

Let it Be(atles)

singing about love

The Beatles ... and nothing to add. It's probably the most famous and popular rock band ever and the modern bands aren't likely to overtake the genuine group of boys from Liverpool which had shaken the world, not only of the music in the 1960s.

The idea of a musical group

The band was founded in 1960 by four young men playing guitars – John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Stuart Sutcliffe who resigned because of his poor musical skills and Ringo Starr (played drums) replaced him in 1962. At the very beginning the fifth singer and drummer – Pete Best also appeared, but he was unsatisfied with his role in the group. The basic name of the “Silver Beatles” changed into “The Beatles” in connection to the verb “to beat” by the advice of their manager Brian Epstein. He undeniably helped in developing the world's most popular rock band and changed their leather coats into jackets.

“Beatlemania” aroused

Their first studio “Please, please me” made thousands people fell in love

with rhythmic, fresh and innocent songs describing youthful love and boys' feelings to women. Their enormous popularity was underlined by the occupation of five top places on the Billboard's Top Songs List (up till now any other artist hasn't entered even on the first three positions). The “Beatlemania” suddenly extended around the world which was just crazy about British band. The very peak of Beatles' success came with their invasion on United States of America where hundreds of concerts were given with no specialistic sound system (they used the same microphones as the speakers) which affected in the music formed by the audience, not by the singers (Ringo Starr mentioned he had played feeling the rhythm only from fans' movement). They also met their hero – Elvis Presley who (which was later discovered) supported CIA in action of forbidding the Beatles' entrance to America in order to preserve American teenagers of the Beatles' influence. The same time they were decorated the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and got an Academy Award (“Oscar”) for their biography film “Let it be”.



Extraordinary members and style

The difference of styles, profusion of melodies and instruments made a serious breakthrough in the history of music bringing another spectacular successes for the Beatles. They also participated the first satellite television transmission in 1967

performing “All you need is love” which became one of the Hippis'symbols. The group dismissed 1970 after the death of drug overdose of their manager and the arousing conflict on his successor which was the beginning of the decay. The Beatles' spread starting single careers with quite a big success. John Lennon performed some reflective songs (eg. Imagine) for his wife Yoko Ono before he was assassinated by a fanatical in 1980. Paul McCartney has been the owner of copyrights to the bigger amount of songs and sang in his and his wife's group “Wings”. George Harrison became the film producer (died 2001), however Ringo participates the All Stars Band.

Well-deserved fame and popularity

The legend of the Beatles will never be forgotten – they affected the undeniable change in style of music and people. They sold more than a billion of records and reached an extraordinary commercial success with neither specific business knowledge nor musical education. Their songs are simple, but there's a kind of beauty in this simpleness which encourage to make a use of those songs not only for entertainment, but also for learning English. That's why the place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame seems to be absolutely well-deserved.

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Beat - uderzać

Drums – bębny, perkusja

Entertainment – rozrywka

Extend – rozszerzać się

Preserve – uchronić

Reflective – refleksyjne

Well-deserved – zasłużony