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What Do You Hear?: Judy Dorsey

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Music writer Bob Mehr asks notable Memphians about their musical firsts and favorites. This week: Judy Dorsey, station manager of **WEVL, FM 89.9.**

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What's in your CD player, iPod or turntable at the moment?



Judy Dorsey

A six-CD set called *Goodbye Babylon*, which is vintage gospel music going back as far as the turn of the 20th century and going up to about 1960. Also, another two-CD set called *Good For What Ails You*, which is music of the medicine shows from 1926 to 1937.

What was the first record you bought and where?

I think it was Duane Eddy's "Peter Gunn." It was a 45 and I either bought it at the Methodist Hospital Gift Shop, or Curtis' Rexall Drugstore on Summer Avenue.

What was your first concert and where?

I started going to concerts in elementary school, I was little. My first concert, that my poor daddy had to take me to and sit there the whole while and put up with screaming girls, was Ricky Nelson at the Mid-South Fair.

If push comes to shove, what would you say is your favorite record of all time?

One is Randy Newman's *Good Old Boys*. Newer ones would be Johnny Dowd's *Pictures From Life's Other Side* and Harlan T. Bobo's *Too Much Love*. They're all masterpieces, I think.

If you could be any musician, living or dead, who would it be?

Maybe The Duchess, who played guitar with Bo Diddley in the '60s. She looked so cool in that gold lamé outfit.

What's your party jam? And your chill-out record?

If I wanted a party jam I'd just go to (WEVL deejay) Andrew McCalla and ask him to make a CD for me of great vintage soul and R&B and include the "The Fly" by Chubby Checker. For relaxed moments I've got this CD that's called *Great Smokey Mountain Parks*, and it's just natural sounds. Also a Smithsonian Folkways CD called *Sounds of North American Frogs*.



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