Class Name: JAM&NEWS 中上級-上級火 (In person (対面授業) /18:30-20:00)

Instructor: Ms. Cheryl Okubo

This is an English class centered around Americana music and American culture.

Music as a cultural phenomenon, being the quintessence and the way of human activity, determines and synthesizes all other forms of world cognition. Covering cultural meanings, music is a valuable means of understanding culture.

In this short course, participants will learn at least 5 American folk songs* and how they relate to historical and/or current social issues in the US. In each class, participants will memorize the lyrics and the melody, consider possible harmonies, and read a news article which is closely related to the meaning of the lyrics.

As homework, participants may listen to various renditions of the song online and/or to Cheryl Okubo's version of the song via MP3 file.

*List of songs

- 1. Midnight Special (African American issues/ Criminal Justice System)
- 2. Where Have All the Flowers Gone (Humanity / ongoing wars)
- 3. Sam Stone (Veteran issues)
- 4. As Long as the Grass Shall Grow (Native American issues)
- 5. Everything is Free (musicians' rights issues)

*Extra: American Pie

After the end of 5 lessons, an optional JAM will take place at Cheryl's studio so that participants can sing the songs together. Those with a string instrument are invited to play as well.

(5日間の授業のほかに、参加者の希望により音楽セッションを予定しています。セッションは授業外での実施となります。)

※新設のクラスにつき、受講者の声はありません。

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