

THE *Grand Ole Opry*: A SACRED STAGE

Learning about the history of country music is essential, especially if you want to have a career working in it one day. Here are 5 things you should know about the Grand Ole Opry.

1: THE GRAND OLE OPRY HOUSE

Take a trip to Nashville and buy a ticket to see the Opry (in person or online at opry.com) & tour the backstage area. There is nothing like seeing the place that made country music famous.

2: THE OPRY MEMBERS

More than 200 people have become members of the Grand Ole Opry. Do some research to learn a little bit about them so that you can understand and follow the path that got them where they are today.

3: THE OPRY ANNOUNCERS

Part of what makes the Opry so unique is its live, worldwide broadcast. Learn about the announcers who have given a voice and told the story of the Opry for so many years.

4: WSM RADIO

WSM is the most famous country radio station in the world. It is the home of the Grand Ole Opry and plays country music 24/7. Launched back in 1925, WSM is a legendary powerhouse.

5: THE RYMAN

The Ryman Auditorium was home to the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 to 1974 and it still hosts the Opry for several months during the year. It is often referred to as the "Mother Church" because of its wooden pews and stained glass windows!

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