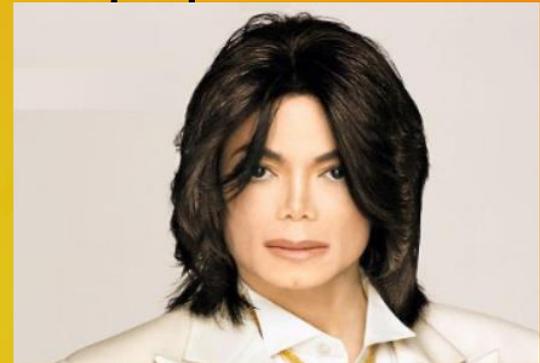


King of Pop



Michael Joseph Jackson was born in Gary on August 29, 1958. He passed away in Los Angeles on June 25, 2009. He was an American musician, entertainer, dancer, actor, composer, philanthropist, and songwriter. Known as the "King of Pop" as the most popular musician in history.



He started his career in the band The Jackson 5 with his four brothers. Less than eleven years old Michael was the star of the band. In the photo, Michael in the center.



Only couple of years later did Michael confess that childhood was not so rosy. He claimed that his father had beaten him and that pursuing a career was a torment. Young Jackson's first breakthrough in his career was a solo performance (without brothers) in the musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, in which he appeared opposite Diana Ross as Scarecrow (Michael Jackson right, center Diana Ross).



After performing together, Michael became a huge fan of Diana Ross. It helped him to start a solo career, and Quincy Jones – became the producer of Michael's first solo album: Off The Wall. The album was released in 1979, Michael was only 21 at the time. This album introduced Jackson to the world charts. The album Thriller was a stunning success - each of the songs individually climbed to the top of the charts.



Michael Jackson had a great deal of fantasy in spending the money he earned. Neverland Ranch - a huge mansion, connected with a private zoo and an amusement park was the apple of his eye.

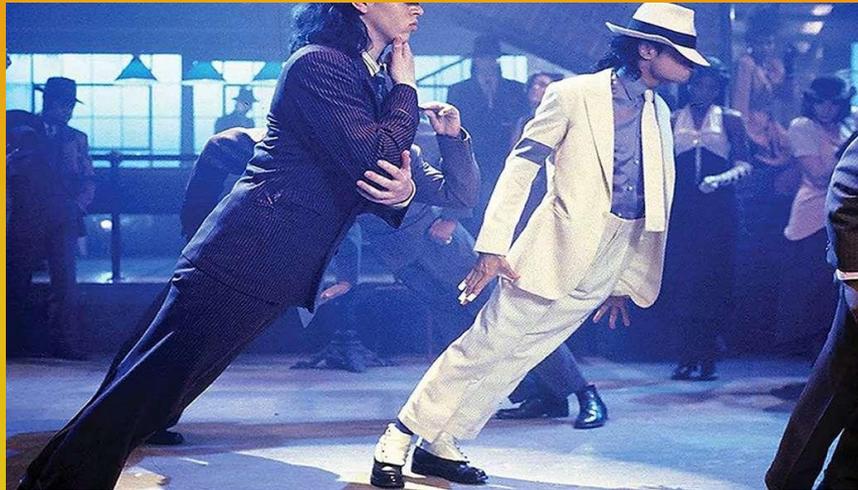
He spent nearly \$ 100 million on it. He also purchased the Northern Songs publishing company, thereby taking over the right to release a large portion of the Beatles' recordings.

The musician's greatest friend was Elizabeth Taylor.

Probably she was the first to call him the king of pop.



Most people will remember Michael Jackson as the creator of his characteristic dance - the moonwalk.



In 1991, he released the album Dangerous, his last album, which can be called a success.



In 1994, he married Lisa Presley, daughter of Elvis Presley. The media speculated that the wedding was merely a smokescreen intended to weaken Jackson's allegations of pedophilia. The marriage lasted two years - they divorced after two years, remaining friends.



The surgical operations left an imprint on his face. There was also a disease that caused the skin to whiten.



Michael Jackson remarried. His chosen one was Deborah Rowe, the nurse who looked after his skin problems. Two children were born to them. After the divorce, the children stayed with Jackson.



The king of pop died on June 29, 2009 at the age of 51 as a result of a sudden cardiac arrest. There are a lot of questions and controversy surrounding his death.



CURIOSITIES

One of the hospices for children with cancer was funded by Jackson – the money came from the sale of the song "Man In The Mirror".

In the musical movie "The Wizard of Oz" Jackson played the Scarecrow.

He has managed to sell 750 million records worldwide, giving him the status of the unrivaled "King of Pop".

FAMOUS SINGER QUOTES

"The purpose of my life is to give the world what I happily got - the ecstasy of divine union through my music and my dance."

"I am proud to be African American, I am proud of my race, I am proud of who I am. I have a very strong sense of pride and dignity. "



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