

## **Hard Copy Assignments, March 30th - April 24th**

### History of Rock

March 30th - April 3rd

- Review the powerpoint handouts on 1980's Hard Rock
- Listening Journal (1 short paragraph on your thoughts for each song)
  - Van Halen - Jump, Panama
  - Def Leppard - Pour Some Sugar On Me
- Review the powerpoint handouts on 1980's Hip Hop (parts 1&2)
- Listening Journal (1 short paragraph on your thoughts for each song)
  - Beastie Boys - Sabotage
  - Sugar Hill Gang - Rapper's Delight
  - MC Hammer - Can't Touch This

April 6th - 9th (Good Friday/Easter Weekend)

- Review the powerpoint handouts on 1980's Pop Music
- Listening Journal (1 short paragraph on your thoughts for each song)
  - New Kids On The Block - The Right Stuff
  - Prince - Purple Rain, 1999
- Review the powerpoint handouts on 1980's Alternative
- Listening Journal (1 short paragraph on your thoughts for each song)
  - REM - Losing My Religion, End Of The World
  - They Might Be Giants - Istanbul

April 13th - 17th

- Review the powerpoint handouts on Michael Jackson
- Listening Journal (1 short paragraph on your thoughts for each song)
  - Bad, Smooth Criminal, Thriller
- Review the powerpoint handouts on 1980's Culture
- Listening Journal (1 short paragraph on your thoughts for each song)
  - A Ha - Take On Me
  - Spinal Tap - Tonight I'm Gonna Rock You

April 20th - 24th

- Review the powerpoint handouts on 1980's Country
- Listening Journal (1 short paragraph on your thoughts for each song)
  - Dwight Yoakam - Guitars and Cadillacs
  - Ricky Skaggs - Shady Grove
- Listening Journal (1 short paragraph on your thoughts for each song)
- Be familiar with following Metallica Songs
  - Fade To Black, One, Enter Sandman, Memory Remains

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## 1980's Rock

Long live the Mullet

## 1980's Rock

Beginning in 1983 and peaking in success in 1986-1991, the decade saw the resurgence of hard rock music, along with the resurgence of its glam metal subgenre. Additionally, more and more women managed to achieve stardom in the 1980s' hard rock scene. Throughout the 1980s, alternative rock was mainly an underground phenomena, while on occasion a song would become a commercial hit. Although American alternative artists of the 1980s never generated spectacular album sales, they exerted a considerable influence on later alternative musicians and laid the groundwork for their success.

## Def Leppard



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## Def Leppard

Def Leppard are an English rock band formed in 1977 in Sheffield, England as part of a New Wave of British Heavy Metal bands. The band's strongest commercial success came between the early 1980s and the early 1990s. Their 1981 album *High 'n' Dry* helped them begin to define their style, and the album's stand out track "Bringin' On the Heartbreak", became one of the first metal videos played on MTV in 1982. As one of the world's best-selling music artists, Def Leppard have sold more than 100 million albums worldwide.

## Def Leppard

The founding members of Def Leppard, all students at Tapton School in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, formed a band called Atomic Mass in 1977. Def Leppard's debut album, *On Through the Night*, was released on March 14, 1980. Although the album hit the Top 15 in the UK, many early fans were turned off by the perception that the band was trying too hard to appeal to American audiences by recording songs like "Hello America" and touring more in the US.

## Def Leppard

On December 31, 1984, drummer Rick Allen lost his left arm in a car crash on the A57 in the hills outside the band's home city Sheffield, when his Corvette swerved off the road on a sharp bend and went through a drystone wall. Despite the severity of the accident, Allen was committed to continuing his role as Def Leppard's drummer. Allen worked with Simmons Musical Instruments to design a custom electronic drum kit. The other members of the band supported Allen's recovery and never sought a replacement.

## Def Leppard

Sales of the band's fourth album, *Hysteria*, were relatively slow until the release of the fourth single, "Pour Some Sugar on Me". The song hit Number 2, and *Hysteria* finally reached the top of the U.S. Billboard 200 in July 1988. The "Pour Some Sugar on Me" video was No. 1 on the video request show, *Dial MTV*, for a record 73 days. Def Leppard embarked on a two-month U.S. tour in the summer of 2011. In April of 2013 the band re-recorded several hits and eventually the entire album "*Hysteria*" in an effort to circumvent their record label from future royalties.

## Def Leppard

- Years Active: 1977 - Present
- Genres: Hard Rock, Heavy Metal, Glam Rock
- Members: Rick Savage, Joe Elliot, Rick Allen, Phil Collen, Vivian Campbell



Pour Some Sugar On Me

## Van Halen



Panama

## Van Halen

Van Halen is an American hard rock band formed in Pasadena, California in 1972. By the early 1980s Van Halen had become one of the most successful rock acts of the time. Van Halen achieved worldwide fame for their many popular songs and larger-than-life stage performances. In 2007, Van Halen were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. VH1 ranked them 7th on their list of the top 100 hard rock artists of all time.

## Van Halen

Born in Nijmegen, Netherlands, Edward Van Halen and Alex Van Halen are the sons of musician Jan Van Halen. Young Edward first began studying classical piano, and became quite proficient. After seeing Van Halen play live in January 1977, Kiss member Gene Simmons produced a Van Halen demo tape with recording beginning at the Village Recorder studios in Los Angeles and finished with overdubs at the Electric Lady Studios in New York.

## Van Halen

Upon its release the band's self titled album in 1977, Van Halen, reached No. 19 on the Billboard pop music charts, one of rock's most commercially successful debuts. It was highly regarded as both a heavy metal and hard rock album. The band returned to the studio in 1978 for Van Halen II, an album similar in style to their debut. Over the next few years, the band alternated album releases and touring.

## Van Halen

In the midst of the 1984 (album) Tour the artistic and personal tensions among the musicians reached a fever pitch. After much turmoil, lead singer David Lee Roth left the band. In 1986, Eddie Van Halen was introduced by way of a mutual auto mechanic to Sammy Hagar. Hagar agreed to join and also serve as a rhythm guitarist on stage to add to the Van Halen sound. The 1986 Van Halen album 5150 was a hit, becoming the band's first No. 1 album on the Billboard charts.

## Van Hagar



During the time of Sammy Hagar, Van Halen was sometimes negatively referred to as "Van Hagar".

## Van Halen

Billboard announced on January 24, 2007 that Van Halen would reunite with David Lee Roth for a US tour. This was confirmed shortly after on the official Van Halen website. Van Halen started their new tour on September 27, 2007, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Playing to sellout crowds, the tour generated positive reviews. On April 20, 2013 the Roth fronted Van Halen played its first show outside North America since 1984, and their first in Australia since 1998, at the Stone Festival in Sydney. This was followed by one show each in Tokyo and Nagoya, and two in Osaka, from June 18 to June 26.

# Van Halen

- \* Years Active: 1972 - Present
- \* Genres: Hard Rock, Heavy Metal
- \* Members: Eddie Van Halen, Alex Van Halen, Wolfgang Van Halen, David Lee Roth
- \* Notable Former Members: Sammy Hagar



Jump

## Frankenstrat



Frankenstrat

## Frankenstrat

The Frankenstrat represented Van Halen's attempt to combine the sound of a classic Gibson guitar with the physical attributes of a Fender. It was originally made from an ash Stratocaster body, with pickup routing that Eddie altered to fit a Gibson PAF humbucking bridge pickup. It had a maple neck and fretboard, and chrome hardware. It developed through several early paint schemes ultimately into the now famous combination of red, with black and white stripes. It is a six-string guitar with a Floyd Rose tremolo.

# Hip-Hop

Rhythmic American Poetry

# Hip-Hop

Hip hop, also called rap music, or hip-hop music, is a music genre consisting of a stylized rhythmic music that commonly accompanies rapping, a rhythmic and rhyming speech that is chanted. The term hip hop music is sometimes used synonymously with the term rap music, though rapping is not a required component of hip hop music; the genre may also incorporate other elements of hip hop culture, including DJ-ing and scratching, beatboxing, and instrumental tracks.

# Hip-Hop

Hip hop as music and culture formed during the 1970s when block parties became increasingly popular in New York City, particularly among African American youth residing in the Bronx. Block parties incorporated DJs who played popular genres of music, especially funk and soul music. Due to the positive reception, DJs began isolating the percussive breaks of popular songs. Because the percussive breaks in funk, soul and disco records were generally short, many DJs began using two turntables to extend the breaks.

# Hip-Hop

The first hip hop record is widely regarded to be The Sugarhill Gang's "Rapper's Delight", from 1979. By the early 1980s, all the major elements and techniques of the hip hop genre were in place. Though not yet mainstream, hip hop had permeated outside of New York City; it could be found, in small amounts, in cities as diverse as Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., among other cities. Despite the genre's growing popularity, Philadelphia was, for many years, the only city whose contributions could be compared to that of New York City.

## Sugarhill Gang



[Rapper's Delight](#)

## Run - D.M.C.



## Run - D.M.C.

Run-D.M.C. was an American hip hop group from Hollis, Queens, New York, founded in 1981 by Joseph "Run" Simmons, Darryl "D.M.C." McDaniels, and Jason "Jam Master Jay" Mizell. The group was among the first to highlight the importance of the MC and DJ relationship. The three members of Run-D.M.C. grew up in Hollis, Queens.

## Run - D.M.C.

Run-D.M.C. released their first single "It's Like That/Sucker MCs", in late 1983. The single was well received, peaking at No. 15 on the R&B charts. The trio performed the single on the New York Hot Tracks video show in 1983. Emboldened by their success, Run-D.M.C. released their eponymous debut Run-D.M.C. in 1984. Hit singles such as "Jam-Master Jay" and "Hard Times" proved that the group were more than a one-hit wonder, and the landmark single "Rock Box" was a groundbreaking fusion of raw hip-hop and hard rock that would become a cornerstone of the group's sound and paved the way for the rap rock movement of the late 1990s.

## Run - D.M.C.

After the success of their first album, Run-D.M.C. looked to branch out on their follow-up. The release of King of Rock in 1985 saw the group furthering their rap-rock fusion. The music video for the single "Rock Box" was the first ever rap video to air on MTV and received heavy rotation from the channel. Returning to the studio in 1986, the group teamed with producer Rick Rubin for their third album titled Raising Hell which became the group's most successful album and one of the best-selling rap albums of all-time. The album was certified double-platinum and peaked at number three on the charts.



## Run - D.M.C.

On October 30, 2002, Jam-Master Jay was shot and killed at his recording studio in Queens. Outside the studio where the murder occurred, fans and friends gathered and left Adidas sneakers, albums, and flowers for the legendary DJ. Mourners respected him as a family man who stayed out of trouble. The homicide has yet to be solved, echoing the unsolved murders of fellow hip hop titans The Notorious B.I.G. and 2Pac. In the aftermath, Run and DMC announced that the group was officially disbanding, and they retired the Run-D.M.C. name and logo.

## Run - D.M.C.

On April 3, 2009, Run-D.M.C. became the second rap act to be awarded the honor of being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (after Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, who were inducted in 2007). The 2 remaining members of Run - D.M.C. reunited at Jay-z's Made In America Festival in September 2012. Simmons and McDaniels then reunited again in June 2013 for a summer concert in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Run - D.M.C.

Years Active: 1981 - 2012

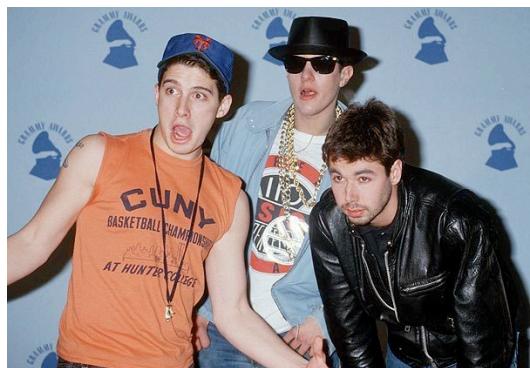
Genres: Hip-Hop, Rap, Rock

Members: Jason "Jam Master Jay" Mizell (Deceased), Joseph "Run" Simmons, and Darryl "D.M.C." McDaniels



[Walk This Way](#) (featuring Aerosmith)

## Beastie Boys



## Beastie Boys

Beastie Boys are an American hip hop band from New York City, formed in 1981. Originally formed as a hardcore punk band in 1981, the group transitioned to hip hop in 1984 and released a string of successful singles. The Beastie Boys toured with Madonna in 1985 and a year later released their debut album Licensed to Ill. The Beastie Boys are one of the longest-lived hip hop acts worldwide.

## Beastie Boys

Due to the success and rising popularity of the Hip-Hop scene during the Beastie Boys early career, they decided to hire a DJ for their live punk rock shows and ended up getting an NYU student named Rick Rubin. Soon thereafter, Rubin began producing records. He then formed Def Jam Recordings and approached the band about producing them for his new label. Around the same time, the band made a more complete switch over from a punk rock outfit to a three-man rap trio.

## Beastie Boys

The band recorded *Licensed to Ill* in 1986 and released the album at the end of the year. The album was well-received, and was favorably reviewed by Rolling Stone magazine with the now-famous headline, "Three Idiots Create a Masterpiece". *Licensed to Ill* became the best selling rap album of the 1980s and the first rap album to go No.1 on the Billboard album chart, where it stayed for five weeks. It was also Def Jam records fastest selling debut record to date and sold over five million copies.

## Beastie Boys

The group re-entered the studio in 1988, emerging with a more artistically mature second album, *Paul's Boutique*. Produced by the Dust Brothers and Matt Dike, this extremely sample-heavy opus is still considered one of the strongest works by the Beastie Boys, and Rolling Stone ranked it No.156 on its list of the 500 Greatest Albums of All Time. The album was finally released in 1989 by Capitol Records, after the falling out between the group and Def Jam.

## Beastie Boys

Beastie Boys started an arena tour in 1998. The Beastie Boys have made live downloads of their performances available for their fans, but were temporarily thwarted when Capitol Records removed them from its website. The Beastie Boys were also one of the first bands who made mp3 downloads available on their website; they got a high level of response and public awareness as a result, including a published article in The Wall Street Journal on the band's efforts. On May 4, 2012, Adam Yauch (also known as MCA) died from cancer at the age of 47. The group is scheduled to release an autobiography in 2015.

# Beastie Boys

Years Active: 1981 - Present

Genres: Hip-Hop, Rap, Rock, and Punk

Members: Michael "Mike D" Diamond, Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz, and Adam "MCA" Yauch (deceased)



[Sabotage](#)

## Hip Hop Part II



## Hip Hop Fashion

- During the 1980s, hip-hop icons wore clothing items such as brightly colored name-brand tracksuits, sheepskin and leather bomber jackets, Clarks shoes, British Walkers and sneakers. Popular accessories included large eyeglasses, Kangol hats, and nameplates. Heavy gold jewelry was also popular in the 1980s. Popular haircuts ranged from the Jheri curl to the hi-top fade popularized by Will Smith.

## Hip Hop Fashion

- Hip hop fashion is a distinctive style of dress originating with African American youth on the scene of many larger cities. Hip hop fashion complements the expressions and attitudes of hip hop culture in general. Established sportswear and fashion brands, such as Le Coq Sportif, Kangol, Adidas and Keds attached themselves to the emerging hip hop scene.

## Hip Hop Fashion

- Clothing brands such as Reebok, Kangol, Fila, Champion, Carhartt, and Timberland were very closely associated with the hip hop scene. Hip hop fashion in this period also influenced high fashion designs. In the late 1980s, Isaac Mizrahi, inspired by his elevator operator who wore a heavy gold chain, showed a collection deeply influenced by hip hop fashion.

## Hip Hop Fashion



## Will Smith & Jazzy Jeff



## Will Smith

- Willard Carroll "Will" Smith, Jr. is an American actor, producer, and rapper. He has enjoyed success in television, film and music. In the late 1980s, Smith achieved modest fame as a rapper under the name The Fresh Prince. In 1990, his popularity increased dramatically when he starred in the popular television series The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.

## Will Smith

- Smith started as the MC of the hip-hop duo DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, with his childhood friend Jeffrey "DJ Jazzy Jeff" Townes as turntablist and producer. They were known for performing humorous, radio-friendly songs, most notably "Parents Just Don't Understand" and "Summertime". They gained critical acclaim and won the first Grammy awarded in the Rap category in 1988.

## Will Smith

- The duo were brought to the attention of Jive Records and Russell Simmons. The duo's first album, Rock the House, which was first released on Word Up in 1986 debuted on Jive in March of 1987. The album sold about 300,000 units. That same year, the band found themselves on their first major tour with Run DMC, Public Enemy, and others.

## Will Smith

- Their 1988 follow-up album, He's the DJ, I'm the Rapper, made them multi-platinum stars. Mostly recorded in the United Kingdom, the album was rap music's first double-vinyl LP release; it was also issued as a single cassette and CD. 1989 saw the release of And in This Corner..., the group's third LP. While the sales were a success, reaching gold, the duo's popularity was slipping.

## Will Smith

- On August 19, 2011, it was announced that Smith had returned to the studio with producer La Mar Edwards to work on his fifth studio album. Edwards has worked with artists such as T.I., Chris Brown, and Game. Code Red, their last studio LP as a duo was released in 1993, reaching gold sales. This LP featured a self-admitted harder sound than their other songs.

## Will Smith

- Born: September 25, 1968
- Years Active: 1985 - Present
- Occupations: Rapper, Actor, Producer

## Will Smith



- Parents Just Don't Understand
- Will Smith - Family Guy

## MC Hammer



## MC Hammer

- Stanley Kirk Burrell, known professionally as MC Hammer, is an American rapper, dancer, entrepreneur, spokesman and occasional actor. He had his greatest commercial success and popularity from the late 1980s until the late 1990s. Remembered for his rapid rise to fame, Hammer is known for his hit records, flashy dance movements, choreography and self-named Hammer pants.

## Hammer Pants



## MC Hammer

- In the mid-80s while rapping in small venues and after a record deal went sour, Hammer borrowed \$20,000 each from former Oakland A's players Mike Davis and Dwayne Murphy to start a record label business called Bust It Productions. He kept the company going by selling records from his basement and car. Now billing himself as "M.C. Hammer", he recorded his debut album, *Feel My Power*, which was produced in 1986 and released in 1987.

## MC Hammer

- Notorious for dissing rappers in his previous recordings, Hammer appropriately titled his second album, *Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em*. On February 3, 2011, M.C. Hammer appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show premiering the track "See Her Face". It was the first time the public got to hear Hammer's newest release. Hammer has occasionally released singles over the past few years.

## MC Hammer

- M.C. Hammer's dance style not only helped pave the way for the Bay Area movement called Hyphy, but also helped to bring hip-hop and rap to the Bay Area. His dancing skills are still taught to this day, along with his popular trademark Hammer Pants. Hammer is known for being an entertainer, both during live shows and in music videos.

## MC Hammer

- In addition to excessive spending while supporting friends and family over the years, Hammer ultimately became \$13 million in debt. With dwindling album sales, unpaid loans, a large payroll and a lavish lifestyle, Hammer eventually filed for bankruptcy in April 1996 at a California court. After years of public and media ridicule regarding his financial dilemma, Hammer assured fans he had taken care of his debt.

# MC Hammer

- Born: March 30, 1962
- Years Active: 1985 - Present
- Occupations: Rapper, Entrepreneur, Dancer, and Entertainer



- Can't Touch This

## Stop, Hammer Time!

- Let's Dance Like Hammer

## Alternative Rock

It's the other rock music

## Alternative Rock

By 1984, a majority of groups signed to independent record labels were mining from a variety of rock and particularly 1960s rock influences. Alternative bands built underground followings by touring constantly and regularly releasing low-budget albums. In the case of the United States, new bands would form in the wake of previous bands, which created an extensive underground circuit in America, filled with different scenes in various parts of the country.

## Alternative Rock

By 1989 the genre had become popular enough that a package tour toured the United States arena circuit. Early American alternative bands such as R.E.M., The Feelies and Violent Femmes combined punk influences with folk music and mainstream music influences. By the late 1980s, the American alternative scene was dominated by styles ranging from quirky alternative pop to noise rock. By the end of the decade, a number of alternative bands began to sign to major labels. Bands such as R.E.M. and Jane's Addiction achieved gold and platinum records, setting the stage for alternative's later breakthrough.

## R.E.M.



Losing My Religion

## R.E.M.

R.E.M. was an American rock band from Athens, Georgia, formed in 1980 by singer Michael Stipe, guitarist Peter Buck, bassist Mike Mills, and drummer Bill Berry. One of the first popular alternative rock bands, R.E.M. gained early attention because of Buck's ringing, arpeggiated guitar style and Stipe's unclear vocals. In January 1980, Michael Stipe met Peter Buck in Wuxtry Records, the Athens record store where Buck worked. The pair discovered that they shared similar tastes in music, particularly punk rock.

## R.E.M.

Stipe and Buck soon met fellow University of Georgia students Mike Mills and Bill Berry, who had played music together since high school. The quartet agreed to collaborate on several songs; Stipe later commented that "there was never any grand plan behind any of it". Their still-unnamed band spent several months rehearsing and played its first show on April 5, 1980, at a friend's birthday party. After considering names like "Twisted Kites" and "Cans of Piss", the band settled on "R.E.M.", which Stipe selected at random from a dictionary.

## R.E.M.

The band members eventually dropped out of school to focus on their developing group. R.E.M.'s success was almost immediate in Athens and surrounding areas; the band drew progressively larger crowds for shows, which caused some resentment in the Athens music scene. Over the next year and a half, R.E.M. toured throughout the Southern United States. The group had to tour in an old blue van and the band members lived on a food allowance of \$2 a day.

## R.E.M.

The band's debut album, *Murmur*, was greeted with critical acclaim upon its release in 1983, with *Rolling Stone* listing the album as its record of the year. The album reached number 36 on the *Billboard* album chart. R.E.M. made its first national television appearance on *Late Night with David Letterman* in October 1983, during which the group performed a new, unnamed song. The piece, eventually titled "So. Central Rain (I'm Sorry)", became the first single from the band's second album, *Reckoning*.

## R.E.M.

After spending some months off, R.E.M. returned to the studio in 1991 to record its next album. Late in 1992, the band released *Automatic for the People*. The album dealt with themes of loss and mourning inspired by "that sense of ... turning thirty", according to Buck. Several songs featured string arrangements by former Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul Jones. Considered by a number of critics to be the band's best album, *Automatic for the People* reached numbers one and two on UK and US charts, respectively.

## R.E.M.

On September 21, 2011, R.E.M. announced via its website that it was "calling it a day as a band". Stipe said that he hoped fans realized it "wasn't an easy decision": "All things must end, and we wanted to do it right, to do it our way." The band members finished their collaboration by assembling the compilation album *Part Lies, Part Heart, Part Truth, Part Garbage 1982–2011*, which was released in November 2011. In November, Mills and Stipe did a brief span of promotional appearances in British media, ruling out the option of the group ever reuniting.

## R.E.M.

Years Active: 1980 - 2011

Genres: Alternative Rock and College Rock

Members: Bill Berry, Peter Buck, Mike Mills, and Michael Stipe

## R.E.M.



Man on The Moon

It's the End of the World

## They Might Be Giants



Istanbul (not Constantinople)

## TMBG

They Might Be Giants (sometimes abbreviated as TMBG) is an American alternative band formed in 1982 by John Flansburgh and John Linnell. The group is best known for an unconventional and experimental style of alternative music. Over their career, they have found success on the modern rock charts. More recently they have also found success in children's music, and in theme music for several television programs and films. TMBG have released 16 studio albums and have sold over 4 million records.

## TMBG

Linnell and Flansburgh first met as teenagers growing up in Lincoln, Massachusetts. They began writing songs together while attending Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School but didn't form a band at that time. The two attended separate colleges after high school. The two reunited in 1981 after moving to Brooklyn (to the same apartment building on the same day) to continue their career. The band assumed the name of a 1971 film *They Might Be Giants* (starring George C. Scott and Joanne Woodward), which is in turn taken from a Don Quixote passage about how Quixote mistook windmills for evil giants.

## TMBG

The duo began performing their own music in and around New York City — Flansburgh on guitar, Linnell on accordion and saxophone, and accompanied by a drum machine or prerecorded backing track on audio cassette. Their atypical instrumentation, along with their songs which featured unusual subject matter and clever wordplay, soon attracted a strong local following. Their performances also featured absurdly comical stage props such as oversized fezzes and large cardboard cutout heads. Many of these props would later turn up in their first music videos.

## TMBG

The duo released their self-titled debut album in 1986, which became a college radio hit. The video for "Don't Let's Start", filmed in the New York State Pavilion built for the 1964 New York World's Fair in Queens, became a hit on MTV in 1987, earning them a broader following. In 1988, they released their second album, Lincoln, named after the duo's hometown. It featured the song "Ana Ng" which reached No. 11 on the US Modern Rock chart. In 1989, They Might Be Giants signed with Elektra Records, and released their third album Flood the following year. Flood earned them a platinum album.

## TMBG

For most of their career, TMBG have made innovative use of the Internet. As early as 1992, the band was sending news updates to their fans via Usenet newsgroups. In 1999, They Might Be Giants became the first major label recording artist to release an entire album exclusively in mp3 format. The album, Long Tall Weekend is sold through Emusic. More recently, they composed and performed the music for the TLC series Resident Life, the theme song for the Disney Channel program Higglytown Heroes, and songs about the cartoons Dexter's Laboratory and Courage the Cowardly Dog.

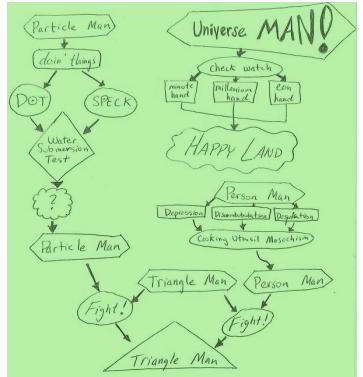
In 2004, the band created one of the first artist-owned online music stores, at which customers could purchase and download MP3 copies of their music, both new releases and many previously released albums. By creating their own store, the band could keep money that would otherwise go to record companies. In December 2012, the band announced that their sixteenth adult studio album, Nanobots, would be released on their Idlewild Recordings label on March 5, 2013 in the US.

## They Might Be Giants

Years Active: 1982 - Present

Genres: Alternative Rock, Indie Rock, and Experimental Rock

Members: John Flansburgh, John Linnell, Dan Miller, Danny Weinkauf, and Marty Beller



Particle Man

## Pop Music in the 80's

### 80's pop music

- The 1980s saw the reinvention of Michael Jackson, the superstardom of Prince, and the emergence of Madonna, who were all arguably the most successful musicians during this time. Their videos became a permanent fixture on MTV and gained a worldwide mass audience.



## New Kids on the Block

### New Kids on the Block

- New Kids on the Block are an American boy band from Boston, Massachusetts, assembled in 1984 by producer Maurice Starr. The band formed when auditions were held around Boston, at which some 500 teenaged boys auditioned. Among them was 15-year-old Donnie Wahlberg, who immediately impressed Starr and Alford with his rapping skills, dancing ability and showmanship, becoming the group's first member.

## New Kids on the Block

- With the final line-up in place Starr rehearsed the boys diligently, after school and on weekends, and eventually secured the group, which was called Nynuk, a recording contract at Columbia Records. The label, however, demanded Starr change the name of the group. Subsequently they settled on New Kids on the Block, after a rap song that Wahlberg had written and arranged for their first album.

## New Kids on the Block

- After the failure of the first album, Starr had the group back in the studio for most of 1987 and 1988 recording their second album. Dissatisfied with the excessively bubblegum sound of their first album, the group wanted to have more input on their look, direction and song material. New Kids on the Block's second album, *Hangin' Tough*, was released to modest fanfare in September, 1988.

## New Kids on the Block

- Sales of *Hangin' Tough* steadily increased as the group's national attention slowly rose. At year's end, the album's first single "You Got It (The Right Stuff)" was released. The song was given a huge boost when MTV took notice of the group and began playing the video in regular rotation. The New Kids hit pay dirt with their next single, "I'll Be Loving You (Forever)", which reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 Singles chart in June 1989.

## New Kids on the Block

- After the group's split in 1994, most of the group members started families and began to venture into other avenues. On November 3, 2010, an official announcement was made that NKOTB and Back Street Boys will be touring together in the summer of 2011, along with Jordin Sparks and Ashlyne Huff. The group, along with Boyz II Men performed on the Boston Strong telethon on May 30, 2013.

## New Kids on the Block

- Years Active: 1984 - Present
- Genres: Pop, Teen Pop, R&B, Hip-Hop, and Dance
- Members: Donnie Wahlberg, Danny Wood, Jordan Knight, Jonathan Knight, and Joey McIntyre



- You got it (the right stuff)

## Prince



## Prince

- Prince Rogers Nelson known by his mononym Prince, is an American singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and actor. He has produced ten platinum albums and thirty Top 40 singles during his career. He has written several hundred songs and produces and records his own music for his own music label. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Prince developed an interest in music at an early age, writing his first song at age seven.

## Prince

- Prince has a wide vocal range and is known for his flamboyant stage presence and costumes. His releases have sold over 100 million copies worldwide. He has won seven Grammy Awards, a Golden Globe, and an Academy Award. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004, the first year he was eligible. Rolling Stone has ranked Prince No. 27 on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. Prince pioneered the "Minneapolis sound", a hybrid mixture of funk, rock, pop, R&B and new wave.

## Prince

- In 1980 Prince released the album, Dirty Mind, which he recorded in his own studio. The album was certified gold and the attendant single "Uptown" reached No. 5 on the Billboard Dance chart and No. 5 on the Hot Soul Singles charts. In late 1982, Prince released a double album, 1999, which sold over three million copies. The title track was a protest against nuclear proliferation and became his first top ten hit in countries outside the U.S.

## Prince

- Prince's 1984 album Purple Rain sold more than thirteen million copies in the U.S. and spent twenty-four consecutive weeks at No.1 on the Billboard 200 chart. The film of the same name won an Academy Award and grossed more than \$80 million in the U.S.

## Prince

- 1993 also marked the year in which Prince changed his stage name to the Love Symbol, which was explained as a combination of the symbols for male and female. Because the symbol had no stated pronunciation, he was often referred to as "The Artist Formerly Known as Prince", as well as "The Artist". On May 16, 2000, Prince ceased using the Love Symbol moniker and returned to using "Prince" again.

## Prince



1999

## Prince

Prince joined the Jehovah's Witnesses in 2001, following a two-year debate with friend and fellow Jehovah's Witness musician Larry Graham. Prince said that he did not consider it a conversion, but a "realization". Prince attended meetings at a local Kingdom Hall and occasionally knocked on people's doors to discuss his faith.

## Prince

- On October 5, Prince put on a show in Paisley park. With two days notice and the only requirement being a \$50 donation at the door, fans filled the venue. Prince was a vegetarian. In 2006 he was voted the "world's sexiest vegetarian" in PETA's annual online poll. The liner notes for his album *Rave Un2 the Joy Fantastic* featured a message about the cruelty involved in wool production. Prince was a supporter of the Minneapolis football team Minnesota Vikings.

## Prince

On April 21, 2016 at 9:43 a.m., the Carver County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call requesting that an ambulance be sent to Prince's home at Paisley Park. There were no signs of suicide or foul play. A press release from the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office in Anoka County on June 2 stated that Prince had died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl, at the age of 57.

# Prince

- Born: June 7, 1958
- Died: April 21, 2016
- Years Active: 1976 - 2016
- Genres: Pop, Rock, Funk, R&B, New Wave, and Synthpop
- Instruments: Vocals, Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, Saxophone, and Harmonica

# Prince



- Purple Rain

# Michael Jackson

The King of Pop



Michael Jackson as he appeared at the height of his solo career

## The Early Years

Michael Joseph Jackson is often referred to by the honorific nickname "King of Pop", or by his initials MJ, Jackson is recognized as the most successful entertainer of all time by Guinness World Records. His contributions to music, dance, and fashion, along with his publicized personal life, made him a global figure in popular culture for over four decades. The eighth child of the Jackson family, he debuted on the professional music scene along with his brothers as a member of The Jackson 5 in 1964, and began his solo career in 1971.

## The Early Years

Michael Jackson was born on August 29, 1958, in Gary, Indiana. He was the eighth of ten children in an African-American working-class family who lived in a 3-room house in Gary, Indiana, an industrial city near Chicago. His mother, Katherine Esther Scruse, was a devout Jehovah's Witness, and his father, Joseph Walter "Joe" Jackson, was a steel mill worker who performed with an R&B band called The Falcons. Jackson had three sisters: Debbie, La Toya, and Janet, and five brothers: Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon, and Randy.



## The Early Years

Jackson had a troubled relationship with his father, Joe. Joseph acknowledged in 2003 that he regularly whipped Jackson as a boy. Jackson stated that he was physically and emotionally abused during incessant rehearsals, though he also credited his father's strict discipline with playing a large role in his success. He admitted that he had often cried from loneliness and he would vomit on the sight of his father. Jackson's father was also said to have verbally abused Jackson, saying that he had a fat nose on numerous occasions. Michael's tendencies to remain childlike throughout his adult life are in many ways consistent with the effects of this chronic maltreatment he endured as a young child.

## Jackson 5

In 1964, Michael and Marlon joined the Jackson Brothers—a band formed by brothers Jackie, Tito, and Jermaine—as backup musicians playing congas and tambourine. Jackson later began performing backup vocals and dancing. When he was eight, Jackson began sharing the lead vocals with his older brother Jermaine, and the group's name was changed to The Jackson 5. The band toured the Midwest extensively from 1966 to 1968, frequently performing at a string of black clubs known as the "chitlin' circuit", where they often opened stripteases and other adult acts.

## The Jackson 5



ABC

## Jackson 5

The Jackson 5 "became a cutting-edge example of black crossover artists... five working-class black boys with afros and bell bottoms, and they really didn't have to trade any of that stuff in order to become mainstream stars." The group's sales began declining in 1973, and the band members chafed under Motown's strict refusal to allow them creative control or input. Although they scored several top 40 hits, the Jackson 5 left Motown in 1975.

## Michael Jackson - Thriller

Thriller is the sixth studio album by American recording artist Michael Jackson. It was released on November 30, 1982, by Epic Records. Recording sessions took place between April and November 1982 at Westlake Recording Studios in Los Angeles, California, with a production budget of \$750,000, assisted by producer Quincy Jones. Of the nine tracks on the album, four of them were written by Jackson himself. Sales are estimated by various sources as being between 51 and 65 million copies worldwide. The album won a record-breaking eight Grammy Awards in 1984, including for Album of the Year.

## Michael Jackson - Thriller

Thriller enabled Jackson to break down racial barriers in pop music via his appearances on MTV and meeting with President of the United States Ronald Reagan at the White House. The album was one of the first to use music videos as successful promotional tools. In 2001, a special edition issue of the album was released, which contains additional audio interviews and a demo recording. In 2008, the album was reissued again as Thriller 25, containing re-mixes that feature contemporary artists, a previously unreleased song, and a DVD.



Thriller

## Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

On January 27, 1984, Michael and other members of the Jacksons filmed a Pepsi Cola commercial. In front of a full house of fans during a simulated concert, pyrotechnics accidentally set Jackson's hair on fire. He suffered second-degree burns to his scalp. Jackson underwent treatment to hide the scars on his scalp, and he also had his third rhinoplasty shortly thereafter. Jackson never recovered from this injury. Pepsi settled out of court, and Jackson donated his \$1.5 million settlement to the Brothman Medical Center, which now has a "Michael Jackson Burn Center" in honor of his donation.

## Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow



Caught On Film

## Changes in Appearance

Jackson's skin had been a medium-brown color for the entire duration of his youth, but starting in the mid-1980s, his skin gradually grew paler. The change gained widespread media coverage, including rumors that he might be bleaching his skin. In 1986, Jackson was diagnosed with vitiligo and lupus; the vitiligo partially lightened his skin, and the lupus was in remission; both illnesses made him sensitive to sunlight. The treatments he used for his condition further lightened his skin tone, and, with the application of pancake makeup to even out blotches, he could appear very pale.

## Mid 1980's



## Michael Jackson - Bad

The Bad album spawned seven hit singles in the U.S., five of which reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 charts. This was a record for most number one Hot 100 singles from any one album, including Thriller. Although the title track's video was arguably derivative of the video for the earlier single "Beat It", the "Bad" video still proved to be one of Jackson's iconic moments. It was a gritty but colorful epic set against the backdrop of the New York City Subway system, with costuming and choreography inspired by West Side Story.



MICHAEL JACKSON

Smooth Criminal

Bad

## Child Abuse Allegations

In the summer of 1993, Jackson was accused of child sexual abuse by a 13-year-old boy named Jordan Chandler. The Chandler family demanded payment from Jackson, and the singer initially refused. Jordan Chandler eventually told the police that Jackson had sexually abused him. After a long legal battle, both parties eventually settled out of court. The out-of-court settlement's documentation specifically stated Jackson admitted no wrongdoing and no liability; the Chandlers and their family lawyer, Larry Feldman, signed it without contest.

## Marriage

In May 1994, Jackson married the daughter of Elvis Presley, Lisa Marie Presley. According to a friend of Presley's, "their adult friendship began in November 1992 in L.A." They stayed in contact every day over the telephone. As the child molestation accusations became public, Jackson became dependent on Presley for emotional support; she was concerned about his faltering health and addiction to drugs. The marriage lasted less than two years and ended with an amicable divorce settlement.

## Michael and Lisa Marie



## Fatherhood

In 1997, Jackson married his longtime friend Deborah Jeanne Rowe. Rowe was approximately six months pregnant with the couple's first child at the time. Michael Joseph Jackson Jr (commonly known as Prince) was born on February 13, 1997; his sister Paris-Michael Katherine Jackson was born a year later on April 3, 1998. The couple divorced in 1999, and Jackson got full custody of the children. In 2002, Jackson's third child, Prince Michael Jackson II (nicknamed "Blanket") was born. The mother's identity is unknown, but Jackson has said the child was the result of artificial insemination from a surrogate mother and his own sperm.

## Fatherhood



## Foreclosure

In March 2006, the main house at the Neverland Ranch, Michael Jackson's home, was closed as a cost-cutting measure. There were numerous reports around that time that Jackson was having financial problems. Jackson had been delinquent on his repayments of a \$270 million loan secured against his music publishing holdings, even though those holdings were reportedly making him as much as \$75 million a year. Bank of America sold the debt to Fortress Investments.

## The King Has Fallen

On June 25, 2009, Jackson died while in his bed at his rented mansion at 100 North Carolwood Drive in the Holmby Hills district of Los Angeles. Attempts at resuscitating him by Conrad Murray, his personal physician, were unsuccessful. He was pronounced dead at 2:26 local time. Jackson's death triggered a global outpouring of grief. Jackson's memorial was held on July 7, 2009, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, preceded by a private family service at Forest Lawn Memorial Park's Hall of Liberty. Because of the high demand, organizers of the service fashioned a lottery style distribution method to give out tickets to members of the public.

## The King Has Fallen

On June 25, 2010, the first anniversary of Jackson's death, fans traveled to Los Angeles to pay their tribute to him. They visited Jackson's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and his family's home, as well as Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Many of the fans were carrying sunflowers and other tribute items to drop off at the sites. Members of the Jackson family and close friends arrived to pay their respects. The Jackson Family Foundation presented "Forever Michael", an event bringing together Jackson family members, celebrities, fans, supporters and the community to celebrate and honor his legacy.

## Michael Jackson

Born: August 29, 1958

Died: June 25, 2009

Years Active: 1964 - 2009

Genres: Pop, Rock, Soul, and R&B



The Way You Make Me Feel

## Culture and Music

Which Came First?

## Walkman



## Walkman

Walkman is a Sony brand name originally used for portable audio cassette players. The original Walkman introduced a change in music listening habits by allowing people to carry music with them and listen to music through lightweight headphones. The prototype was built in 1978 by audio-division engineer Nobutoshi Kihara for Sony co-chairman Akio Morita, who wanted to be able to listen to operas during his frequent trans-Pacific plane trips.

## Walkman

The metal-cased blue-and-silver Walkman TPS-L2, the world's first low-cost portable stereo, went on sale in Japan on July 1, 1979. In June 1980, it was introduced in the U.S. Also launched in the UK in 1980, it came with stereo playback and two mini headphone jacks, permitting two people to listen at the same time (though it came with only one pair of MDR-3L2 headphones). After 2000, cassette-based Walkman products (and their clones) were approaching technological obsolescence as the cassette format was gradually phased out.

## Walkman

Every five years since the Walkman personal stereo was born in 1979 until 1999, Sony would celebrate by coming out with an anniversary cassette model on July 1st. Each anniversary model carries a different theme while retaining some characteristics of previous anniversary models. Today, the Walkman Core is a digital audio player available in capacities of 1 GB and 512 MB. Features include a 3-Line electroluminescence display, battery rated to hold a 50 hour playback life, and the ability to play MP3 audio formats.

## Walkman



The “All New” Sony Walkman

## Nintendo

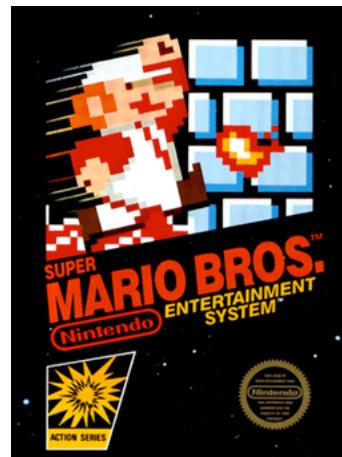


## Nintendo

The Nintendo Entertainment System (also abbreviated as NES) is an 8-bit video game console that was developed and manufactured by Nintendo. It was initially released in Japan as the Family Computer. The best-selling gaming console of its time, the NES helped revitalize the US video game industry following the video game crash of 1983, and set the standard for subsequent consoles of its generation. With the NES, Nintendo introduced a now-standard business model of licensing third-party developers, authorizing them to produce and distribute titles for Nintendo's platform.

## NES

For its complete North American release, the Nintendo Entertainment System was progressively released over the ensuing years in four different bundles: the Deluxe Set, the Control Deck, the Action Set and the Power Set. The Deluxe Set, retailing at US\$199.99, included R.O.B., a light gun called the NES Zapper, two controllers, and two Game Paks: Gyromite, and Duck Hunt. The Basic Set, retailing at US\$89.99 with no game, and US\$99.99 bundled with "Super Mario Bros." The Action Set, retailing in 1988 for US\$149.99, came with the Control Deck, two game controllers, an NES Zapper, and a dual Game Pack containing both Super Mario Bros. and Duck Hunt.



[Super Fast Super Mario](#)

## NES

There were many prominent game franchises that originated on the NES. The system's hardware limitations led to game design similarities that still influence video game design and culture. Some of the more important franchises that debuted on the NES were Nintendo's own Super Mario Bros., The Legend of Zelda and Metroid, Capcom's Mega Man franchise, Konami's Castlevania franchise, Square's Final Fantasy and Enix's Dragon Quest franchises. All of these still exist today.

## Take On Me

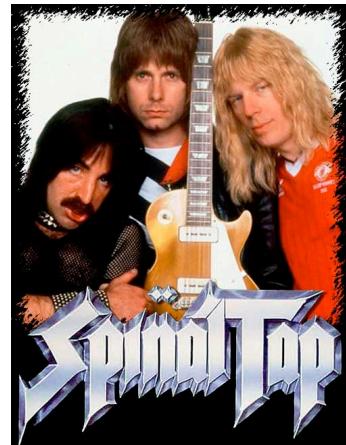
"Take on Me" is a song by the Norwegian synthpop band A-Ha. Written by the band members, the song was produced by Alan Tarney for the group's first studio album Hunting High and Low, released in 1985. The song combines synthpop with a varied instrumentation that includes acoustic guitars, keyboards, and drums. In the United States, the song reached the top position of the Billboard Hot 100 in October 1985, due in no small part to the wide exposure of its memorable and cutting-edge music video on MTV.

## Take On Me

The first release of "Take on Me" in 1984 includes a completely different recording, and was featured in the first video, which shows the band singing with a blue background. The second video was directed by Steve Barron, and filmed at Kim's Café and on a sound stage in London, in 1985. The video used a pencil-sketch animation / live-action combination called rotoscoping, in which the live-action footage is traced-over frame by frame to give the characters realistic movements. Approximately 3,000 frames were rotoscoped, which took 16 weeks to complete.



[Take On Me](#)



[These Guys go to "11"](#)

## Spinal Tap

Spinal Tap is a parody heavy metal band that first appeared on a failed 1979 ABC TV sketch comedy pilot called The T.V. Show, starring Rob Reiner. The sketch, actually a mock promotional video for the song "Rock and Roll Nightmare," was written by Reiner and the band, and included songwriter/performer Loudon Wainwright III on keyboards. Later the band became the fictional subject of the 1984 rockumentary/mockumentary film *This Is Spinal Tap*. In the years following the film's release, the actors have portrayed the band members at concerts and released music under the Spinal Tap name.

## Spinal Tap

Although the 1984 film portrays the band hailing from the United Kingdom, all three actors who play the principal band members were actually born in the United States. Fans of Spinal Tap have assembled details about the band based on fictional film, albums, concerts, and related promotional material, including a discography and a list of the band's former members. Spinal Tap's fictional history includes a succession of drummers, all of whom are said to have died in strange circumstances: one in a "bizarre gardening accident", another "choked on vomit, but not his own vomit", and two from "spontaneous human combustion" onstage.

## Spinal Tap

On April 6, 2009, the band announced a one-date "world tour," performing at London's Wembley Arena on June 30, 2009. Support on this night came from The Folksmen. The band unexpectedly also self-confirmed for Glastonbury Festival 2009 during an online interview on May 8, 2009 in the Philadelphia Daily News following a "Unwigged and Unplugged" show in the city. In November 2012, it was announced the band members would be reuniting for a new BBC show co-written by Tap star Christopher Guest, called Family Tree.

## Spinal Tap

Years Active: 1979 - Present

Genres: Heavy Metal, Hard Rock, Comedy Rock

Members: David St. Hubbins, Nigel Tufnel, Derek Smalls, "Caucasian" Jeffery Vanston, Gregg Bissonette



[Guitar Collection](#)

[Tonight I'm Gonna Rock You Tonight](#)

## ALF



## ALF

ALF follows a ham radio signal to Earth and crash-lands into the garage of the Tanners. Unsure what to do, the Tanners take ALF into their home and hide him from the Alien Task Force (a part of the U.S. military that specializes in aliens) and their nosy neighbors Trevor and Raquel Ochmonek (John LaMotta and Liz Sheridan), until he can repair his spacecraft. He generally hides in the kitchen. It is eventually revealed that ALF's home planet Melmac exploded because of a catastrophe involving a nuclear war. The alien was a gardener on his planet.

## ALF

ALF is an American science fiction/fantasy sitcom that aired on NBC from September 22, 1986 to March 24, 1990. It was the first television series to be presented in Dolby Surround sound system. The title character is a friendly extraterrestrial nicknamed ALF (an acronym for Alien Life Form), who crash lands in the garage of the suburban middle-class Tanner family. ALF originally ran for four seasons and produced 99 episodes, including three one-hour episodes which were divided into two parts for syndication totaling 102 episodes.



ALF

## 1980's Country Rock

It's a sad, sad song

## Country



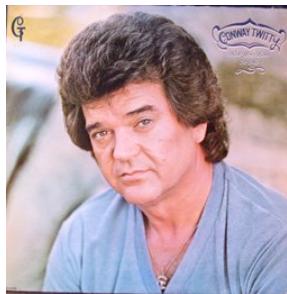
## Country

As the 1980s dawned, pop-influenced country music was the dominant style of country. The 1980 movie *Urban Cowboy*, a romantic comedy starring John Travolta and Debra Winger, spawned a successful soundtrack album featuring pop-style country songs. The album, and the movie itself, resulted in an early 1980s boom in pop-style country music, and the era is sometimes known as the "Urban Cowboy Movement". By the mid-1980s, country music audiences were beginning to tire of country pop. By 1985, a New York Times article declared country music "dead".

## Country

The year 1986 brought forth several new artists who performed in traditional country styles, such as honky-tonk. This sparked the "new traditionalist" movement, or return to traditional country music. Vocal duos were also popular, at this time, because of their harmonies. Country music groups and bands continued to rise in popularity during the 1980s. By the end of the 1980s, the group Alabama had sold more than 24 million albums in the United States.

## Pop Culture



Ladies and Gentlemen... Conway Twitty

## Ricky Skaggs



## Ricky Skaggs

Ricky Lee Skaggs was born in Cordell, Kentucky. He started playing music at age 5 after he was given a mandolin by his father, Hobert. At age 6, he played mandolin and sang on stage with Bill Monroe. At age 7, he appeared on television's Martha White country music variety show, playing with Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs. He also wanted to audition for the Grand Ole Opry at that time, but was told he was too young. In his mid-teens, Skaggs met a fellow teen prodigy, guitarist Keith Whitley, and the two started playing together with Whitley's banjoist brother Dwight on radio shows.

## Ricky Skaggs

Skaggs later joined The Country Gentlemen in Washington, DC, J. D. Crowe's New South. For a few years, Skaggs was a member of Emmylou Harris's Hot Band. He wrote the arrangements for Harris's 1980 bluegrass-roots album, *Roses in the Snow*. In addition to arranging for Harris, Skaggs sang harmony and played mandolin and fiddle in the Hot Band. Into the 1990s and 2000s, Skaggs has embraced his bluegrass roots, as well as experimenting with new sounds. With his band, Kentucky Thunder, he is a perennial winner of Grammy Awards and International Bluegrass Music Association for best bluegrass album.

## Ricky Skaggs

Born: July 18, 1954

Years Active: 1960's - Present

Genres: Country, Bluegrass, Gospel, Folk

Instruments: Mandolin, Guitar, Banjo, Fiddle, Vocals

## Ricky Scaggs

Shady Grove

Bluegrass  
Breakdown



## Dwight Yoakam



## Dwight Yoakam

Dwight David Yoakam is an American singer-songwriter, actor and film director, most famous for his pioneering country music. Popular since the early 1980s, he has recorded more than 21 albums and compilations, charted more than 30 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, and sold more than 25 million records. Yoakam has recorded 5 Billboard #1 Albums, 12 Gold Albums, and 9 Platinum Albums. Yoakam is also the most frequent musical guest in the history of The Tonight Show.

## Dwight Yoakam

Yoakam was born in Pikeville, Kentucky but was raised in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Columbus's Northland High School in 1974. During his high school years, he excelled in both music and drama, regularly securing the lead role in school plays. Yoakam briefly attended Ohio State University, but dropped out and moved to Nashville in 1977 with the intent of becoming a recording artist. Later on, Ohio Valley University in Parkersburg, West Virginia awarded and presented Dwight with an honorary doctorate degree on May 7, 2005.

## Dwight Yoakam

When he began his career, Nashville was oriented toward pop "urban cowboy" music, and Yoakam's brand of hip honky tonk music was not considered marketable. Not making much headway in Nashville, Yoakam moved to Los Angeles and worked towards bringing his particular brand of new Honky Tonk or "Hillbilly" music (as he called it) forward into the 1980s. Writing all his own songs, and continuing to perform mostly outside traditional country music channels, Yoakam did many shows in rock and punk rock clubs around Los Angeles, playing with roots rock or punk rock acts.

## Dwight Yoakam

Yoakam's recording debut was the self-financed EP Guitars, Cadillacs, Etc., Etc. on independent label Oak Records produced by lead-guitarist Pete Anderson; this was later re-released by Reprise records, with several additional tracks, as his major-label debut LP, 1986's Guitars, Cadillacs, Etc., Etc.. It launched his career. The follow-up LP, Hillbilly Deluxe, was just as successful. His third LP, Buenas Noches from a Lonely Room, included his first No. 1, a duet with his musical idol, Buck Owens, on "Streets of Bakersfield".

## Dwight Yoakam

In the 21st century, Yoakam released dwightyoakamacoustic.net, an album featuring solo acoustic versions of many of his hits; left his major label and started his own label. In July 2011, Yoakam resigned with Warner Bros. Nashville and announced plans to release a new album. 3 Pears was released on September 18, 2012 with twelve new tracks. The album, produced by Yoakam, includes collaborations with Kid Rock and Beck. By the end of 2012, the album was named on annual best of lists by NPR, Rolling Stone, and Entertainment Weekly.

# Dwight Yoakam

Born: October 23, 1956

Years Active: 1984 - Present

Genres: Country, Country-Rock

Instruments: Guitar, Vocals



Guitars and Cadillacs



## Metallica

Metallica is an American heavy metal band from Los Angeles, California. The band's fast tempos, instrumentals, and aggressive musicianship placed them as one of the founding "big four" of heavy metal. Metallica has released nine studio albums, four live albums, five extended plays, 25 music videos, and 37 singles. The band has won nine Grammy Awards, and has had five consecutive albums debut at number one on the Billboard 200, making Metallica the first band to do so.

## Metallica

Metallica was formed in Los Angeles, California, in late 1981 when drummer Lars Ulrich placed an advertisement in a Los Angeles newspaper—The Recycler—which read "Drummer looking for other metal musicians to jam with". The band was officially formed in October 1981, five months after Ulrich and Hetfield first met. A second advertisement was placed in The Recycler for a position as lead guitarist. Dave Mustaine answered, and after seeing his expensive guitar equipment, Ulrich and Hetfield recruited him. In early 1982, Metallica recorded its first original song "Hit the Lights" for the Metal Massacre I compilation.

## Metallica

In May 1983, Metallica traveled to Rochester, New York, to record its debut album, *Kill 'Em All*. Released on Megaforce Records in the United States and Music for Nations in Europe, the album peaked at number 120 on the Billboard 200 in 1988, and although the album was not initially a financial success, it earned Metallica a growing fan base in the underground metal scene. Metallica recorded its second studio album, *Ride the Lightning*, at Sweet Silence Studios in Copenhagen, Denmark. Released in August 1984, the album reached number 100 on the Billboard 200.



[Fade to Black](#)

## Metallica

On September 27, 1986, during the European leg of Metallica's Damage, Inc. Tour, members drew cards to see which bunk of the tour bus they would sleep in. Bassist Cliff Burton won and chose to sleep in Hammett's bunk. Around dawn near Dörarp, Sweden, the bus driver lost control and skidded, which caused the bus to flip several times. Ulrich, Hammett, and Hetfield sustained no serious injuries; however, bassist Burton was pinned under the bus and was killed. Hetfield recalls, "I saw the bus lying right on him. I saw his legs sticking out. I freaked."

## Metallica

Metallica's third studio album, *Master of Puppets*, was recorded at Sweet Silence Studios and was released in March 1986. The album reached number 29 on the *Billboard* 200, and spent 72 weeks on the chart. The album was the band's first to be certified gold on November 4, 1986, and was certified six times platinum in 2003. Steve Huey of Allmusic considered the album "the band's greatest achievement". Following the release of the album, Metallica supported Ozzy Osbourne for a United States tour.

## Metallica

Burton's death left Metallica's future in doubt. The three remaining members decided that Burton would want them to carry on, and with the Burton family's blessings, the band sought a replacement. The members decided that Jason Newsted was the one to replace Burton. The members took it on themselves to "initiate" Newsted by tricking him into eating a ball of wasabi.

## Metallica

...And Justice for All, the band's first studio album since Burton's death, was released in 1988. The album was a commercial success, reaching number six on the Billboard 200, the band's first album to enter the top 10. The album was certified platinum nine weeks after its release. Newsted's bass was purposely turned down on the album as a part of the continuous "hazing" he received, and his musical ideas were ignored. Following the release of ...And Justice for All, Metallica released its debut music video for the song "One".



One

## Metallica

In 1989, Metallica received its first Grammy Award nomination for ...And Justice for All, in the new Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance Vocal or Instrument category. Metallica was the favorite to win; however, the award was given to Jethro Tull for the album Crest of a Knave. The result generated controversy among fans and the press, as Metallica was standing off-stage waiting to receive the award after performing the song "One". Jethro Tull had been advised by its manager not to attend the ceremony as he was expecting Metallica to win. The award was named in Entertainment Weekly's "Grammy's 10 Biggest Upsets".

## Metallica

In October 1990, Metallica entered One on One studio in North Hollywood to record its next album. Bob Rock, who had worked with the bands such as Aerosmith, The Cult, Bon Jovi, and Mötley Crüe, was hired as the producer. Metallica (also known as The Black Album) was remixed three times, cost \$1 million, and ended three marriages. Although the release was stalled until 1991, Metallica debuted at number one in ten countries, selling 650,000 units in the United States during its first week. The album was responsible for bringing Metallica to the attention of the mainstream and has been certified 16 times platinum in the United States.



[Enter Sandman](#)

## Metallica

In 1998, Metallica compiled a double album of cover songs titled Garage Inc. The first disc contained newly recorded covers of songs by bands such as Diamond Head, Killing Joke, the Misfits, Thin Lizzy, Mercyful Fate, and Black Sabbath. The second disc featured the original The \$5.98 E.P.: Garage Days Re-Revisited, which had become a scarce collectors' item. The album entered the Billboard 200 at number two.



[Turn The Page - Bob Seger](#)

[Turn The Page - Metallica](#)

## Metallica

As plans were being made to enter the recording studio, Newsted left the band on January 17, 2001. His statement revealed his departure was based on "private and personal reasons, and the physical damage I have done to myself over the years while playing the music that I love." Once the record, St. Anger was completed, in early 2003, the band started to hold auditions for Newsted's permanent replacement. Following three months of auditions, Robert Trujillo, formerly of Suicidal Tendencies and Ozzy Osbourne's band, was chosen as the new bassist.

## Metallica

In June 2003, Metallica's eighth studio album, St. Anger, debuted at number one on the Billboard 200, and drew mixed reactions from critics. Ulrich's "steely" sounding snare drum, and the absence of guitar solos received particular criticism. Brent DiCrescenzo of Pitchfork Media described it as "an utter mess". However, the title track, "St. Anger", won the Grammy Award for Best Metal Performance in 2004, and was used as the official theme song for WWE's SummerSlam 2003.



St. Anger

## Metallica

On January 14, 2009, it was announced that Metallica would be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on April 4, 2009, and that former bassist Jason Newsted (who left the band in 2001), would perform with the band at the ceremony. Initially, it was announced that the matter had been discussed, and that bassist Trujillo had agreed not to play, as he "wanted to see the Black Album band". However, during the band's set of "Master of Puppets" and "Enter Sandman", both Trujillo and Newsted were on stage. Ray Burton, father of the late Cliff Burton, accepted the honor on his behalf.

## Metallica

In a recent interview, Lars Ulrich stated that "2014 will be all about making a new Metallica record", and that the album will most likely be released during 2015. Kirk Hammett and Robert Trujillo later confirmed the band's intention to head to the studio, telling Postmedia "We're going to make another album next year." On June 8, 2013, the band played under the fake-name "Dehaan" at the Orion Music + More festival in Detroit, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Kill 'Em All.

# Metallica

Years Active: 1981 - Present

Genres: Heavy Metal, Speed Metal, Rock

Current Members: James Hetfield, Lars Ulrich, Robert Trujillo, and Kirk Hammett



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