ClassicPosters.com

Some of you have asked about the Internet site I created some years ago, ClassicPosters.com. It is still alive and well, but there are some changes. To bring you up to date: Years ago, aside from creating the All-Music Guide (allmusic.com), the All-Movie Guide (allmovie.com), I also created a number of other sites archiving popular culture, and one of my very favorites is ClassicPosters.com.

I did this pretty much all by myself, with just a little help. It took me years. I have always been fascinated with rock music posters, ever since I designed, cut the Rubylith, and silkscreened the posters for my band the Prime Movers Blues Band in the mid 1960s (see earlier post on my Wall for examples of my posters). After I founded, developed, and sold AMG (All-Media Guides), I created ClassicPosters.com, which included my having to photograph hi-res images of some 30,000 vintage and valuable rock posters. I built my own vacuum table, and so forth.

I developed and ran the site for a couple of years and then did two things with it. I sold the name and a donated a copy of my complete database of poster images, dates, sizes, bands who played on each poster, etc. to a worthy company who wanted to carry on my poster work and was doing great work on their own.

I also donated a complete copy, including all the hi-res images to the prestigious Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan, so that scholars and people like you and me would always have access to the data, history, and images.

The Bentley is now preparing both on-site access for scholars and students as well as a web site where anyone can study and see images from this very important part of our popular culture’s history – rock concert posters, the actual posters printed for each event, and often torn down and taken home as souvenirs.

I include a link to the current site of ClassicPosters.com for those interested. Check it out.

http://www.classicposters.com/About_Us
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These great works of art were produced for seminal rock ‘n roll shows that took place in San Francisco, California during the 60s and early 70s. David Stone, of Family Dog Productions, and Bill Graham (Wolfgang Companies), of Bill Graham Presents, were the primary producers of these posters, and their names are synonymous with the music of the time. Their companies produced an impressive collection of posters that not only captured the essence of rock and roll but also included many different producers and venues.

Many memorable artists, including Jefferson Airplane, Grateful Dead, Janis Joplin, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Who, Chicago, and the Grateful Dead, among others, performed at these legendary venues. The posters from these performances were highly sought after and have become valuable collectibles.

At Classic Posters, we strive to bring you the best selection available of these beautiful works of art. While we specialize in Bill Graham, Family Dog, and other rock posters, we also offer interesting items from the Grand Ballroom and various Texas venues.

We want our site to provide you with lots of great information, and we hope that you will return again and again to take in our treasures. Our database is updated daily, so you will always have the latest information about these valuable and rare items. As we continue to add new posters and information, you will find that our website is a treasure trove of rock and roll history.

Classic Posters takes its roots from its predecessor, Fillmore Poster—a company founded in 1988. Because the scope of posters that Fillmore Poster was dealing in expanded, a new name that would more accurately reflect that scope, was needed. The new name, Classic Posters, was introduced to Michael Elkins, who had started a Web site by the same name. Mr. Elkins owned our interest in acquiring not only a glorious purchase for his site, but also to become the premier reference for the poster collecting community. To this end, by故宫 is a great tool for researchers with no experience and also to provide a forum for collectors. Without the photographs and detailed 3-D Art, Classic Posters would not have been possible. In coming months, we will be adding thousands of posters to our database with descriptions allowing access to accurately identify and access the posters they have.

If you would like to see a particular series or single posters included, or if you have information that you think might be valuable, please let us know.

We hope you enjoy exploring the exciting world of 1960s rock ‘n roll posters at Classic Posters!