
Shrine of Good Memories: Music for Seniors on the West Coast

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Abstract:

The presentation will examine the diverse musical environments for older adults on the West Coast of North America, ranging from descriptions of regional variations in senior community living presented in a variety of sources, including fiction, and the place of music in institutional settings to various musical activities designed for older adults.

Given that people living on the West Coast have diverse ethno-religious backgrounds, may or may not be sensitive to the music that surrounded them in their formative years at the local and national levels, and have different habits regarding listening to the radio or attending various musical events, additional aspects were taken into account, such as 1980s and 1990s music styles; ethnic musical heritage relevant to the West Coast population; classical, popular, and religious music on the radio; and affordable symphony orchestra programs.