

Madame  
Tussauds 



**Madame Tussauds** is a [wax museum](#) in London with branches in a number of major cities.





Madame Tussauds in New York City



[Washington, D.C. location](#)





It was founded by wax by wax sculptor Marie Tussaud by wax sculptor Marie Tussaud and was formerly known as "Madame Tussaud's" and is a major tourist attraction in



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Following the doctor's death in 1794, she inherited his vast collection of wax models and spent the next 33 years travelling around Europe.

By 1835 Marie had settled down in [Baker Street](#), London, and opened a museum.







In 1842, she made a [self portrait](#) which is now on display at the entrance of her museum.

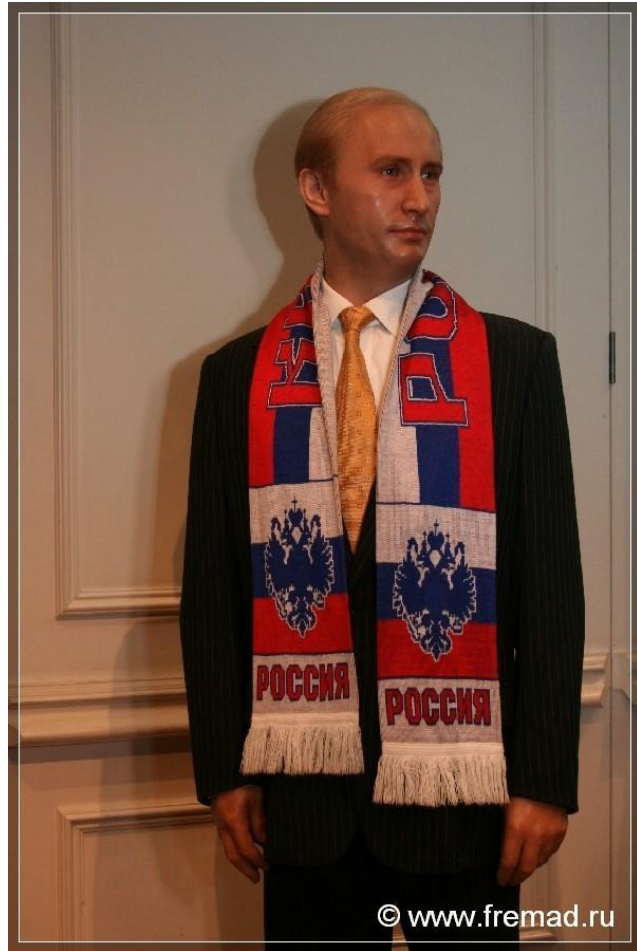
She died in her sleep on 15 April 1850.



Today's wax figures at Tussauds include historical and royal figures,



# former and present politicians





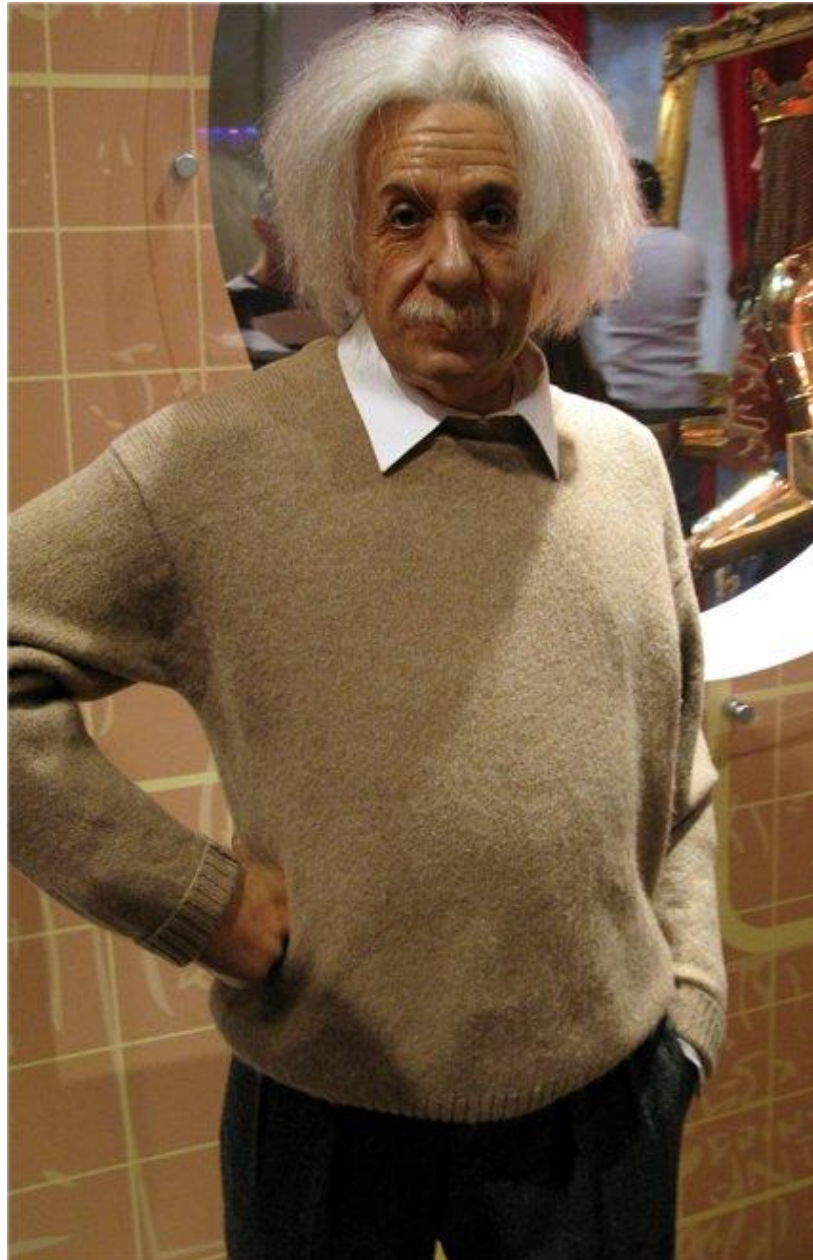
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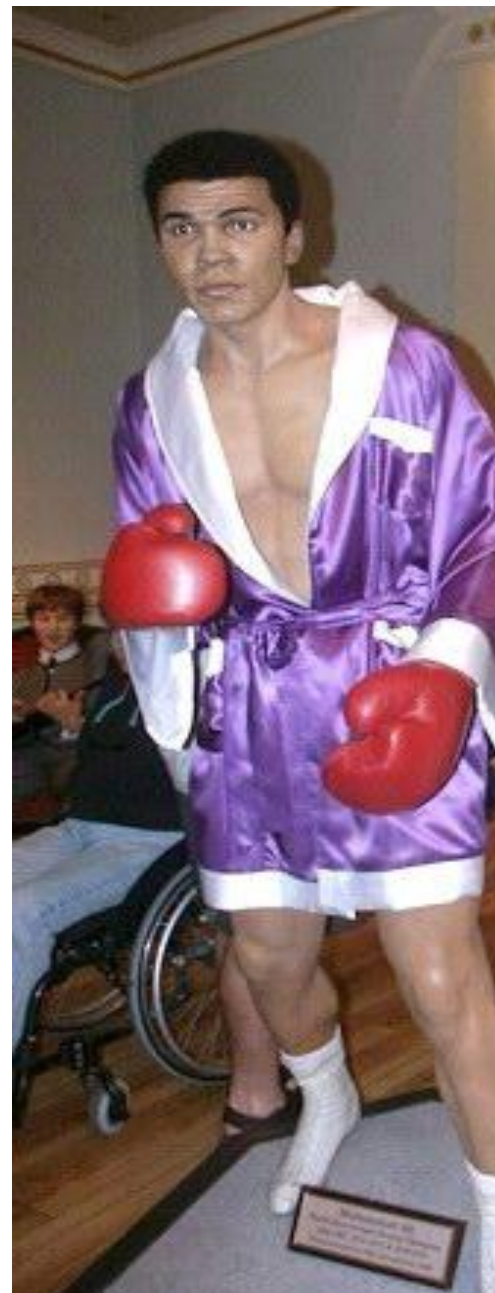
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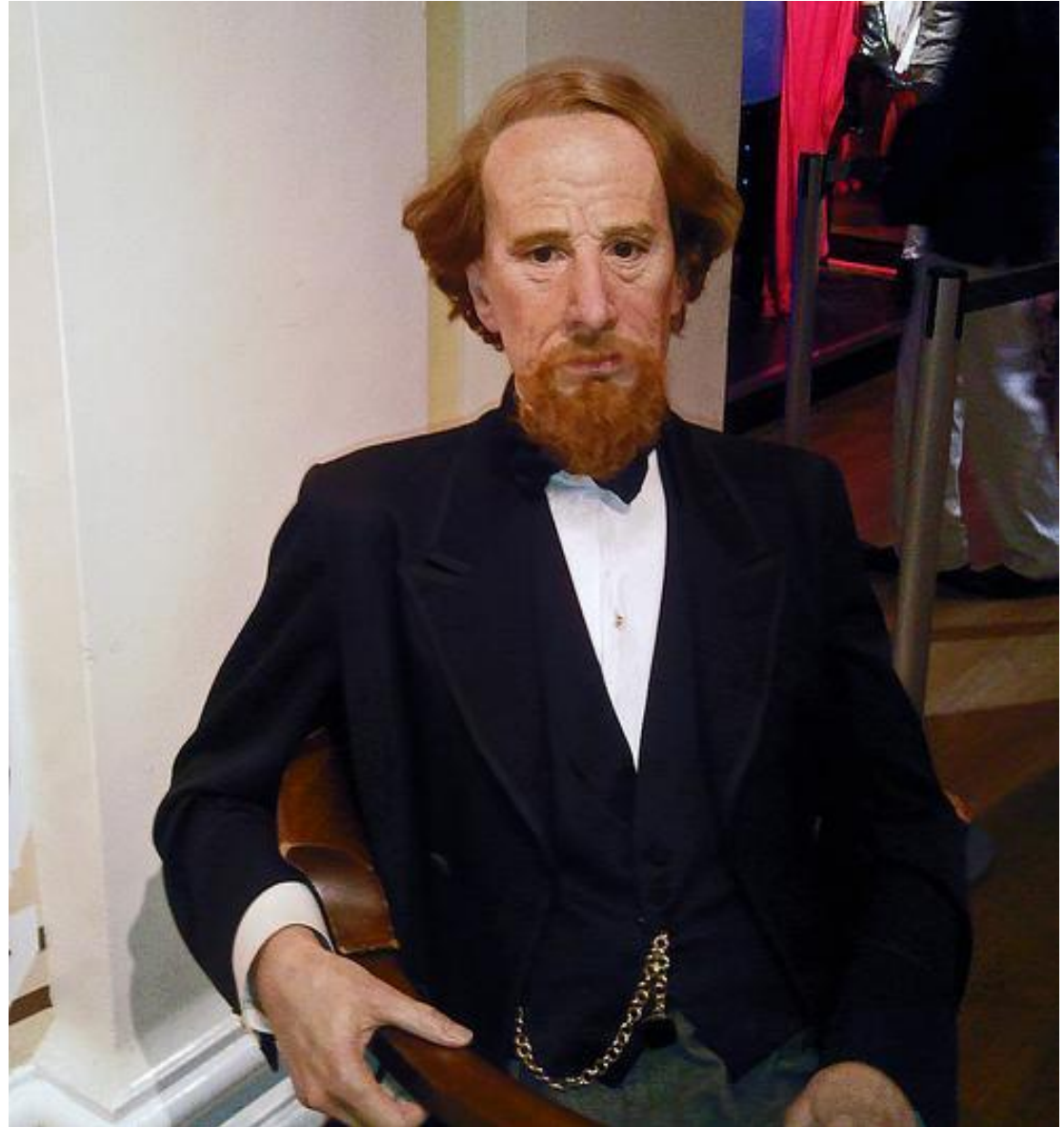


sports stars,





# poets and writers





famous murderers



film characters



The exhibition is still being added nowadays. Some of the sculptures done by Marie Tussaud herself still exist. The gallery originally contained some 400 different figures, but the fire damaged many of them in 1925 . Madame Tussaud's wax museum has now grown to become a major [tourist attraction](#) in London.

