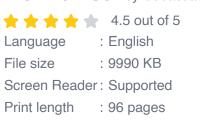
Beat Week: The Birth of Pop Music in Britain

Beat Week was a week-long music festival held in London, England, from October 10-16, 1963. It was organized by the Beatles' manager, Brian Epstein, and featured performances by the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Animals, and many other popular British bands of the time. Beat Week is widely considered to be the birthplace of pop music in Britain.



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The Beatles

The Beatles were the headliners of Beat Week and their performance was a major turning point in their career. They had already released their first album, *Please Please Me*, earlier that year, but Beat Week was their first major public performance. Their performance was a huge success and helped to make them one of the most popular bands in the world.



The Rolling Stones

The Rolling Stones were another major act at Beat Week. They had only been together for a few months, but they had already developed a reputation as one of the most exciting live bands in Britain. Their performance at Beat Week helped to cement their reputation and they soon became one of the most popular bands in the world.



The Rolling Stones performing at Beat Week

The Animals

The Animals were one of the most popular British bands of the early 1960s. They were known for their bluesy sound and their hit songs "House of the Rising Sun" and "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood." Their performance at Beat Week was a major success and helped to solidify their status as one of the top bands in Britain.



Other Bands

Beat Week also featured performances by a number of other popular British bands, including the Kinks, the Dave Clark Five, and Gerry and the Pacemakers. These bands helped to make Beat Week a major event in British music history.

Legacy

Beat Week is widely considered to be the birthplace of pop music in Britain. It was the first major public event to showcase the new generation of British rock bands and it helped to launch the careers of some of the most successful bands in history. Beat Week also had a major impact on the British music scene, helping to create a new era of creativity and innovation.



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