

THE ONE AND ONLY ... ROY ORBISON!

Instantly recognizable by his black sunglasses, hair and clothes, Roy Orbison was a unique pop musician. Learn about his life and career and eventual rise to fame and fortune that included many ups and downs ... and enjoy his stunning songs!

An illustrated lecture presented by Dulais Rhys, Ph.D

Nicknamed 'The Caruso of Rock and Roll' and 'The Big O', Roy Orbison was a singer, guitarist and songwriter whose most well-known song is still his 1964 hit 'Oh, Pretty Woman' (to give it its full title).

Though Elvis described Orbison as "The greatest singer in the world", their on-stage demeanor were worlds apart. Unlike the King's antics and gyrations, the Big O was practically motionless – simply standing with a guitar in front of the microphone and singing from the depths of his soul.

Orbison's songs covered the gamut of emotions from country, early Rock & Roll to heartfelt ballads that were often based on (sometimes tragic) real-life experiences. Besides the classic 'Oh, Pretty Woman', almost two dozen of Orbison's songs were hits, including 'Only the Lonely', 'Running Scared', 'Crying' and 'In Dreams'. Each song includes aspects of musical harmony, structure and stylistic originality that gave it a signature uniqueness.

Despite Orbison's artistic and financial success, his life story was full of dramatic highs and tragic lows, including losing family members in car accidents and fires. Writing and performing music was the therapy that saved this brilliant musician from the depths of utmost despair.

This is the story and music of a one-of-a-kind pop performer. Unlike the warning posted in opera programmes, singing along is encouraged - if you can, Orbison's vocal range is enormous!

DURATION: c1 hour

FEE: \$300.00

EXPENSES: a contribution toward travel costs is appreciated.

Thank you for considering my proposal and please contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

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