

# King of Pop



**Michael Jackson**

**(1958-2009)**

Michael Jackson-the legendary American musician, the most successful performer of pop music in world history, dancer, actor, songwriter. Jackson's records have sold 1 billion copies worldwide, including albums, singles, and compilations. Musician 25 times fell into the "Guinness book of records "and only awards" Grammy " he received 15, and other music awards in the hundreds. Michael Jackson became an idol of pop music during his lifetime. The singer was nicknamed by fans the king of the genre, and in 2009 received the official title of the Legend of America and the Icon of music.



# Childhood and youth

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Michael Joseph Jackson was born on August 29, 1958 in the family of Joseph and Catherine Jackson, in the American town of Gary (Indiana). Zodiac sign - Virgo. The boy was the seventh of nine children. Childhood of the future star is not happy. Later, Jackson once mentioned that his father was a tyrant, oppressing children mentally and physically. Some of the atrocities of the head of the family singer told the show Oprah Winfrey in 1993.



Once in the middle of the night father, wearing a terrible mask and uttering shrill cries, climbed out the window to the sleeping Michael. So he wanted to teach children to close Windows before going to bed. After this incident, the child had nightmares about being kidnapped from his own bedroom. In 2003, Joseph Jackson himself admitted that he really beat his children.

Cruel education played a cruel joke with Michael, on the one hand, accustomed to the iron discipline, which had a positive impact on his achievements, and on the other – crippling the psyche for life.



Nevertheless, it was his father who brought Michael to the stage: Joseph United five of his offspring into the musical group The Jackson 5. Michael was the youngest member of the group, but this did not stop him even then to draw attention to themselves. He had a unique manner of performance and unusual choreography.

From 1966 to 1968, the band toured extensively in the Midwest, and in 1969 they signed a record deal with Motown Records. It was with this company that the artists released their hits, which became popular in the following years.

In 1970, the musical family managed to reach the national level – their first few singles were marked on the highest line of the American Billboard Hot 100 chart. Since 1973, the success of the band began to fade, and the band had to sign a contract with another company, called the Jacksons. Until 1984, the band released another 6 albums and traveled with them around the country.



# Music



While working in the family band The Jackson, Michael Jackson released four solo albums and several singles, which is popular. This is Got to Be There, and Rockin' Robin, and the song called Ben, topped the charts in 1972.

In 1987, the singer starred with Diana Ross in the film adaptation of Broadway productions " the Amazing wizard of Oz." During the filming, he met Quincy Jones. It was this music Director who later became the producer of the most famous albums of the star. The first of them was Off the Wall (1979).

The album introduced Michael Jackson to the world as a bright, original young performer and dancer. Then the charts came off the hits Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough and Rock With You. The album sold 20 million copies.





The album was released in November 1982 as the world's best-selling album, Thriller, and it went down in history as the world's best-selling album, and the rest of the album's immortal singles, including the Girl it, wanna Be startin' Somethin', the human Nature, the young Thing, and the Thriller. This album stayed on top of the charts for a record 37 weeks and brought eight Grammy Awards statuettes to Michael Jackson. In 1983, the musician released the track Billie Jean. Almost immediately, Michael Jackson shoots a music video for this song, which combines dance, special effects, complex plot and star cameo.



The famous "moonwalk" of the idol of millions was first demonstrated on March 25, 1983 on the show Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever, during the performance of the song Billie Jean. In addition to a completely new choreography, Michael brought to live concerts synchronous dance performance, opening the era of pop performances, during which artists recreate music videos on stage. Now it seems ordinary to the viewer, but then it made a splash, if not a revolution.

In 1984, the pop singer, along with Paul McCartney recorded the song Say, Say, Say, instantly became a hit.



In 1990, Michael Jackson received the award "Artist of the decade MTV" Video Vanguard Award for achievements in the 80s, and in 1991 this award was renamed in honor of the musician. At the end of the same year, a controversial video for the song Black or White was presented. The video was watched by 500 million people, which was a record at the time. The composition called for racial tolerance and non-violence. The video was filmed by people of different nationalities. Macaulay Culkin, Peggy Lipton and George Wendt also took part in its creation. But in the full version of the clip was attended by the scandalous elements that the public has regarded as a call to violence. The musician apologized and had to edit the video.



In 1991, actress Elizabeth Taylor named Michael Jackson "the real king of pop, rock and soul music" at the Soul Train Music Award ceremony, after which the title Of king of pop music forever stuck with the musician. In 1992, Michael Jackson's book Dancing the Dream was published. Until 1992, the artist released two more albums - Bad and Dangerous. So in the world came the singles the Way You Make Me Feel, Man in the Mirror, Black or White, Remember the Time, Will you Be There.



In 1993, the song Give In To Me was released, which critics called the darkest, most sinister and sneaking song in the career of a musician. In this track, Michael Jackson retreated from the genre of pop music, in which the artist used to see the fans, and turned to hard rock and heavy metal.

At the same time, the artist visited Moscow for the first time, having come to Russia with a concert. After that, the musician, impressed by the trip, promised to release a song about the country, which became a new point in his tour schedule.



In 1996, Michael Jackson again came to Moscow with a concert. He performed at the Dynamo stadium, and then met with composer Igor Krutoy and Moscow mayor Yuri Luzhkov.



In 2009, the king of pop had intended to release a new disc, but unfortunately did not have time to do so. Also this summer the musician planned a concert tour This is it Tour. Initially, it was about ten concerts, but the demand for tickets was so high that the organizers have provided an additional 40 performances.



In addition to music and dance, Michael Jackson was fond of movies. During his life he managed to star in more than 20 films. The musician made his film debut at the age of 20, it was a fantastic film "Viz" by Sidney Lumet. Then starred in short films, for example, " Captain IO " Francis Ford Coppola. Also pop king played in the films "Men in black 2", "moonwalk", "Ghosts".

His last work was the role in the film "That's all", the film was shot in 2009.





# Operations

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With the advent of the popularity of the singer appeared a lot of money, a decent portion of which he immediately has to spend to change their appearance. Since the mid-80s, the appearance of Michael Jackson began to change dramatically: the skin is every year becoming lighter, the shape of the nose, lips, chin and cheekbones. Soon, the artist became impossible to know that a black boy with a wide nose and full lips, which he was in childhood.



There were rumors that the pop king was trying to get rid of the appearance characteristic of African Americans, and become white. Journalists assumed that the musician was influenced by racism against Michael at the beginning of his career: studios and TV channels did not want to cooperate with a black singer.

Jackson himself denied the rumors about a special change of skin color, explaining the fact that she was lightening the pigmentation. According to the musician, stress has become a catalyst for the progressive genetic disease of vitiligo. Proof of Michael's words were photos with uneven pigmentation.

Performances on the skin with the missing pigment musician plastered with dark make-up, but soon he had to switch to a lighter shade as dark areas became smaller. Also, the disease forced the singer to protect himself from the sun, wear closed clothes and hide under an umbrella, hide his face under a hat and dark glasses.



According to the doctors, the musician underwent surgery that made the lips thinner, forehead-higher, changed the shape of the cheeks and eyelids. In the early 2000s, Michael Jackson began to appear in a medical mask. Rumors spread that the nose of the singer is being destroyed, and he allegedly underwent an urgent operation to restore it. Moreover, he soon appeared in public with a plaster. But the musician denied the information about the surgery, explaining the presence of the patch Allergy.

Later, plastic surgeon Arnold Klein admitted to reporters that he had a second operation on Jackson's nose to return the singer's ability to breathe.



# Personal life



In 1994, Michael Jackson again surprised the whole world, secretly tied the knot with Lisa-Maria Presley, Elvis Presley's daughter. The event was a sensation in which some saw the expectation of saving the reputation of the singer, others – a touching merger of the two most famous families in the world of music. Be that as it may, the marriage lasted only a year and a half.



In 2012, the Network reported that Michael Jackson was having an affair with singer Whitney Houston. This was reported by David Gest, an American producer and a mutual friend of Whitney and Michael. According to him, the woman was truly in love with Jackson and wanted to marry him. But he was too modest to propose to her.



It is known that Michael's only daughter became an actress. She starred in the TV series "Star" and the full-length film "Dangerous business". His son Prince Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. works on television, however, behind the scenes. He's a producer and Director. The youngest son is still in school. Fans believe that he is more like all the others like his father. He has dark skin, black long hair, brown eyes. Many hope that he will follow in his father's footsteps and become a musician.





# Death

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Biography of Michael Jackson claim that long before the death of the musician was experiencing physical ailments, suffered from a lack of weight and was dependent on painkillers. Their words are confirmed by physicians to whom the musician addressed for medicines. Jackson's surgeon Arnold Klein confirmed that the pop musician abused prescription drugs, but noted that Michael was in good physical and psychological condition, danced for the doctor's patients, and did not look dying.



On the morning of June 25, 2009, the singer was in a rented house in the West of Los Angeles. Personal physician artist Conrad Murray gave him a shot of propofol and left. Two hours later, he found Michael Jackson on the bed with his eyes wide open and his mouth wide open and tried to revive him, but the attempts failed. At 12:21, the ambulance officers were called. The medics arrived less than 4 minutes later and found the lifeless body of the pop king. Doctors, not losing hope, continued resuscitation for several hours, but to bring back to life the idol of millions and failed. The death of the pop star occurred at 14:26 local time, the cause of death was recognized as an overdose of drugs.



On July 7, 2009, a farewell ceremony was held in Los Angeles, beginning with a family service in the Freedom Hall at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, followed by a live farewell to the public at the Staples Center. The news of Michael Jackson's death broke network records and overloaded the traffic of search sites, forming an Internet "traffic jam". Michael Jackson's funeral is shrouded in mystery. The location of the body was kept secret. The Internet was leaking rumors that the pop star was buried on August 8 or 9, then the media reported that the funeral was held in late August. Soon the web was published the news that the ceremony will be held in September. In the end, Michael found peace on September 3 at the Forest Lawn cemetery in the suburbs of Los Angeles.



These secrets around the burial gave rise to a rumor that Michael Jackson is alive and faked his own death and funeral to end the life of a star under the sights of cameras and live quietly away from the hustle, media and paparazzi. Adherents of this theory give hundreds of proofs.

Fans are confused by the situation with the funeral. Jackson was buried in a closed coffin, several times postponed the date of the funeral, transported to the crypt. Forest Lawn cemetery is listed in the documents as a place of temporary burial, and where the body of the singer is now – it is not known.

Reliable details established by the investigation, also not made public, the police did not give clear comments on the investigation. The cameras from Jackson's house are gone. The autopsy report was inaccurate. An interesting fact is that the musician's family refused to do a DNA test.



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