

Some of the greatest
musicians ever

Introduction

My book will be about a whole of biographys from singers and musician that I appreciate, whom include: Kurt Cobain, Joan Jett, Suzi Quatro, David Bowie, Inara George and Eminem. My point is to talk about their lives before the fame, during the fame and after. And to finish each one I'll talk about their musics, and what they want to express and so go on.

Kurt Cobain

This song was considered one of the saddest songs he ever written in his whole life, because “something in the way” talks about the weeks that he lives on the street. After a few days he comes back to home, and everything got “ok”. When he turned 14 he got his first electric guitar, after that, he was totally motivated to learn how to really play, but it turns out that he just took a few weeks of lessons and then quit. But even without having enough classes he got really good on it. In proportion as he got better he was able to write a bunch of songs. And when he least noticed he had already a band. Kurt’s first band was briefly called “Fecal Matter “(because one of the most things Kurt appreciate was studying human body and it’s functions).The band was composed by: Kurt, Krist and Aaron Buckhard, both of them were Kurt’s friends. Once the band was formed they started to play extremely heavy songs, which talked about: feminism, empowering women (which wasn’t that common in that time), politic opinion and so go on.

As a regular band they'd rehearse in Krist parent's basement. The bad about the basement was that the sound were going to the neighbor's houses, whom hated the songs and yelled to them stop playing. But despite this whole thing they didn't get shy, and just kept with the music. After a good time Kurt fired Aaron, and now he needs a new drummer, that's when Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters' singer and guitar leader) comes in. Kurt has done what he did because Aaron's sound wasn't good enough, but now with Dave on the drumms, the band was at least complete.

They started making small shows in undergrounds night clubs. Their genre just fit in places like those, because they were really 'punk rock', and the persons that use to go to places like that want to listen something really heavy, but not only heavy, but something that open their minds to the real world.

After a couple of small shows, they looked for a manager, for help them to get a great musical career. So they started to send a lot of demo tapes to all studios they could. And it's turns out that most of them hadn't even listen to their whole demo tape but Danny Goldberg. He just love the songs of the tape, the only thing that he was against was the band's name. He said that their songs already were "dirty" enough, so the name needed to be changed. So Kurt named the band as Nirvana. "Nirvana" it's a buddhist word that means when you get away form the suffering and reaches a high level of spirituality of peace with yourself. And this word was really important to him, because that was that just happened when he played the guitar, or painted. Now, they already have what it takes to grow, the only thing that was missing was someone to make their first record. And this person was Buch Vigh. He was responsible for their first album "nevermind". Maybe you've already seen this album in your live, the cape has a baby in a completely blue pool, he's trying to reach a \$100 bill.

This album was the best seller of the band. One of the most popular Nirvana's songs it's on it. "Smells like teen spirit" is the name of it. Nowadays everyone knows this song and just love it, but when it was released no one liked it. People says that was difficult to understand what Kurt was singing, 'cause he was yelling the whole time, so the band launched a clip with the lyrics, and that was what was missing to the song burst. Funny fact about this song is what inspired Kurt to wrote it. In that time he was dating the singer of the band Bikini Kill, and she used to wear the deodorant called "teen spirit", and it turns out that he just love the smells of it, so he put it as the name of the song, to honored his girlfriend, but unfortunately they've broke up after a couple days. In 1989 during a tour, he meets Courtney Love, leader singer from a band called Hole. They started to go out and suddenly they started to have a real date, Kurt just falled in love with her.

The chemistry between these two described a life full of drugs, sex and rock'n'roll. As the time passes they got married in 1992, Kurt dressed pajamas during the ceremony. After a couple of days they raise their first and only kid, Frances Bean Cobain. During Courtney's pregnancy she was using heavy drugs, and the media stayed on her saying bad things about her, which she wasn't prepare to be a mom and she was a terrible mom. Kurt took it more than a personal side, and in one of Nirvana's show he said that it was the last show they'd do unless the public apologized to Courtney and said that they loved her. As said, they did what he asked them to do, and as response to that Nirvana started to play again. At March 5th in 1994, Kurt had an overdose in Rome. He had a lot of champagne mixed with heroin. He got hospitalized and a couple a days he got better. As the time passed media could figured out what really makes Kurt use all those drugs. The reason was that he discovered that Courtney was cheating on him with two guys at the same time; obviously he got devastated and tried suicide.

In the next month, April 5th at the same year. Kurt's electrician went to his house to make some repairs that the musician demanded, but when he got there he smelled something rotten. He thought that it was strange so he went check it out. And it turns out that he found Kurt's body on the floor. He come closer and notices that he was dead, because Kurt had shot himself with a shotgun. The notice spread as faster as possible and reach the journals. It was a scandal; all his fans went to his house and light some candles to honor him, a beautiful way to honor someone. But there were some fans that started to commit suicide to honor Kurt. In one week almost 40 teenagers killed themselves to show respect and honor to Kurt, of course the media didn't appreciate that, even the Nirvana's members spoke saying that was such a stupid thing to do, and the best way to honor him was respecting each other, listening Nirvana's songs and spread love.

Kurt left Frances Bean Cobain, his 2 years old daughter, Courtney Love his wife, Dave Grohl, Krist Novoselic and Pat Smear his friends, besides leaving his family and a legion of fans.

Joan Jett

Joan Larking, more known for her artistic name “Joan Jett” has born in Sept 22 in 1958, Montgomery county Pennsylvania. She was part of one of the most important girl bands ever, called “the runaways”.

Before create the runaways she was a girl with peculiar taste for music in her time. She was always listening to: sex pistols, bikinni kill, L7, the yeah yeah yeahs, shonnen knife, kittie, hole, the donnas and a lot of other punk rock bands. All those bands cited above were her source for inspiration to create The Runaways.

When she was 12 years old her family moved to Los Angels, when she turn 15 she met the british drummer Sandy West. Together, there started to jam every day in Sandy mother’s basement. After a good time jamming they met Kim Fowley, a big musical productur. Joan and Sandy managed a hearing with him, if he likes what they would show to him, he’d be their manager.

And it turns out that he loved the girl band thing, but he said that they need more girls to play in the band. There where Marie Currie, Lita Ford, and Jackie Fox comes in. Lita and Jackie got in the band first than Marie, Lita played the solo guitar and Jackie played the bass. Joan met Marie in a punk night club and she got interested on her style. So one night Joan and Kim went to same night club looking for Marie, when they found her they asked if she wanted to be the main singer of a girl punk band, and she answered "yes". Their first rehearsal was in a old van. Marie was really shy and intimidated by the others members, so she couldn't sing. To lighten the mood Kim and Joan wrote a song about Marie, that was the first song by the runaways ever wrote, the song is called "Cherry Bomb". Joan already liked Marie at first sight and they two made friends really fast. Joan was closer from Sandy and Marie so they become friends immediately. But when Joan and Marie less noticed there were in love for each other, in result of that, they're always together, doing everything together. Joan even wrote a song about Marie, the song "I love playing with fire" it's about their relationship.

A detail that cannot miss is that Joan was the only one to compose The Runaways' songs, the others just played, but of course the attention was aiming to the main singer: Marie Currie or we can call her by her artistic name "Cherie Currie". Joan didn't care much about the attention she deserved, because Marie didn't let that come to her head.

The band launched 3 records, but these albums just got famous in Europe and Japan. After a few years Marie quit The Runaways. She couldn't make it anymore; she was felling so much pressure, besides she got a overdose. These things made her quit from The Runaways, and of course Joan got devastated.

Joan tried to keep with the band but she was so sick of it, so in 1979 the band was officially over. After this, each one began a solo career, and so Joan Jett. Let's say that she went better than the others. Nowadays she has her own band called Joan Jett and the Black Hearths, and now she has the acknowledge that she deserved years ago, so much that she is considered the Queen of rock'n'roll from U.S. She's now 60 and still playing with her band around the globe, showing empowering to women.

David Bowie

David Bowie was the artistic name of David Robert Jones. He was born in 1947 in Brixton, London.

Besides being a great musician, he was also a great actor, and British producer, making movies, theater and sometimes acting in some of his movies.

He studied at the Burnt Ash Junior School, where he showed talent for music in his voice. But, the thing that push him to appreciate music was just because his father. David's father used to listen Little Richard, and one of his songs "Tutti Frutti" inspired David to the rock world. So, to follow his dream he studied at the exquisite school Ravens Wood School, where he learnt languages, how to draw and music.

His musical career began at age of 15, in the failed band Kon-Rads, which played at several events.

Including, it was at this band which he launched his first single, called "Liza Jane", but unfortunately it wasn't a good single and didn't make any success.

After being in a couple of failed bands he decided to record the demo "Space Oddity", which was a mere coincidence because he launched the demo in the same year after the human went to the moon (1969). Besides this coincidence, his song ranked fifth in London, which being his most famous song.

In the 70's David began to write heavy rock experimental songs, but weren't heavy as death metal, or even heavy metal, but it was considered heavy for his time. "The man who sold the world" (1970), "hunky Dory" (1971) were claimed by the public.

After the fame of his song, he records the album "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars". This was a conceptual album which tells the story of Ziggy Stardust (a character he had made up).

In this album David Bowie used the glam rock exaggeratedly, which in this case, the songs "Ziggy Stardust" and "Starman" described glam rock. The 70's were the best years to Bowie, and the cause of this was his best sellers albums called "Alladin Sane", "Diamond dogs" and a song that he wrote with John Lennon called "Fame" from the album "Young Americans".

In the 80's his career was a little bit irregular, which his high points were "Let's dance" and a song that him and Freddy Mercury had written together, called "Under Pressure".

After a year after 11/9 he wrote the song "Heathen", he wrote this one to the dead people and the ones whose lost their friends and family. Then, this particular song inspired him to create the dark and creepy album "Reality". This album earned him a tour that was from 2003 to 2004. That was Bowie's last work done in a studio, because he suffered a hearth attack, so he retired himself for a good time.

For being considered the greatest artist from the 20th century he acted in some famous movies, like: hunger for living, Christiane F. and The last temptation of Christ.

David Bowie had already said that he was bisexual, but suddenly he started to deny it. He was married with a model called Somali Iman Abdulmajid, they were married since 1992. He was considered by the Rolling Stone magazine the thirty-ninth best artist of 100, and in 1996 he joined to the Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame.

The majority from his fans started to call him by the name “Rock Chameleon” because of his changes in the music industry and besides doing some great characters with a lot of passion that everyone got impressed.

But unfortunately his career ended in January 10 at the year 2016 he died because of a cancer in his liver. Before he died he wrote the song “blackstar”. The message that he wanted to pass to us was that he was going to die in piece and that he accepted his fate, his last song was considered one of the best that he ever written.

Inara George

Inara George has been born in 4th July, 1974. She is part of 3 small bands: Merrick, The Living Sisters, The Bird and the Bee, and currently she has a solo career. Her music styles are indie, synthpop, shoegaze, folk and pop. The consequence of being in small bands this whole time is that she doesn't have the acknowledgment that she deserves, you barely can find something about her full career and personal life.

While she was visiting her home in the summer, Inara and some high-school friends were forming a band called Lode, and in 1996 for their surprise they got a deal with the Greffen Records. And as consequence they were able to launch their first album called "Legs and Arms".

After that, she joined with Bryony Atkinson, which they create the band named "Merrick", but unfortunately they disband at 2002. After with the whole disbanding thing with Bryony, Inara started a solo career, whose got some help from Everlonging Records, and after 4 years she launched her first solo album, called "All Rise". Her album was produced by Michael Andrews (Donnie Darko, Freaks and Geeks). Besides having help from Andrews, she got some help from Greg Kurstin, whose both were planning to make a band together. And so it happened, they 2 formed The bird and The Bee. Greg and Inara had already launched some albums as The Bird and The Bee, but currently both are having their own career for a while, and still having plans for getting back together with their band

Suzi Quatro

Suzi Quatro has born in june 3rd in 1950, she used to live at Detroit, Michigan. She is a singer, writer, actress and a bass player. Her first bass was given by her father, and this particular moment was the real push to Quatro's career.

After receiving the bass she started to get into it at 14 years old, when her career really started. Her first bands ever joined were Pleasure Seekers and Cradle (which was formed by Suzi and her other 3 sisters) but unfortunately those bands weren't too famous and as result, they'd failed. But she never quit the music world. After the comings and goings, she finally joined a girl band called Fanny, which they got some famous in result of that. After been discovered in Detroit by Mickie Most they seal a deal together, and then, she had had a deal with his studios.

Suzi's first single was "rolling stone", but weirdly this single just got famous in Portugal where it came to the tops of most listened. Then she launched 4 more singles: 48 crash, can the can, Dayton demon and devil gate drive. Some of those were just famous in Australia and Europe, all her first singles were produced by the RAK Records.

As her musics were always making fame in other countries but in her birthplace, Quatro's career as a glam rocker had a great fall, forcing her turn to acting. Nowadays, Suzi Quatro is acknowledged for her great appearance as Leather Tuscadero in the series TV Happy Days.

As her musical career went down and she'd turn to acting, she still acting in small movies and series.

Eminem

The real name behind the ID of Eminem truly is Marshal Mathers III. He'd born in 1972, Detroit, Missouri.

In his childhood, his father had abandoned him and the rest of his family. Besides needing to deal with the absence of his father, his family was really poor, and just to get worse, he'd suffered racism from black guys, just because he was a white boy whose like rap (which was really in the heights).

After all those years with his simple and though life, Eminem started dedicating to music, which obviously was the rap. In result of his effort, in 1996 Eminem launched his first record "infinite". This album was really important to his life and career, because of this record he got known in the music business. So known that Dr. Dre wanted to meet him personally.

When he did so, Dr. Dre took him to the Aftermath Records. Once that happened, he launched another album called Slim Shady (a rap character that he made up) which had the participation of Dr. Young. The album sold almost 4 millions copies and earnt him a Grammy Award of best rap album.

From 2000 to 2002, Eminem had launch 2 more albums that were the most ever sold records in the U.S.A. Still in 2002 he made a movie telling his story until he got the fame that he owns nowadays, called "8 mile". The soundtrack was produced by him, bringing to us the music "lose yourself". With the movie and the soundtrack he earns a Oscar of best original soundtrack. "Lose yourself" became his most famous single, been the most heard at U.S.A. besides helping his own studio becoming famous (Shady Records).

After this whole fame thing Eminem got some personal troubles. While working with music, Eminem didn't have a lot of money, so his wife asked for divorce because their condition wasn't that good.

As result of this, his wife took their daughters away, but unfortunately she got wasted for owning drugs, so for a while, Eminem got his daughters back.

After a couple of years from now, Eminem was a little quiet. He didn't showed on the media, didn't launched any songs. No one knew what was going on, some say that he was doing a great album full of new musics, but it was taking really long and people were getting worried about him. And suddenly, he appears with a couple of new songs, and they are called: Kamikaze, killshot, lucky you and venom. These songs were what was missing for him get back on the tracks, and some theories were right, Eminem was dealing with drugs. He was so into it that his face had a great change because of the drugs that he consumed.

And now just to lighten the mood. The name "Eminem" came from an idea, pretty simple: he would take the first letters of his name (Marshall Mathers = M&M) but of course he had to change his mind because he would have some problems with the trend M&Ms, so he wrote it as it's sounds EM-IN-EM.

And another curiosity about him is that until now, after all these years that had pass by, he still don't knowing how to use the internet. His explanation for this is that he wouldn't feel comfortable with the things says about him or even the comments on his music videos on YouTube. And some say that he has someone in charge of responding his fans on twitter, checking the comments on YouTube, and even checking his e-mails.

And did you know that Eminem had a world-famous friend? Well, he really does, and it's Elton John. While Eminem had troubles with drugs Elton just kept calling him everyday just to now if he was okay, and that was what strengthened their friendship. And when Elton John got married, Eminem sent to him a pair of rings with a peculiar shape, but of course he did that just to joke on John.