



# Beatles Anniversary Celebrated at Bay Street

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Beatles fans are in luck. This weekend, Bay Street Theatre is presenting a series of film and music events designed to celebrate The Beatles's initial arrival in America and their now-historic appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1964. On tap is a screening of the original broadcast, rare footage of the Fabulous Four, and live music by area talent paying tribute in song to the Beatles.

IT WAS 50 YEARS AGO TODAY... is the catchy title bestowed on the weekend-long celebration to mark the anniversary. The celebration coincides with Sag Harbor Village's fourth annual HarborFrost Weekend—a family festival that presents a weekend of events in the waterside village that include ice carving, live music, fireworks, a scavenger hunt and water activities for those unafraid of the cold.

"This is going to be a great weekend to come and relive the excitement of The Beatles," says Tracy Mitchell, Executive Director for Bay Street Theatre. "It falls on Sag Harbor's HarborFrost Weekend so Bay Street will be a great place to keep warm and have a great weekend of music."



The Beatles. Photo courtesy Bay Street Theatre.

[The Beatles](#) were an English [rock](#) band from Liverpool, England that formed in 1960 and led the English Invasion to America a few years later. The band went onto to cause crowd hysteria, achieve rock star status, shatter album sales and other notable milestones. The Beatles featured the talents of [John Lennon](#), [Paul McCartney](#), [George Harrison](#), and [Ringo Starr](#).

The band continues to rack up music awards. Their most recent award may be the Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed by The Recording Academy in a ceremony held on Jan. 25 in Los Angeles. Accepting for The Beatles were Ringo Starr, Olivia Harrison and Yoko Ono, according to [TheBeatles.com](#).

The IT WAS 50 YEARS AGO TODAY... celebration begins tonight at 8 p.m. at Bay Street with the film-

centered program "LEGENDS: THE BEATLES." Archivist and filmmaker JOE LAURO of the East End opens his vaults to present a special ALL BEATLES film evening.

The evening will include footage of the Beatle's first known film shot at The Cavern Club in 1962 to their final 1969 "Rooftop" Concert. Footage also includes campy cover versions of Beatles tunes by famous musicians including Frank Sinatra, Eartha Kitt and others. Tickets are \$15. General setting.



Meet The Beatles! Album cover

On Saturday, live music takes the Bay Street stage at 8 p.m. with CELEBRATING THE BEATLES. The evening presents East End musicians playing Beatles songs. Expected to take the stage are Nancy Atlas, Gene Casey, Corky Laing (from Mountain), Joe Delia, Dawnette Darden (from HooDoo Loungers), Joe Lauro, Caroline Doctorow, Jim Turner and others.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 on Saturday. Admission is general seating and include a glass of house wine for adults.



The weekend culminates on Sunday at 7 p.m. with "The Beatles on Ed Sullivan". The screening takes place 50 years to the day of the original broadcast on Feb. 9, 1964. "The Beatles on Ed Sullivan" presents the entire original broadcast of The Beatle's appearance on the The Ed Sullivan Show. The program will be shown from start to finish. The evening also includes the screening of rare footage of The Beatles' first visit to New York City filmed hours before the historic broadcast.

Tickets are \$5. General seating.

**BASIC FACTS: IT WAS 50 YEARS AGO TODAY...** will be held from Feb. 7 - 9 at Bay Street Theatre. For Beatles Fans, a FAB 4 FAN Pass is being offered for \$40. The Pass includes all three events. Tickets are available at the Box Office today and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by calling 631-725-9500. For information, visit [www.baystreet.org](http://www.baystreet.org).

Bay Street Theatre is located at 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. [www.baystreet.org](http://www.baystreet.org).

**HAMPTONS INSIDER:** Sir Paul McCarthy has a home in the Hamptons. Yoko Ono's sculpture *Play it By Trust* (1999) is on permanent view at LongHouse Reserve in East Hampton, NY. Ono is also a part of the LongHouse's International Advisory Board.

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