

## "Sing Through the 2024 Election", Fall 2024 at Arsht Hall – Introduction

Instructor: **Glenn Rill (who pledges to be non-partisan)**

**Learn about the politics and campaigns of every U.S. Presidential election. But Presidential elections from Washington through Trump/Biden have also been surrounded by music. Learn about historic campaign songs and political use of popular music. Follow the campaign with non-partisan weekly updates on the 2024 election – the instructor pledges to be non-partisan. No campaigning in class.**

Sessions will focus on specific Presidential elections. The instructor will give short lectures on each of the elections and the selected songs. The songs (usually videos) will often speak for themselves, but we will note their purpose and, occasionally, their effect on election outcomes.

Throughout the course, we will have a quick look at each week's events, even after Election Day.

### Sessions:

#### The beginnings of campaign songs:

King George and George Washington to Thomas Jefferson.  
Thomas Jefferson through Andrew Jackson.

#### Influential campaign songs:

Martin Van Buren through James Buchanan.  
Abraham Lincoln through Chester A. Arthur.

#### Scandalous campaign songs:

Grover Cleveland through Theodore Roosevelt.  
William Howard Taft through Herbert Hoover.

#### Happy days are here again songs:

Franklin Roosevelt through Dwight Eisenhower.  
John Kennedy through Gerald Ford.  
Jimmy Carter through Ronald Reagan.

#### Popular music used in campaigns:

George W. Bush through Joe Biden.

### Results and Reflections.