

Eagles (band)

The **Eagles** are an American rock band formed in Los Angeles in 1971. The founding members were Glenn Frey (lead guitar, lead vocals), Don Henley (drums, lead vocals), Bernie Leadon (guitars, vocals) and Randy Meisner (bass guitar, vocals). With five number-one singles, six Grammy Awards, five American Music Awards, and six number-one albums, the Eagles were one of the most successful musical acts of the 1970s. At the end of the 20th century, two of their albums, *Their Greatest Hits (1971–1975)* and *Hotel California*, were ranked among the 20 best-selling albums in the United States according to the Recording Industry Association of America. *Hotel California* is ranked 37th in *Rolling Stone's* list of "The 500 Greatest Albums of All Time" and the band was ranked number 75 on the magazine's 2004 list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.^[1]

The Eagles are one of the world's best-selling bands of all time having sold more than 150 million records^[2]—100 million in the U.S. alone—including 42 million copies of *Their Greatest Hits (1971–1975)* and 32 million copies of *Hotel California*. *Their Greatest Hits (1971–1975)* was the best selling album of the 20th century in the U.S.^[3] They are the fifth-highest-selling music act and the highest-selling American band in U.S. history

The band released their debut album, *Eagles*, in 1972, which spawned three top 40 singles: "Take It Easy," "Witchy Woman," and "Peaceful Easy Feeling." Their next album, *Desperado* (1973), was less successful than the first, only reaching number 41 on the charts; neither of its singles reached the top 40. However, the album does contain what would go on to be two of the band's most popular tracks: "Desperado" and "Tequila Sunrise." The band released *On the Border* in 1974, adding guitarist Don Felder as the fifth member midway through the recording of the album. The album generated two top 40 singles: "Already Gone" and their first number one, "Best of My Love."

Their 1975 album *One of These Nights* included three top 10 singles: "One of These Nights," "Lyin' Eyes," and "Take It to the Limit," the first hitting the top of the charts. Guitarist and vocalist Joe Walsh also joined the band in 1975 replacing Leadon. The Eagles continued that success and hit their commercial peak in late 1976 with the release of *Hotel California*, which would go on to sell more than 16 million copies in the U.S. alone and more than 32 million copies worldwide.

The album yielded two number-one singles, "New Kid in Town" and "Hotel California." Meisner left the band in 1977 and was replaced by Timothy B. Schmit. They released their last studio album for nearly 28 years in 1979 with *The Long Run*, which spawned three top 10 singles: "Heartache Tonight," "The Long Run," and "I Can't Tell You Why," the lead single being another chart-topping hit.

Eagles



The Eagles in 2008 during their Long Road Out of Eden Tour (left to right): Glenn Frey, Don Henley, Joe Walsh, Timothy B. Schmit (behind them is touring drummer Scott F. Crago)

Background information

Origin	Los Angeles, California, United States
Genres	Rock · country rock · soft rock
Years active	1971–1980 · 1994–2016 · 2017–present
Labels	Asylum · Geffen · Polydor · Lost Highway
Associated acts	Linda Ronstadt · J. D. Souther · Jackson Browne · James Gang · Barnstorm · Poco · Longbranch Pennywhistle
Website	eagles.com
Members	Don Henley Joe Walsh Timothy B. Schmit
Past members	Glenn Frey Bernie Leadon Randy Meisner Don Felder

Eurythmics

Eurythmics were a British music duo consisting of members Annie Lennox and David A. Stewart. Stewart and Lennox were both previously in the band The Tourists (originally known as The Catch), who split up in 1980; Eurythmics were formed that year in London. The duo released their first album, *In the Garden*, in 1981 to little fanfare, but went on to achieve global success with their second album *Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)*, released in 1983. The title track was a worldwide hit, topping the charts in various countries including the US. The duo went on to release a string of hit singles and albums before they split up in 1990. By this time Stewart was a sought-after record producer, while Lennox began a solo recording career in 1992 with her debut album *Diva*. After almost a decade apart, Eurythmics reunited to record their ninth album, *Peace*, released in late 1999. They reunited again in 2005 to release the single "I've Got a Life", as part of a new Eurythmics compilation album, *Ultimate Collection*

The duo have won an MTV Video Music Award for Best New Artist in 1984, the Grammy Award for Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal in 1987, the Brit Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music in 1999, and in 2005 were inducted into the UK Music Hall of Fame. Eurythmics have sold an estimated 75 million records worldwide.^[2] In 2017, the group was nominated for induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame^[3]

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Eurythmics



Eurythmics at Rock am Ring in Nürburgring, Nürburg, Germany, 1987

Background information

Origin	London, England, United Kingdom ^[1]
Genres	Synthpop · new wave · dance rock
Years active	1980–1990 · 1999–2005 · (one-off reunion: 2014)
Labels	Arista · RCA · Sony BMG
Associated acts	The Catch · The Tourists
Website	eurythmics.com
Past members	Annie Lennox <p>David A. Stewart</p>

Neil Diamond

Neil Leslie Diamond (born January 24, 1941) is an American singer-songwriter, musician and actor. One of the world's best-selling artists of all time, he has sold over 135 million records worldwide since the start of his career in the 1960s.^[1] With 38 songs in the Top 10, he is the second most successful artist in the history of the *Billboard* Adult Contemporary Top 10 charts.^[2] His songs have been covered internationally by performers from a variety of musical genres.

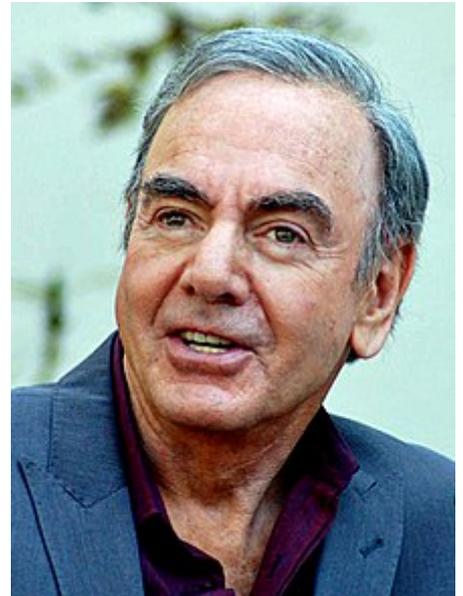
Diamond was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1984 and into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2011. Additionally, he received the Sammy Cahn Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000 and in 2011 was an honoree at Kennedy Center. On the Hot 100 and Adult Contemporary charts, he has had eleven No. 1 singles: "Cracklin' Rosie", "Song Sung Blue", "Longfellow Serenade", "I've Been This Way Before", "If You Know What I Mean", "Desiree", "You Don't Bring Me Flowers", "America", "Yesterday's Songs", "Heartlight".

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Early life and education

Diamond was born in Brooklyn, New York, to a Jewish family descended from Russian and Polish immigrants. His parents were Rose (née Rapaport) and Akeeba "Kieve" Diamond, a dry-goods merchant.^{[3][4]} He grew up in several homes in Brooklyn, having also spent four years in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where his father was stationed in the army.^[5] In Brooklyn he attended Erasmus Hall High School^[6] and was a member of the Freshman Chorus and Choral Club along with classmate Barbra Streisand^{[4]:155} They were not close friends at the time, Diamond recalls: "We were two poor kids in Brooklyn. We hung out in the front of Erasmus High and smoked cigarettes."^[7] After his family moved he then attended Abraham Lincoln High School^{[8][9]} and was a member of the fencing team.^[5] For his 16th birthday he received his first guitar^[10]

Neil Diamond

Diamond in August 2012

Background information

Birth name	Neil Leslie Diamond
Born	January 24, 1941 <div>Brooklyn, New York, U.S.</div>
Genres	Pop · rock · folk · country · soft rock
Occupation(s)	Singer-songwriter · musician · actor
Instruments	Vocals · guitar
Years active	1962–present
Labels	Bang · Uni · MCA · Columbia · Capitol(US) · Virgin EMI(UK)
Website	neildiamond.com

Simon & Garfunkel

Simon & Garfunkel were an American folk rock duo consisting of singer-songwriter Paul Simon and singer Art Garfunkel. They were one of the best-selling music groups of the 1960s and became counterculture icons of the decade's social revolution, alongside artists such as the Beatles, the Beach Boys, and Bob Dylan. Their biggest hits—including "The Sound of Silence" (1964), "Mrs. Robinson" (1968), "The Boxer" (1969), and "Bridge over Troubled Water" (1970)—reached number one on singles charts worldwide.

Their often rocky relationship led to artistic disagreements, which resulted in their breakup in 1970. Their final studio record, *Bridge over Troubled Water* (released in January of that year), was their most successful, becoming one of the world's best-selling albums. Since their split in 1970 they have reunited several times, most famously in 1981 for "The Concert in Central Park", which attracted more than 500,000 people, the seventh-largest concert attendance in history^[2]

The duo met as teenagers in Queens, New York, in 1953, where they learned to harmonize together and began writing original material. By 1957, under the name Tom & Jerry, the teenagers had their first minor success with "Hey Schoolgirl", a song imitating their idols The Everly Brothers. Afterwards, the duo went their separate ways, with Simon making unsuccessful solo records. In 1963, aware of a growing public interest in folk music, they regrouped and were signed to Columbia Records as Simon & Garfunkel. Their début, *Wednesday Morning, 3 A.M.*, sold poorly, and they once again disbanded; Simon returned to a solo career, this time in England. In June 1965, their song "The Sound of Silence" was overdubbed, adding electric guitar and a drumkit to the original 1964 recording. This later version became a major U.S. AM radio hit in 1965, reaching number one on the Billboard Hot 100.

They reunited, releasing their second studio album *Sounds of Silence* and touring colleges nationwide. On their third release, *Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme* (1966), the duo assumed more creative control. Their music was featured in the 1967 film *The Graduate*, giving them further exposure. *Bookends* (1968), their next album, topped the Billboard 200 chart^[3] and included the number-one single "Mrs. Robinson" from the film.

After their 1970 breakup following the release of *Bridge over Troubled Water*, they both continued recording, Simon releasing a number of highly acclaimed albums, including 1986's *Graceland*.^[4] Garfunkel also briefly pursued an acting career, with leading roles in two Mike Nichols films, *Catch-22* and *Carnal Knowledge*, and in Nicolas Roeg's 1980 *Bad Timing*, as well as releasing some solo hits such as "All I Know".

Simon & Garfunkel won 10 Grammy Awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990, and their *Bridge over Troubled Water* album was nominated at the 1977 Brit Awards for Best International Album.^[5] It is ranked at number 51 on Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Albums of All Time.^[6] Richie Unterberger described them as "the most successful folk-rock duo of the 1960s" and one of the most popular artists from the decade in general.^[1]

Simon & Garfunkel



Art Garfunkel (L) and Paul Simon (R) performing in Dublin, 1982

Background information

Origin	Forest Hills, Queens, New York City, U.S.
Genres	Folk rock ^[1]
Years active	1956–1970 <p>Reunions:</p> 1972, 1975-1977, 1981–1984, 1990, 1993, 2003–2005, 2007–2010
Labels	Columbia
Website	simonandgarfunkel.com
Past members	Paul Simon <p>Art Garfunkel</p>

Sonny & Cher

Sonny & Cher were an American duo of entertainers made up of husband-and-wife Sonny Bono and Cher in the 1960s and 1970s. The couple started their career in the mid-1960s as R&B backing singers for record producer Phil Spector.

The pair first achieved fame with two hit songs in 1965, "Baby Don't Go" and "I Got You Babe". Signing with Atco/Atlantic Records, they released three studio albums in the late 1960s, as well as the soundtrack recordings for two unsuccessful movies, *Good Times*^[1] and *Chastity*, with Cher contributing vocals to one cut, "Chastity's Song (Band of Thieves)"^[2] In 1972, after three years of silence, the couple returned to the studio and released two other albums under the MCA/Kapp Records label.

In the 1970s, they also positioned themselves as media personalities with two top ten TV shows in the US, *The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour* and *The Sonny & Cher Show*. The couple's career as a duo ended in 1975 following their divorce. In the decade they spent together, Sonny and Cher sold over 40 million records worldwide^[3]

Performing under her first name, Cher went on to a highly successful career as a solo singer and actress, while Sonny Bono was eventually elected to Congress as a Republican U.S. Representative from California. The two performers were inducted to the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1998, following Sonny's death in a skiing accident.

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Sonny & Cher



Publicity photo of Sonny & Cher, 1971

Background information

Origin	United States
Genres	Pop · pop rock · folk · rock
Years active	1964–1977 (13 years) <p>1987 (one-off reunion)</p>
Labels	Vault (1964) <p>Reprise (1964–1965)</p> <p>Atco/Atlantic (1965–1967)</p> <p>MCA/Kapp (1971–1974)</p> <p>Warner Bros. (1977)</p>
Associated acts	Cher (solo career)
Past members	Sonny Bono (deceased) <p>Cher</p>