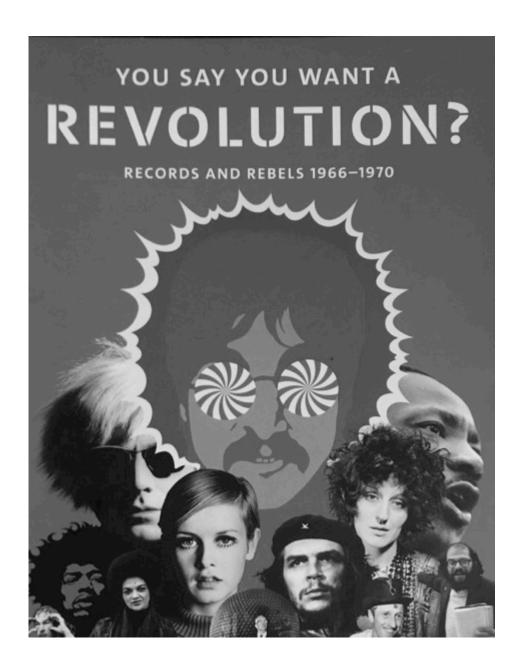
# 1963, The Beatles – *Please*, *Please Me*, the 1960s – and Beyond...

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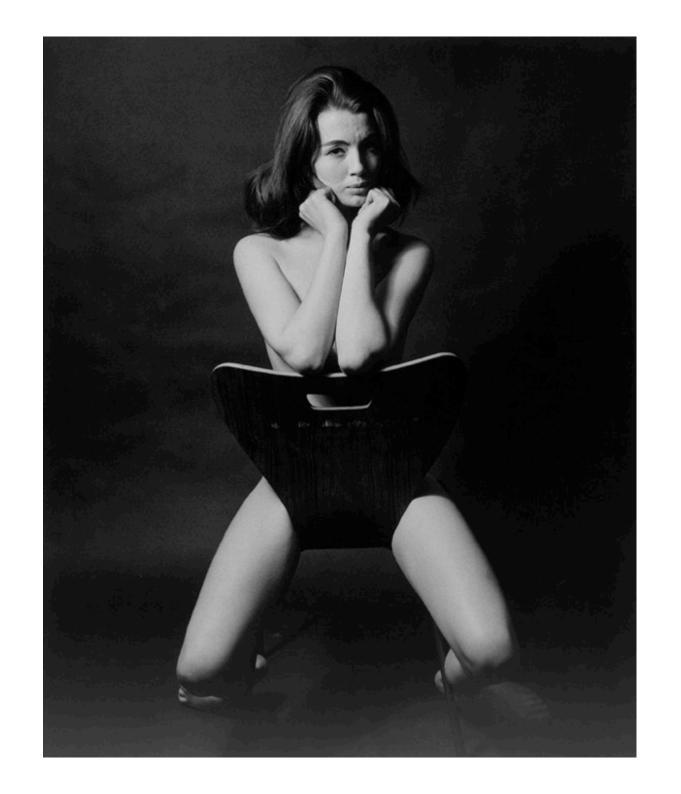




#### Larkin

#### **Annus Mirabilis**

Sexual intercourse began
In nineteen sixty-three
(which was rather late for me)
Between the end of the "Chatterley" ban
And the Beatles' first LP.

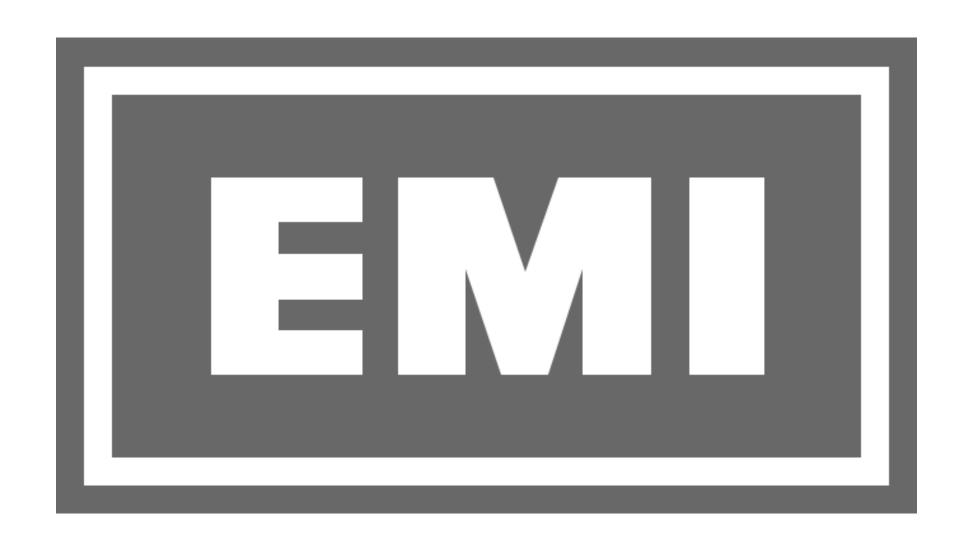








#### **EMI**



#### Please Please Me









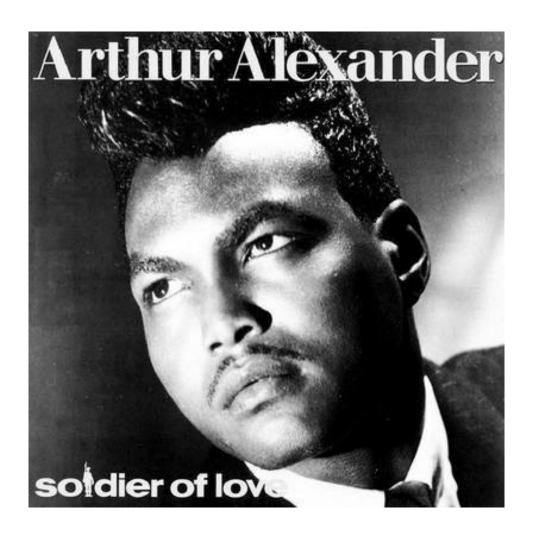


#### Side 1

- I Saw Her Standing There: Mc
- Misery: L/Mc
- Anna/ Go to Him (Alexander): L
- Chains (Goffin/King): H
- Boys (Dixon/Farell): S
- Ask Me Why: L
- Please Please Me: L/Mc

#### Side 2

- Love Me D: Mc/L
- P.S. I Love You: Mc
- Baby It's You (Bacharach): L
- Do You Want To Know a Secret: H
- A Taste of Honey (Scott/Marlow): Mc
- There's a Place: L/Mc
- Twist and Shout (Medley/Russell): L



#### Anna





## **Boys**



## Baby it's You



### A Taste of Honey









## I saw her standing there

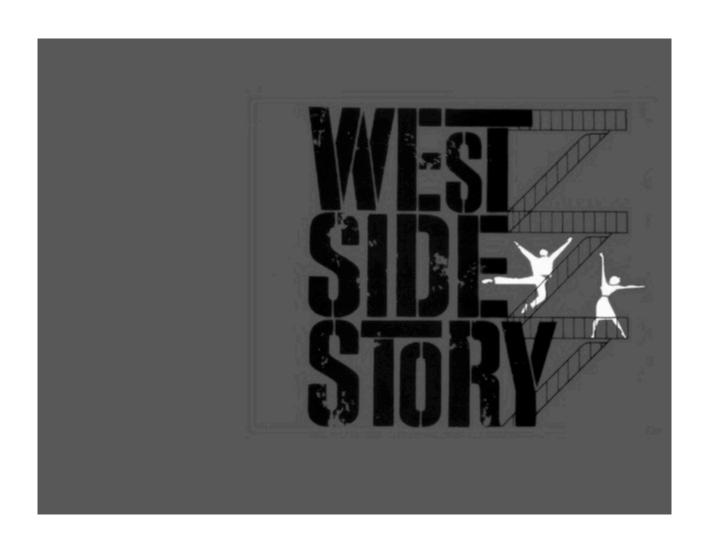


#### Do You Want to Know a Secret





#### There's A Place





## A Sign of the Times

## A Socio-cultural Analysis: Bourdieu

A Historical Sociology of the Past.

A Sociological History of the Present.

 ..which, 'seems to be more reassuring, more humane than belief in the miraculous virtues of pure interest in pure forms'

1993: 188

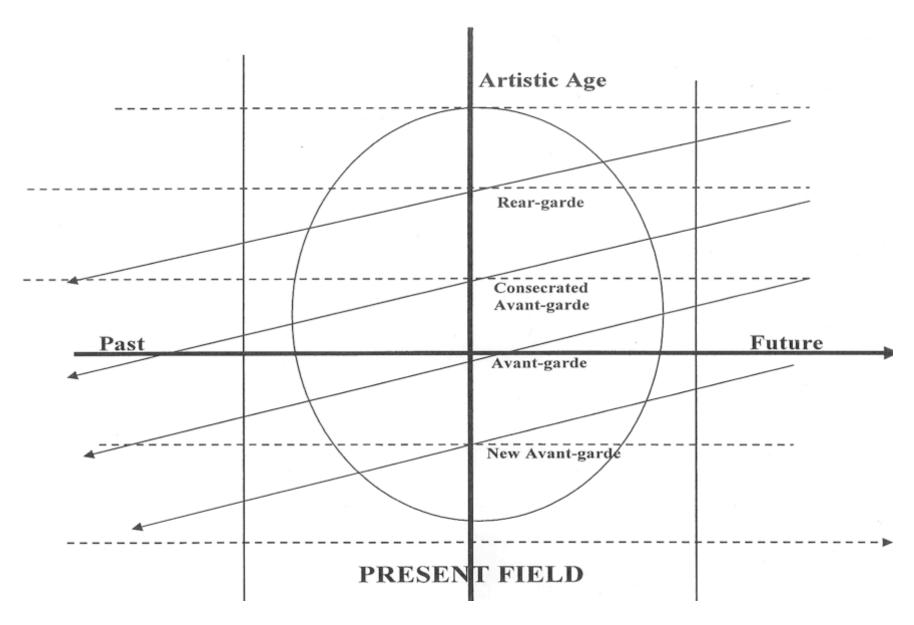
#### **Bourdieu's Thinking Tools**

"Habitus and Field designate bundles of relations.

A **field** consists of a set of objective, historical relations between positions anchored in certain forms of power (or capital);

habitus consists of a set of historical relations 'deposited' within individual bodies in the forms of mental and corporeal schemata of perception, appreciation and action."

(Bourdieu 1992: 16).



Time Structures of a Field

#### **Capital:** A Medium for Field Manoeuvres

Bourdieu identifies three distinct forms of capital:

- Cultural Capital embodied dispositions, cultural goods and educational qualifications;
- **Social Capital** social connections and obligations, including those associated with associations and institutions;
- **Economic Capital** into which, given certain conditions, all other capitals can be converted.

(based on Bourdieu 1986/83)

#### Field Analysis: 3 levels

• Level 3: Compare the habitus of a range of individuals;

 Level 2: Examine the inter-relations between agents and institutions;

• **Level 1**: Field in relation to other fields and the field of power.

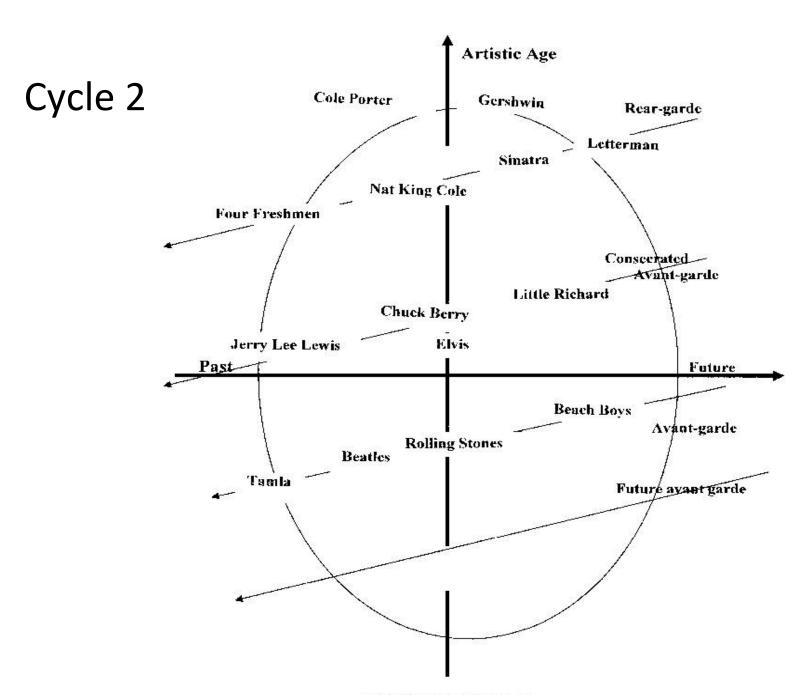
## Level 3: Habitus - the symbolic (capital) value of biographical fact

- Lennon 1940-1980
- McCartney 1943 -
- Harrison 1943-2001
- Starkey 1940

## Hexis



#### **Level 2: Field**



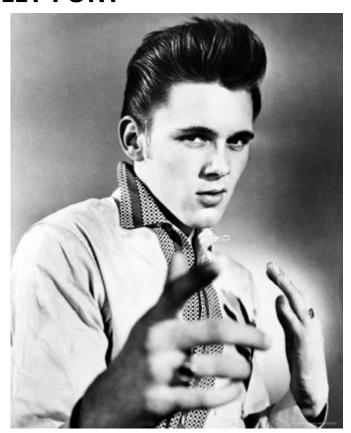
PRESENT FIELD

#### In between....

#### **SKIFFLE**



#### **BILLY FURY**







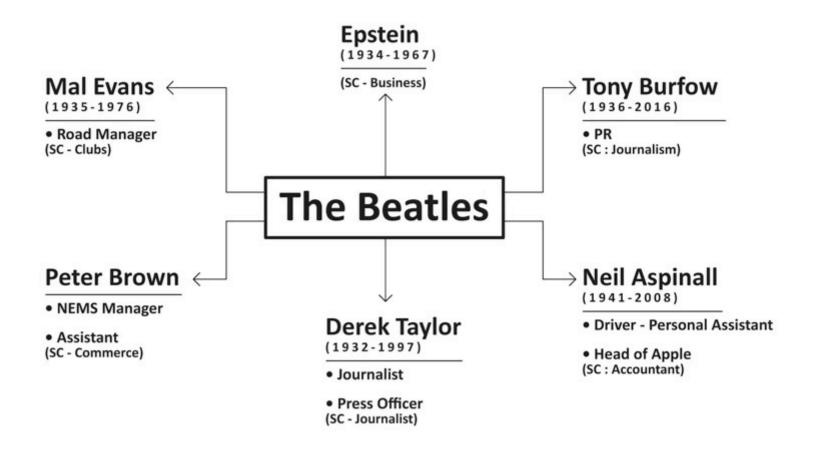
## Manager/ Producer

**Brian Epstein (1934-1967)** 



George Martin (1926-2016)





# Level 1: Field and the Field of Power

### **Field of Power (1950/60s):**

#### **Post-War**

- The State: Labour Party 1945; Tory Party 1951
- **Expansion of Education:** Comprehensive Education 1946; Robbins report 1963.
- **Post-war Generation**: National Service 1957; Welfare State 1945; Baby Boom 50s; Travel/ Communications; More Education.
- Youth Culture: Beatniks (Literary); American Influence/Dance->Jazz-> Skiffle->Folk.
- Issues of Equality Racial Emancipation; e.g. Martin Luther King, Woman's Movement
- **Liberalization:** e.g. Sexual Revolution: Homosexuality; Lady Chatterley Obscenity Case (1960).
- War: Cold War 1947; Colonial wars 50s; Nuclear Bomb; Cuban Missile Crisis 1962, Nuclear Weapons.

#### Field of Technology

- Development of first long playing record (in 50s), Vinyl, 45rpm single, E.P.
- Radio Television
- Guitars replaced the piano
- Increasingly sophisticated electric guitars, e.g. Gibson, Fender, Rickenbacker.
- Innovations in recording methods and amplification equipment.

#### **Field of Cultural Production**

- Art Minimialism
  - Music, e.g. John Cage 1952
  - Abstract Expressionism: Pollock, Rothko; Ben Nicholson, Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth.
- Popular Music: Crooner/ Show music > Groups
   Rock Idols. Skiffle; \*\* TRANSATLANTIC EXCHANGE \*\*
- Literature-Poetry/Drama: Thomas, Angry Young Men, Workers' Theatre, Realism, The Beats
- Folk Music/Protest singers: Traditional ->
   Protest; American/ English Vernacular -> Singer
   Songwriter.

#### Field of Media/Commerce

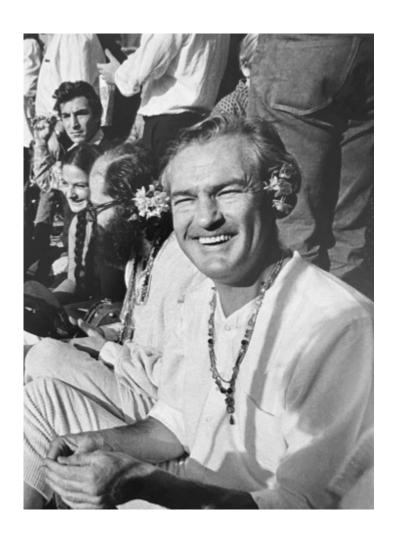
- BBC/TV and Film production.
- Radio
- New Supporting Roles e.g. Publicity Agents/ Managers
- Increased Consumerism Youth Culture
- Journalism including new magazines and newspapers and re-orientation of established ones.

### **Youth Generation**

- 1957: 'Teenage' Invented
- Disposable Income -> Cultural Consumers
- Post war
- WC -> MC Embourgeoisement
- Liberal minded
- Individualistic
- Welfare State
- London <-> Provinces
- International Travel

# Drugs





# **Fashion**





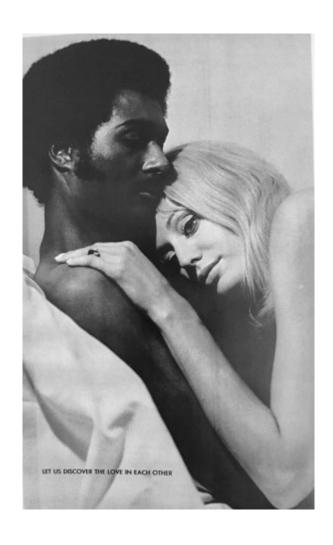
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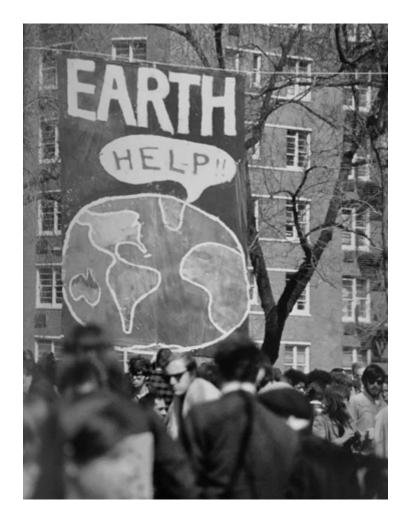


### **Protest**



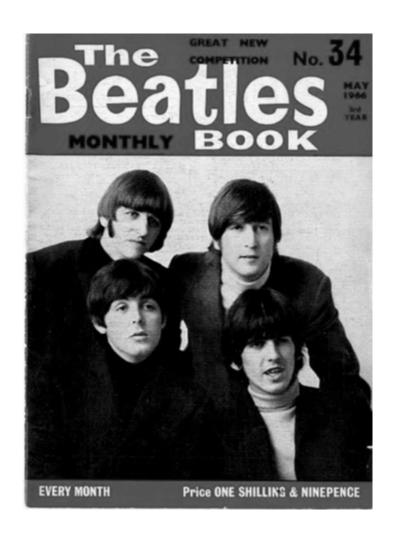






### **TEENAGE MAGAZINES**



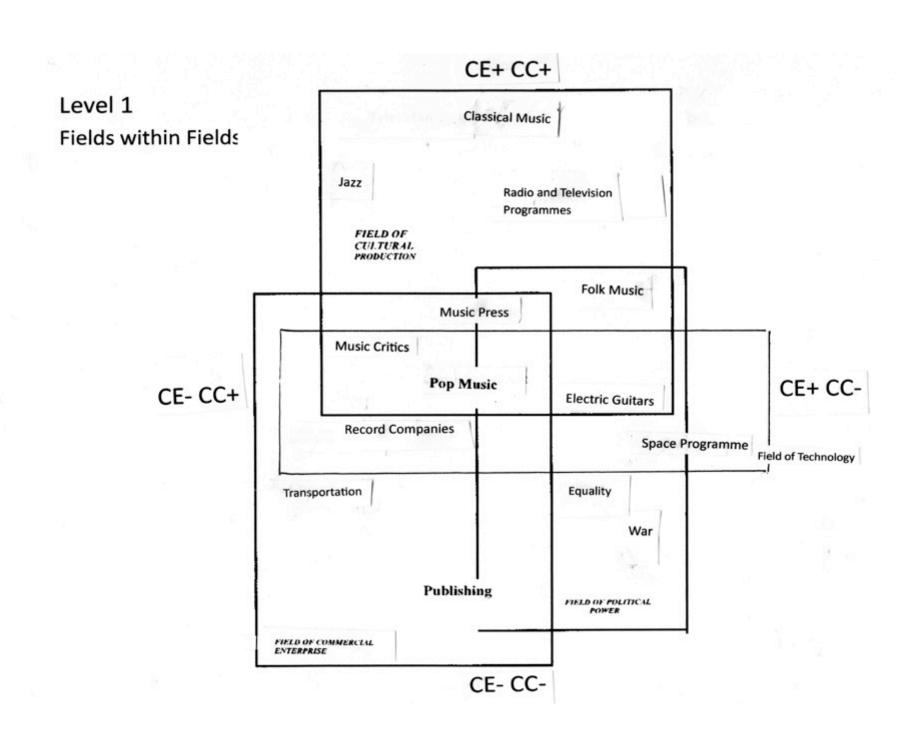


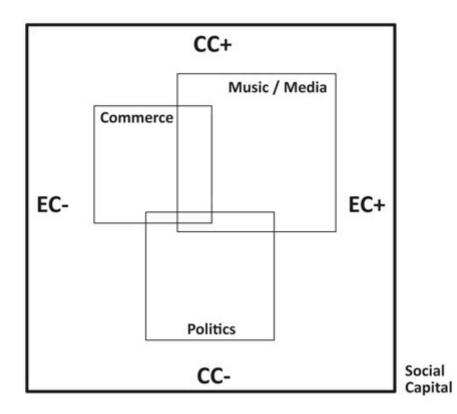


### Memorabilia

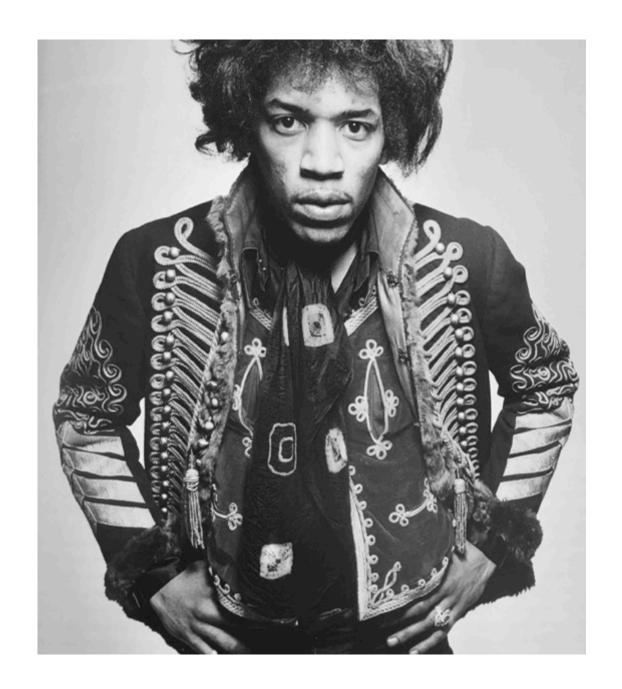




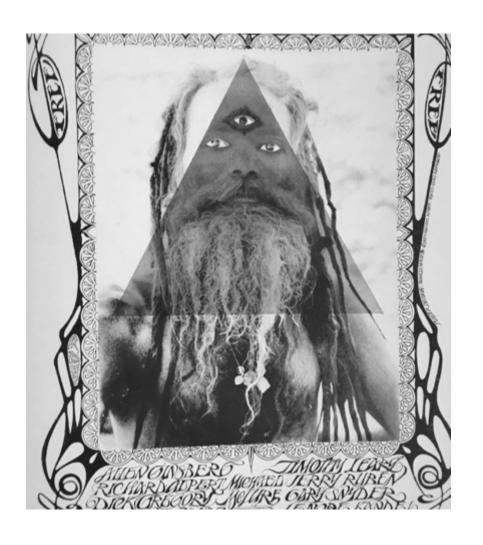


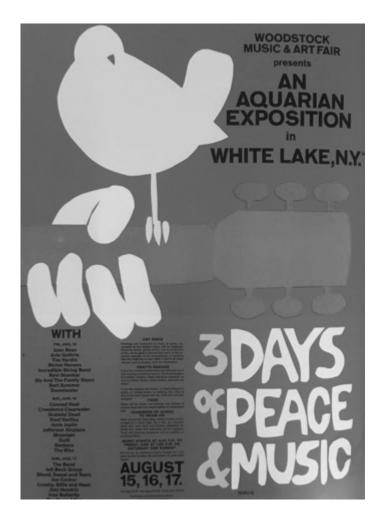


# What happened next....



# **Festivals**





# Music, Art and Commerce





# Octave (The Law of seven)

- 1963 Please, Please Me
- 1963 With the Beatles
- 1964 The Beatles for Sale
- 1965 Rubber Soul
- 1966 Revolver
- 1967 Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
- 1968 The White Album
- 1969 Abbey Road
- + 4 Soundtracks + 1 EP

# And in the end.....



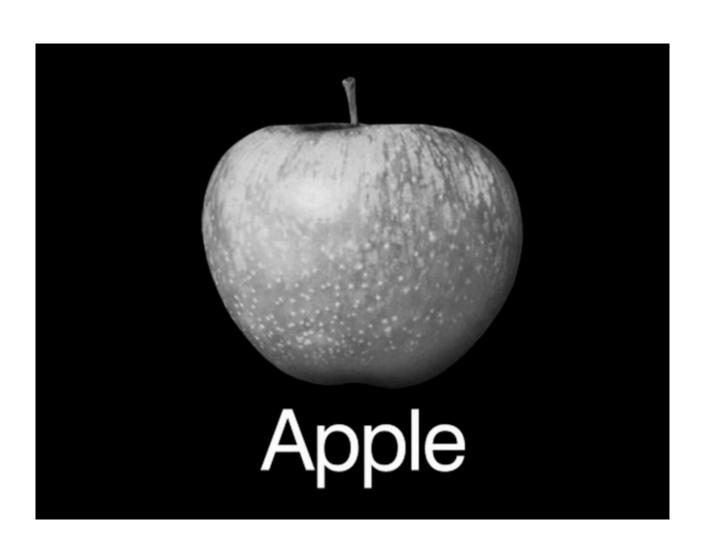




# **Brian Epstein**



# **Apple**



## Le Jeu de Mourre - Magritte



# Apple (...A is for ...) (1968)

- Apple Electronics (Yanni Alexis Mardras)
- Apple Films
- Apple Publishing (Books)
- Apple Records
- Apple Retail
- Apple Studio

# **Apple Boutique**



# **Allen Klein**



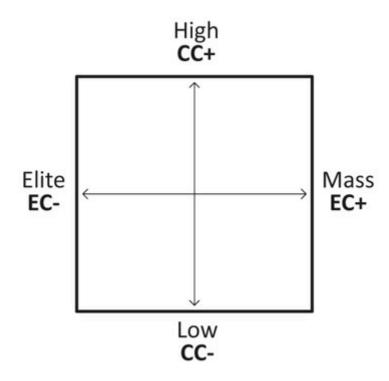
#### Klein (1969)

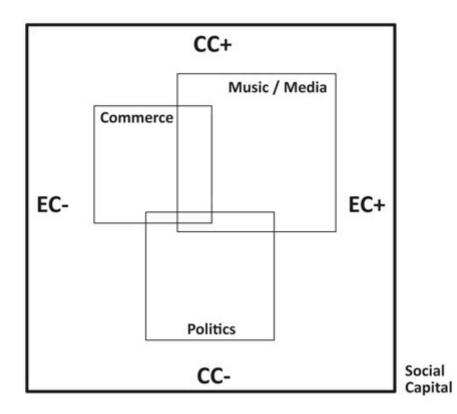
- Fired Apple employees
- Secured NEMS for 5%
- Attempted to buy Northern Songs
- Renegociated EMI
- Law suit in U.S.
- McCartney claims mismanagement
- Beatles -> Receiver
- Took control of Starr, Harrison and Lennon
- Brought Bright Tunes Music (My Sweet Lord)
- 1973 Contract not renewed
- 1977 Sues Beatles -> £ 5 Million

#### The Beatles

#### Epstein (1961)

- Contract: 10, 15, 20% -> 25%
- Negotiated contracts
- EMI (George Martin)
   1p/ record
- Northern Songs 20% each (Dick James)
- Seltaeb
   5% (Nicky Byrne)
- Royalties (Lenmac)
   25% (James Trevor)





### **Cultural Fields**

#### **Restricted Production**

 A system producing the symbolic goods (and instruments of appropriation of these goods) objectively destined (at least in short term) to a public of symbolic goods producers, themselves producing for producers of symbolic goods.

#### **Large Scale Symbolic Production**

 Organised to the production of symbolic goods destined for non-producers (the 'wider public') which can be recruited either in nonintellectual segments of the dominant class (the 'cultivated public') or other social classes.

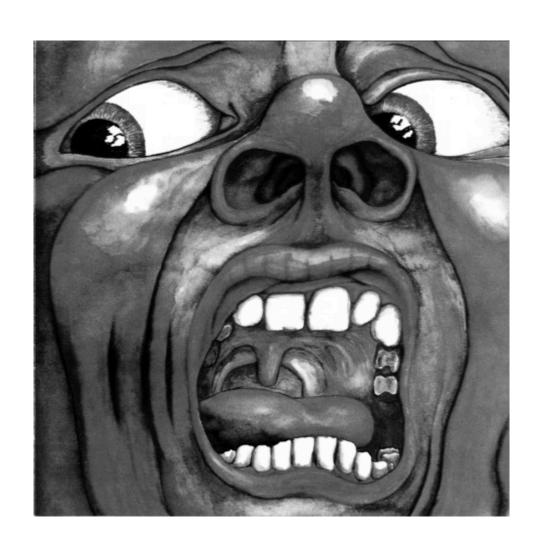
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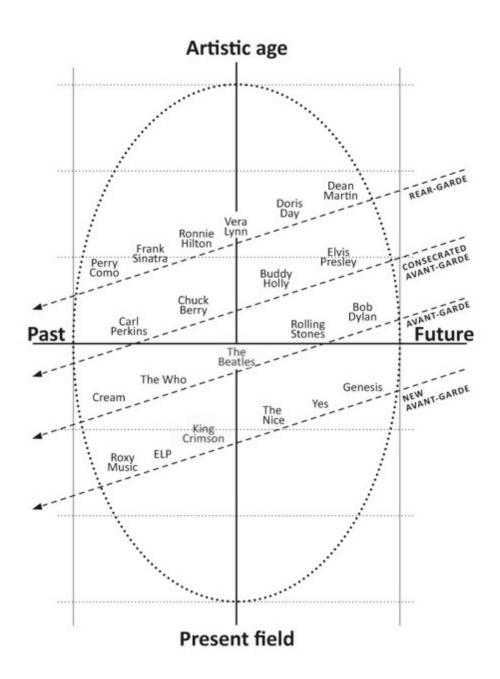
- Form over Function
- Produces its own norms of production
- Own evaluative criteria of products
- Obeys laws of competition for strictly cultural recognitions – granted by peers (privileged and competitors)

#### **Large Scale Symbolic Production**

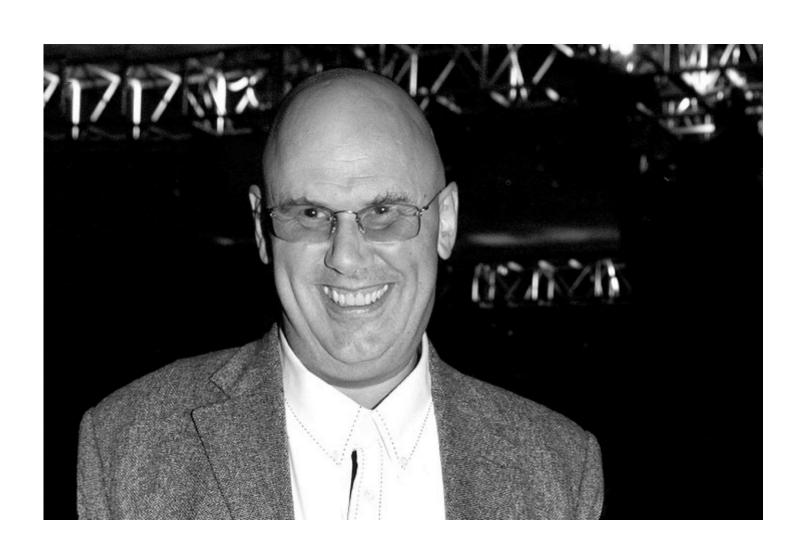
- Function and form
- Obeys laws of competition for the conquest of as vast a market as possible.





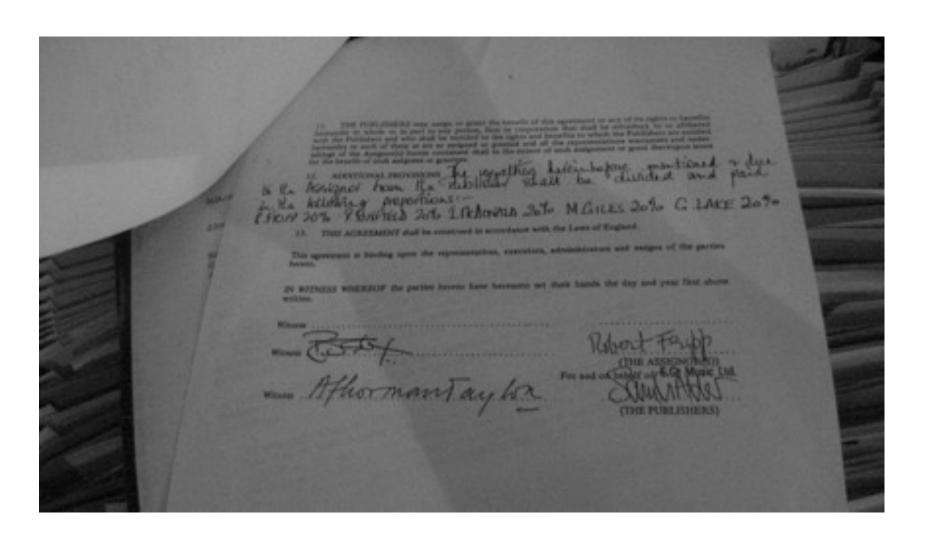


# **David Enthoven**



# Sam Alder





### A Reflective and Relational Methodology

'to construct systems of intelligible relations capable of making sense of sentient data'.

Rules of Art: p.xvi

A reflexive understanding of the expressive impulse in trans-historical fields and the necessity of human creativity immanent in them. (ibid).

### **Twist and Shout**





# **END**

Thank You .....

