***Queen***

A British rock band formed in 1970 in London. The band is a line-up of 4 artists: Brian May, Freddie Mercury, Roger Taylor and John Deacon, who joined the group in 1971. The sounds of Queen are very diverse, and it’s hard to assign Queen to a specific music genre. Most of their songs are rooted around rock and its many variations, mainly hard rock, art rock, heavy metal and progressive rock, later also gradually developing their style and making softer sounding, more pop influenced songs mainly in funk and arena rock genre. The band became an icon of British and not only British culture. Queen were one of the longest-lasting and most commercially successful bands to emerge from the British heavy rock scene of the early 1970s, but unlike their contemporaries such as [Led Zeppelin](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0496389?ref_=nmbio_mbio), [Deep Purple](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1472464?ref_=nmbio_mbio) and [Black Sabbath](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1277292?ref_=nmbio_mbio), they soon became just as popular with pop fans as fans of hard rock and heavy metal, beginning with "Killer Queen" from their third album "Sheer Heart Attack" in 1974. Formed in London in 1970 following the demise of the band [Smile](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm5294930?ref_=nmbio_mbio), Queen originally consisted of vocalist [Freddie Mercury](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0006198?ref_=nmbio_mbio), guitarist [Brian May](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0006190?ref_=nmbio_mbio) and drummer [Roger Taylor](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0003547?ref_=nmbio_mbio) before being joined by bassist [John Deacon](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0212577?ref_=nmbio_mbio). The band became popular with audiences via their hit singles, live performances, originality and showmanship, being voted the greatest British band of all time in a national BBC poll. Their [Live Aid](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0261024?ref_=nmbio_mbio) (1985) performance was voted the best live rock performance of all time in an industry poll. According to the BBC, Queen have sold more than 300 million albums as of 2009. Queen's first album "Queen" was a commercial flop in 1973, failing to chart and producing no hit single, but their second album "Queen II" produced a top ten hit, "Seven Seas of Rhye". It was with the release of "Sheer Heart Attack" in 1974 and "A Night at the Opera" the following year that the band gained international success. They have released fifteen studio albums, five live albums and numerous compilation albums. Since Mercury's death and Deacon's retirement, May and Taylor have performed infrequently together at special events and programs as members of other ensembles. Between 2004 to 2009 the duo collaborated with [Paul Rodgers](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0734759?ref_=nmbio_mbio) under the moniker Queen + [Paul Rodgers](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0734759?ref_=nmbio_mbio), and between 2011 to 2015 with [Adam Lambert](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2189338?ref_=nmbio_mbio) under the moniker Queen + [Adam Lambert](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2189338?ref_=nmbio_mbio).

How many artists does the band have?

What was the band’s name before Queen?

When was the band created?

Did all members join the group in 1970?

How many albums has Queen sold as of 2009?

How many studio albums has the band released?

When did Freddie Mercury die?

What is the main genre of the band’s music?

What is the name of the album that gained Queen an international success?