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Sting/The Police

Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner, CBE (born 2 October 1951), widely known by his stage name Sting, is an English musician and actor from Wallsend in North Tyneside. Prior to starting his solo career, he was the principal songwriter, lead singer and bassist of the rock music band The Police. As a solo musician and member of The Police, Sting has received sixteen Grammy Awards for his work, receiving his first Grammy for Best Rock Instrumental Performance in 1981, and receiving an Oscar nomination for best song. Sting was an influential songwriter during the 1980s and he has sold over 100 million albums worldwide. He is an outspoken advocate against rainforest destruction and for environmental protection. He is a member of both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Together with Andy Summers (guitar, vocals) and Stewart Copeland (drums, vocals, percussion), the band became globally popular in the late 1970s and are generally regarded as one of the first New Wave groups to achieve mainstream success, playing a style of rock that was influenced by jazz, punk and reggae music. Their 1983 album, *Synchronicity*, was number one in the UK and the US and sold over 8,000,000 copies in the US. The band broke up in 1984, but reunited in early 2007 for a one-off world tour lasting until August 2008, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of their hit single "Roxanne" and also, to a lesser extent, that of their formation as a group. The Police have sold more than 50 million albums worldwide, and became the world's highest-earning musicians in 2008, thanks to their reunion tour. Rolling Stone ranked The Police number 70 on their list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

Hit Singles w/The Police : "Roxanne", "Can't Stand Losing You", "Message in the Bottle", "Walking on the Moon", "De Do Do De Da Da", "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic", and "Every Breath You Take"

Solo Hit Singles : "Englishman In New York", "Fragile", "All This Time", "If I Ever Lose My Faith In You", "All For Love", and "Desert Rose".



Jennifer Batten

Jennifer Batten is an American guitarist who first received word-of-mouth attention that eventually led guitar magazines to take notice of her approach to the electric guitar. Batten's solo albums include her 1992 debut *Above Below and Beyond*, produced by Stevie Wonder's guitarist Michael Sembello; and her 1997 world beat influenced *Jennifer Batten's Tribal Rage: Momentum*. Guest recordings include: Jeff Beck's "Who Else" and "You Had It Coming", Carmine Appice's "Guitar Zeus" (featuring Brian May), Michael Sembello's "Heavy Weather", Carl Anderson's "Sunlight Again", Cindy Cruz's debut, Public Image bassist Bret Helm's "Doc Tahri" and the debut of The Immigrants. Music video appearances include Jeff Beck, Michael Jackson, Natalie Cole and Sara Hickman. She was also featured in "Hot Guitarist's" video magazine.

She served as a backing guitarist for Michael Jackson's *Bad*, *Dangerous* and *History* tours, where she became recognizable for her outrageous hairstyles and costumes. She also backed Michael Jackson during his 1993 Super Bowl half-time performance. Between 1994 and 1999 Batten joined Dave Rodgers and Domino as featured guitarist on the eurobeat songs "Sun City", "Music For the People", "Fly" and "Woa Woa Woa."



Dweezil Zappa

Dweezil Zappa was born in Los Angeles, California, the son of Adelaide Gail Sloatman, who worked in business, and musician Frank Zappa. In the 1980s, Zappa worked as an MTV VJ and was promptly fired after badmouthing MTV on *The Howard Stern Show*. He also recorded some solo albums, as well as playing for other artists. Zappa can be seen in the music video for Don Johnson's top 40 song, "Heartbeat". He also played co-lead guitar (along with Reb Beach) on Winger's cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze". In 2006, Zappa organized the "Zappa Plays Zappa" tour. He assembled a band of young musicians with a view to bring the music of Frank Zappa to a younger audience. The tour also featured guest appearances by Steve Vai, Napoleon Murphy Brock and Terry Bozzio. The tour began in Europe in May with dates in the U.S. from June. After a break it continued in the U.S. on October 18, 2006. The 2007 version of the tour ran from July, finishing in Australia in early December, and featured Ray White as special guest. The shows ended with the promise: "There are so many songs we want to learn to play ... see ya'll next year ...", and further tours in 2008 and 2009 have followed.

Kerry King/Slayer



Kerry Ray King (born June 3, 1964) is an American guitarist, best known as one of the founding members of American thrash metal band Slayer. The band was founded by guitarists Jeff Hanneman and Kerry King in an American thrash metal band from Huntington Park, California, formed in 1981. Slayer rose to fame as one of the leaders of the American thrash metal movement with their 1986 release, *Reign in Blood*, which has been called "the heaviest album of all time" by Kerrang!. The band is credited as one of the "Big Four" thrash metal bands, along with Metallica, Anthrax and Megadeth. Slayer's musical traits involve fast tremolo picking, atonal guitar solos, double bass drumming, and shouting vocals.

Since their debut record in 1983, the band has released two live albums, one box set, four videos, two extended plays, and nine studio albums, four of which have received gold certification in the United States. The band has received three Grammy nominations, winning one in 2007 for the song "Eyes of the Insane", and one in 2008 for the song "Final Six". They have headlined music festivals worldwide, including Unholy Alliance and Ozzfest.



Bon Jovi

Bon Jovi is an American rock band from Sayreville, New Jersey. Fronted by lead singer Jon Bon Jovi, Bon Jovi formed in 1983 with guitarist Richie Sambora, keyboardist David Bryan, bassist Alec John Such and drummer Tico Torres. Other than the departure of Alec John Such in 1994 and replaced by Hugh McDonald, the lineup has remained the same for the past 26 years. After two moderately successful albums in 1984 and 1985, the band scored big with *Slippery When Wet* (1986) and *New Jersey* (1988), which launched the band into global super stardom. After non-stop touring, the band went on hiatus after the New Jersey Tour in 1990, during which time Jon Bon Jovi and Richie Sambora both released successful solo albums. In 1992, the band returned with the album *Keep the Faith* and has since created successful albums throughout the 1990s and 2000s. Their latest album, *The Circle*, is set to be released on the 10th of November, 2009.

Throughout their career, the band has released 10 studio albums, 2 compilation albums and 1 live album; and sold over 120 million albums worldwide. They have performed more than 2,600 concerts in over 50 countries for more than 34 million fans. In 2006 Bon Jovi were inducted into the UK Music Hall of Fame, and in 2004 they were ranked number 14 in *Q* magazine's 50 Greatest Bands of All Time. The band was also honored with the Award Of Merit at the American Music Awards in 2004. As songwriters and collaborators, Jon Bon Jovi and Richie Sambora inducted into Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2009.

Hit Singles : "You Give Love A Bad Name", "I'll Be There For You", "Bad Medicine", "Livin' On A Prayer", "It's My Life" and "Thank You For Loving Me".



Slash/Guns N' Roses

Saul Hudson (born 23 July 1965), better known by his stage name Slash, is an English musician. Originally from Stoke-on-Trent, he moved to Los Angeles, California as a child, where he began his career in the music industry. Slash is arguably best-known as the former lead guitarist of hard rock band Guns N' Roses, with whom he performed and recorded between 1985 and 1996. He later formed the eponymous *Slash's Snakepit* and co-founded *Velvet Revolver* with his former bandmates Duff McKagan and Matt Sorum. His debut solo album, *Slash & Friends*, is due to be released in 2010. In August 2009, *Time* Magazine named him #2 on its list of the 10 Best Electric Guitar Players of All-Time.

This Guitar used by Slash in "You Could Be Mine" Video on 1991.