“American Indians Who Rocked the World”
thru Music and Dance

with facilitator Roger Collins

The American Indians Who Rocked the World features Native American Indian ceremonies, powwows, traditional and contemporary music, plus dance of the past and present. Come to understand the spirituality and meaning of American Indian ceremonies through power point, DVD films, lecture and discussion. Learn why powwows are “a prayer in motion,” as well as a “celebration of life”. Come to understand why and what Indian dance represents.

See a film about the revelatory documentary that brings to light the profound and overlooked influence of Indigenous people in popular American music. This class will include a featured film called “RUMBLE” which shows how many pioneer Native American musicians helped shape the soundtracks of our lives. The film focuses on music icons like Link Wray, Jimi Hendrix, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Taboo (The Black Eyed Peas), Charley Patton, Mildred Bailey, Jesse Ed Davis, Robbie Robertson and Randy Castillo. If you do not recognize all of these names you will soon start to recognize their sounds of the past into today.

Hear DVD sounds from groups like “Brule” from their annual Christmas concert and their “Mount Rushmore” concert honoring the blending of cultures. Brule has been the number one Native American performing contemporary music group in the United States over several years. Also hear music from Arvel Bird, another Native American number one winning musician, performing his daunting as well as fun sounds on his violin. Arvel Bird is Me’tis of Paiute, (Native American Indian tribe) and Scottish ancestry and his classical training provides him with the foundation to write and perform most styles of music with equal passion.

See Native American styles of dancing including the fast moving hoop dance performed by world famous contest winners. Prepare for sounds, entertainment, movements and a learning experience of musical expressions that you may not have fully understood. This is a class which answers so many questions with so much passion and knowledge that it will “blow you away,” with fun and excitement!