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## Australian finance minister a Springsteen fan

CANBERRA – Anyone looking for early signs of distress in an economy should forget John Maynard Keynes or Milton Friedman and listen instead to Bruce Springsteen.

That's the message from Australian Treasurer Wayne Swan, who on Wednesday cited the American rocker, known as The Boss, as one of his economic heroes.

Swan, named by banking magazine Euromoney as its finance minister of the year in 2011, said Springsteen foretold the story of economic and social change in the United States, particularly around his home state of New Jersey.

"You can hear Springsteen singing about the shifting foundations of the US economy which the economists took much longer to detect, and which of course everyone is talking about now," Swan said in a lecture to ruling Labor Party members.

Swan said he was a university student in 1975 when he first became a fan of the New Jersey rock star following the release of the song Born to Run.

In an Internet video clip to promote his lecture, Swan's watches his daughter Erin, who is a member of an Australian rock band, sing Springsteen's Dancing in the Dark.

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