



QUEEN

Queen

Queen are a British rock band formed in London in 1970 by Freddie Mercury (lead vocals, piano), Brian May (guitar, vocals), and Roger Taylor (drums, vocals), later joined by John Deacon (bass). Their earliest works were influenced by progressive rock, hard rock and heavy metal, but the band gradually ventured into more conventional and radio-friendly works by incorporating further styles, such as arena rock and pop rock.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ9rUzIMcZQ>



Queen have been a global presence in popular culture for more than half a century. Estimates of their record sales range from 250 million to 300 million, making them one of the world's best-selling music artists.

In 1990, Queen received the Brit Award for Outstanding Contribution to British Music. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001, and with each member having composed hit singles, all four were inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2003.

In 2005, they received the Ivor Novello Award for Outstanding Song Collection from the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers, and Authors, and in 2018 were presented the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kijpcUv-b8M>



Freddie Mercury

Freddie Mercury, whose birth name was Farrokh Bulsara, was regarded as one of the greatest singers in the history of rock music.

He was known for his flamboyant stage persona and four-octave vocal range. Mercury defied the conventions of a rock frontman with his theatrical style, influencing the artistic direction of Queen.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0p_1QSUsbsM



Freddie Mercury



Mercury was homosexual and was diagnosed with AIDS in 1987.

He continued to record with Queen, and was posthumously featured on their final album, *Made in Heaven* (1995).

In 1991, the day after publicly announcing his diagnosis, he died from complications of the disease at the age of 45.

In 1992, a concert in tribute to him was held at Wembley Stadium, in benefit of AIDS awareness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a01QQZyl-I>

Queen and Adam Lambert



Alongside his solo career, Lambert has performed with Queen in several worldwide tours from 2012. Their first album, *Live Around the World*, was released in October 2020, and debuted at number one on the UK Albums Chart.

In late 2019, Lambert founded the non-profit Feel Something Foundation, anchoring his ongoing philanthropy, LGBTQ+ and human rights activism. Its particular focus is support for organisations and projects that directly and disproportionately impact the LGBTQ+ community, including education and the arts, mental health, suicide prevention and homelessness.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHTalNt_TAw