

# Remembering Frankie Laine



*Remembering Frankie Laine - with Craig Cronbaugh*



**Craig & Frankie in 1998**



## Remembering Frankie Laine Craig Cronbaugh

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Pappajohn Education Center, Room 201



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Instructor: Craig Cronbaugh

## Day One

This is Frankie Laine: *That's My Desire*

Recording from 1956

Frankie Laine's final public appearance on public television at age 92

Frankie sings the song in 1952 on television

The beginning

Video of Frankie Laine pictures from baby to fame

Video of Frankie Laine pictures with celebrities

Video of early fame Frankie Laine pictures

Audio of 1944 radio program recorded at Billy Berg's nightclub

Frankie Laine's first record—1944

See the record

Hear the Frankie's very first studio recording—1944

Frankie Laine on Atlas Records—1945

Hear selected Atlas recordings

Early fame

Talk about Frankie's rise to fame and association with Mercury Records

Listen to Frankie's first gold record—1947

Listen to clips of famous radio shows with Frankie as guest

Listen to selected Mercury recordings by Frankie

Watch Frankie Laine sing in first two of his movies—1949 and 1950

First CBS pilot show —1950

Watch Frankie perform on early *Ed Sullivan Show (Toast of the Town)*

Watch Frankie sing in his third and fourth movies—1951 and 1952

Television shows

First CBS pilot show —1950

*The Frankie Laine Show*—1954 and 1955

Watch guest appearances on selected television shows

## Day Two

### Fame in the fifties

Talk about Frankie signing with Columbia Records

Listen to selected Columbia recordings

Watch Frankie sing and act in 1955 and 1956 movies and sing in 1956 movie

Watch a variety of television shows

### Frankie's movies and television show

Watch 1955 and 1956 movie clips

Watch a clip of *Frankie Laine Time*—1956

Watch clips of Frankie Laine as a guest on 1950s television

Watch the clip of singer Mario Lanza doing a Frankie Laine impression in the movie *Seven Hills of Rome* in 1957

Listen to Frankie Laine's recordings spanning the 1950s

His use of the emotional voice

His command of power in his voice

His unique ability to make a song believable to the listener

Listen to clips of Frankie's 21 gold records

Watch clips of movies Frankie sang the title themes to:

*Blowing Wild*

*Man Without a Star*

*Strange Lady in Town*

*Gunfight At O.K. Corral*

*3:10 to Yuma*

*Bullwhip*

*Blazing Saddles*

## Day Three

### Mid career

Watch television shows that Frankie guest starred on in the late 1950s

Watch more television shows in which Frankie was featured in acting roles:

*The Danny Thomas Show*

*Perry Mason*

*Rawhide*

*Bachelor Father*

*Burke's Law*

Listen to Frankie's recordings from the mid 1960s on Capitol Records

Watch intros of television shows Frankie sang the title themes to:

*Rawhide*

*Gunslinger*

*Rango*

*The Misadventures of Sheriff Lobo*

Listen to Frankie's recording from the late 1960s on ABC Records

More television clips as a guest from the 1960s

*(Requests for any song(s) by Frankie Laine that you wish to hear will be taken throughout the course.)*

## Day Four

Watch Frankie on various popular television shows of the 1970s

Hear Frankie's recordings from the 70s

Watch clips of the television commercials Frankie sang the themes to

Hear Frankie's recordings from the 1980s

See Frankie's feature spot on the PBS television special *Moments to Remember* in 1981

Hear three songs from three different eras of Frankie's career that were recorded, but never released

Listen to recordings Frankie made while he was in his 80s

Watch the video message for seniors by Frankie Laine: *It Ain't Over Till It's Over*

Frankie Laine's final radio interview

Special surprise

- A. Place a pre-arranged call to Frankie Laine's wife, Marcia, in San Diego
  - B. Let audience ask her questions
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