

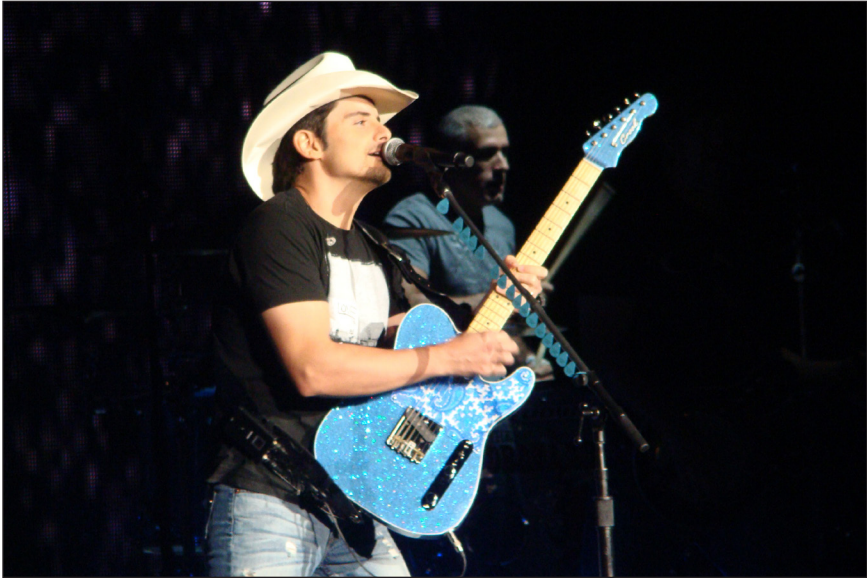


Music Shapes Lives

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Musicians influence rock music lovers through attitude, fashion and lifestyle. Both famous and amateur bands have different types of influence. “There is a difference between a famous band and a local band’s influences,” said Christian Boucher. He is a 19-year-old bass player in the local band Third Stone from Kingston. Third Stone plays a lot of classic rock and blues. Boucher believes that it is the famous bands that set trends. “They set the trends because they are famous,” said Boucher. For many amateur musicians, rock was always a lifestyle. The musicians enjoyed their music idols, and were influenced by them, which caused them to become who they are. “My life has always revolved around music, and its artists like Neil Young. They stand the test of time and make some people like me what they are today,” said Brian Ball, a man who lives by his music. Trends like long-haired men, the rock ‘n’ roll hand gesture and leather jackets, come from rock ‘n’ roll music. “I live for the rock ‘n’ roll!” said Ball. Abba was another strong trendsetter from the 1970s. They also contributed to long hair, platform shoes and disco dancing. Many bands force different trends upon their audience. For example, the classic rock genre pressure the youth of today and back in the day to be cool.



Top left to right: The Social Underground holding their instruments, posing for a band photograph.

Fefe Dobson sings her heart out while holding the microphone and showing a lot of emotion with her eyes closed.

Brad Paisley sings hard during his H2O Tour while keeping eye contact with the audience.

Sittin’ Ducks’ lead singer has his eyes closed showing emotion while playing his music.

Down with Webster interacts with the audience during a performance. The DJ also gave the middle finger which sets a bad example.