

Noted Music Journalist Returns to Beatles at the Ridge

After a one-year hiatus from Beatles at The Ridge, music expert and author, Dr. Kit O'Toole is "back where she belongs." She will be leading the noon "Lunch and Learn" for BATR's "Authors and Artists Symposium" on Saturday, 16 September 2017 in The Studio, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. Since the festival's theme this year is "1967: The Summer of Love," Dr. O'Toole will talk to Beatles fans about the album that clearly defined that magical summer, *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.

"I'm calling my presentation 'A Journey Through the Musical World of *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*,'" O'Toole said, "because that's exactly what we'll be doing. I'm going to lead a guided tour through the writing and recording of The Beatles' most important album. I'm also sharing outtakes and remixes the audience may have never heard before." And O'Toole promises new insights – a fresh look at the record that people "think they know."

"Lunch and Learn" guests are invited to bring in sack lunches or lunches from the various vendors at the Ridge festival. Water bottles and coffee will be furnished, but Kit hints that she'll be bringing a delicious "dessert" from Chicago! "I can't say what the treat is, but it's a delicacy!" Kit smiled. BATR attendees can also enter to win a limited edition poster of the *Songs We Were Singing* cover, signed by O'Toole and cover artist, Enoch Doyle Jeter.

O'Toole is known for her surprises. In 2015, she surprised everyone by writing TWO books: *Songs We Were Singing: Guided Tours Through The Beatles Lesser-Known Tracks* and *Michael Jackson FAQ: All That's Left to Know About The King Of Pop*. She also continues to serve as a contributing editor for *Beatlefan* magazine, the author of the popular "Deep Beatles" column for SomethingElseReviews.com and as the "DeepSoul" columnist for BlindedBySound.com while working on a new book to be released shortly entitled *Soul Searching: Buried Treasures of R&B, Soul, Dance, and Hip Hop*.

O'Toole who is a frequent panelist and presenter at The Chicago Fest for Beatles Fans and who was part of The GRAMMY Museum of Mississippi Beatles Symposium in 2016 has been a mainstay of Beatles at the Ridge. And the BATR crowd is thrilled to have her "home" again. "We missed Kit last year," Chairperson Jude Southerland Kessler stated. "Our guests have loved her famous Ten Sounds talks, and I know this one on *Sgt. Pepper* will be just as engaging and eye-opening!"

To find out more about Kit O'Toole, go to <http://kitotoole.com/> or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/otoolekit/> To find out more about the Beatles at the Ridge Symposium Schedule, go to: <http://www.beatlesattheridge.com/events/beatles-symposium/>

