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Favorite Nashville Recording Artist: *(sorry-I couldn't pick just one!)*

- Tracy Nelson
- Janis Ian
- John Hiatt
- John Prine
- Jonell Mosser

Most Interesting Little Known Fact about Nashville: Tennessee was the final state to ratify the 21st amendment to the US constitution, giving women the right to vote. The Hermitage Hotel (now beautifully renovated), across the street from the Capital, was the unofficial headquarters for legislators, political cronies, railroad and liquor lobbyists, along with suffragettes and anti-suffragettes. The evenly-divided legislature, with red and white roses raining down from the supporter of both sides stationed in the balconies, went through parliamentary procedural contortions to delay a vote. Ultimately, though, a young representative changed his vote from a “Nay” to an “Aye” in response to a letter from his mother suggesting [strongly] that he should “remember the women” and “do the right thing.” The story is that he had to escape from the building through a library window to escape the opponents.

Favorite Restaurant

Breakfast: What--people go out to breakfast????

Lunch:

- Provence at the main library--good food, good music, good books
- Jack's BBQ (with the neon pigs!)

- Mad Platter
- MidTown Café

Dinner:

- Margot's Café (East Nashville)
- Chapel Bistro (East Nashville)
- Mad Platter
- MidTown Café

What Not to Miss in Nashville: Oh, gosh, as a Nashville native, my list is pretty long. It depends on what you want.

(a) Books (my favorite) & Art

- New Main Library building downtown. Don't miss the view from the third floor reading room, or the hand-made hammered copper frieze depicting the entire history of Nashville
- Bookman/Bookwoman (used books in Hillsboro Village)
- First Center for Visual Arts
- Musica sculpture at the Music Row Roundabout and Athena at the Parthenon
- The Arts Company (gallery on 5th Avenue)
- Murals at the Church Street Park (across from the library)

(b) Music

- Lower Broad honky-tonks (country, mostly)
- Bourbon Street Blues and Boogie Bar (Printers' Alley)
- Ryman House (various)
- Bluebird Café (singer-songwriters)
- Station Inn (bluegrass)

(c) History & Architecture

- Hermitage Hotel
- Bicentennial Mall (especially the stone floor-map of all the Tennessee counties)
- Downtown Churches—Christ Episcopal Cathedral, Downtown Presbyterian Church, McKendree Methodist
- Downtown walking tour (with the teal colored signs).
- Antique district on 8th avenue

A Note of Encouragement/Welcome to Potential Attendees: Nashville is not just Opryland, and even more important, Opryland Hotel is not Nashville!! There's more to music in Nashville than country music: we've got jazz & blues, hip-hop & be-bop, rock & roll & rap, classical & cultural, salsa

& swing . . . and everything in between. It seems like almost everyone you see here is or hopes to be a songwriter, singer, performer, studio musician, or something. There's so much musical talent here that basic local club performances are often outstanding.