

## U.S. Presidents

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Lyndon B. Johnson passed away January 22, 1973 in Johnson City, Texas and was buried the day of the “Evening with the Two Charlies” concert, which was a protest of Johnson’s policy. History has revealed his complex and questionable contribution to the world situation which this concert questions.

In tune with the serendipity of the “Two Charlies” concert and Johnson’s death, The New Wilderness Preservation Band’s “Concert for Fish” occurred between Richard Nixon’s August 8, 1974 resignation and Gerald Ford’s August 9 noon swearing-in.

In the moment between presidents, that morning of August 9, we boated out to Little Neck Bay and, with support of the major press, gave a “Concert for Fish.” We used underwater playback of our music, which included sections in Fish language learned with the help, including fish-language recordings, of the marine bio-acousticians Dr. and Dr. Fish, of the Rhode Island Institute of Oceanography.

The world needed a light moment. We were it. The news of this “Concert for Fish” traveled around the globe.

Soon after, this event would be cited for misuse of public money in both Albany and Washington, DC. Use of a \$200 CAPS grant for posters was questionable.