film *Jimi Plays Berkeley*. **Soundtrack to the '60s** tunes in to the venues and unique contributions of Berkeley musicians to '60s music, drawing on the extensive archives of Woodstock legend/Berkeley local Country Joe McDonald, as well as rare photographs from the Berkeley Historical Society and several private collections.



*(Country Joe McDonald plays UC Berkeley; photo, courtesy Berkeley Historical Society.)*

Today, Berkeley booms anew with music at multiple new venues. [The UC Theatre](#), Cornerstone, [Freight & Salvage](#), and The Back Room keep the legacy alive

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## 2-2-2-Berkeley Music Scene Finds New Groove

with live shows nightly. Acoustic quality has taken a quantum quality leap since the '60s – thanks in part to advances by Berkeley's Meyer Sound, the wizards behind systems at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Radio City Music Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Pavarotti, Metallica, and locally at The UC Theatre and Freight & Salvage. See Visit Berkeley's calendar of events at [www.visitberkeley.com/events](http://www.visitberkeley.com/events) for who's playing tonight.

***Soundtrack to the '60s*** is on view at the [Berkeley History Center](#), Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center Street Berkeley, CA 94704. Admission is free, and the exhibit is open Thursday-Saturday, 1pm to 4pm.

Set on sparkling San Francisco Bay, Berkeley is a spirited city that will surprise and delight those who still see it as the counter-culture center of the Sixties. Free speech and flower power are forever in the city's "DNA," but Berkeley has evolved into a culinary and cultural destination with a "green" soul.

For more information and the official, full-color and free Berkeley Visitors Guide, see <http://www.visitberkeley.com/>.

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