

DANIEL LEVITIN

“An eloquent spokesperson for our field. Levitin writes about the brain with an ease and familiarity that is captivating..” — the late David Hubel

Daniel Levitin is an award-winning scientist, musician, writer, and record producer. He is the author of three #1 bestselling books – *This Is Your Brain on Music*, *The World in Six Songs*, and *The Organized Mind*. His TED talks have been viewed more than 8 million times.

Daniel received his BA in Cognitive Psychology and Cognitive Science at Stanford University, and went on to earn his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Oregon researching Absolute Pitch. As a cognitive neuroscientist specializing in music perception and cognition, Daniel is attributed with fundamentally changing the way that scientists think about auditory memory. Before becoming a neuroscientist, he worked as a session musician, sound engineer, and record producer working with artists such as Stevie Wonder, Santana, The Grateful Dead, and Blue Oyster Cult. One of his recent performances included playing guitar with Sting.

Dr. Levitin’s prolific and razor sharp writing appears in Grammy, Billboard, scientific journals, and audio magazines worldwide. In a *Los Angeles Times* review of his book, *This Is Your Brain on Music*, Levitin is described as a “deft and patient explainer of the basics for the non-scientist as well as the non-musician...By tracing music’s deep ties to memory, Levitin helps quantify some of music’s magic without breaking its spell.”

Daniel has an unmatched sense of humor and wit that he honed as a joke writer for The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and a standup routine that gave him the rare opportunity to perform alongside the late, great Robin Williams at the 1984 Democratic National Convention.