



LICAF LIVE

Two days of comics and chaos!
Be amazed, enthralled and inspired.



Here in The Lake District, the festival team have been busy coming up with loads of new and exciting activities for you to enjoy. There is something for everyone, whether you're a comic veteran, new to comics or just love seeing amazing artwork!



There will be a section on this years unique online festival designed especially for children (12 & under) and families - a wonderland of workshops, downloadable resources, reading and more...



In the meantime, we would love *you* to get creating. Come up with your own comic, inspired by the work of one of our featured artists, Steve McGarry...





Steve McGarry is one of the most prolific and widely-published cartoonists and illustrators that Britain has ever produced.

He has created comics for football magazines, designed album covers, and has worked as a storyboard artist for Minions and Despicable Me 2.

Comics can be about anything! Steve McGarry's comic strip shown below is factual. It's a biographic comic about the creation of the character, Superman. Remember, in simple terms, a comic displays information to the viewer by combining IMAGES together with WORDS, usually in panels.



BIOGRAPHIC

SUPERMAN, CREATED BY WRITER **JERRY SIEGEL** AND ARTIST **JOE SHUSTER**, FIRST APPEARED IN COMIC BOOKS IN JUNE 1938. THE LEGENDARY DEFENDER OF "TRUTH, JUSTICE AND THE AMERICAN WAY" WAS ACTUALLY AN ALIEN - **KAL-EL** WAS EVACUATED TO EARTH FROM THE DOOMED PLANET OF KRYPTON, ACQUIRING SUPER POWERS UNDER EARTH'S YELLOW SUN.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO, ONE OF THE GREATEST FICTIONAL CHARACTERS WAS INTRODUCED TO THE WORLD. THE JUNE 1938 ISSUE OF **ACTION COMICS** MARKED THE DEBUT OF **SUPERMAN**. WRITER **JERRY SIEGEL** AND ARTIST **JOE SHUSTER** HAD SPENT FIVE YEARS TRYING TO SELL THEIR CREATION AS A SYNDICATED NEWSPAPER COMIC STRIP. IN 1938, THEY SOLD THE RIGHTS TO A COMIC BOOK PUBLISHER FOR \$130 AND A CONTRACT TO SUPPLY MATERIAL. **SUPERMAN** WAS AN INSTANT HIT. 1939 SAW THE LAUNCH OF A NEWSPAPER COMIC STRIP, WHICH SOON HAD AN ESTIMATED READERSHIP OF 20 MILLION! IN 1940, **SUPERMAN** WAS REPRESENTED IN THE **MACY'S** THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE.

A RADIO SHOW DEBUTED THAT SAME YEAR, AND **FLEISCHER STUDIOS** CREATED THE FIRST ANIMATED ADVENTURES OF **SUPERMAN** IN 1941.

THE FIRST ACTOR TO PORTRAY **SUPERMAN** ON-SCREEN WAS **KIRK ALYN**, WHO STARRED IN LOW-BUDGET MOVIE SERIALS IN 1948 AND 1950. FORMER **BOXER GEORGE REEVES** TOOK THE ROLE FOR 1951'S "**SUPERMAN AND THE MOLE MEN**," WHICH SPAWNED THE LONG-RUNNING TV SERIES "**THE ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN**." BUDGETS WERE STILL LOW. IN SOME EPISODES WHERE THE PLOT REQUIRED **SUPERMAN** TO FLY IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, THE FILM WAS SIMPLY FLIPPED, RESULTING IN THE CHEST INSIGNIA APPEARING REVERSED!

CHRISTOPHER REEVE WAS A COMPLETE UNKNOWN WHEN HE WAS CAST IN THE TITLE ROLE OF THE 1978 BLOCKBUSTER "**SUPERMAN**." THE MOVIE MADE HIM A STAR, AND HE REPRISÉD THE ROLE IN THREE SEQUELS.

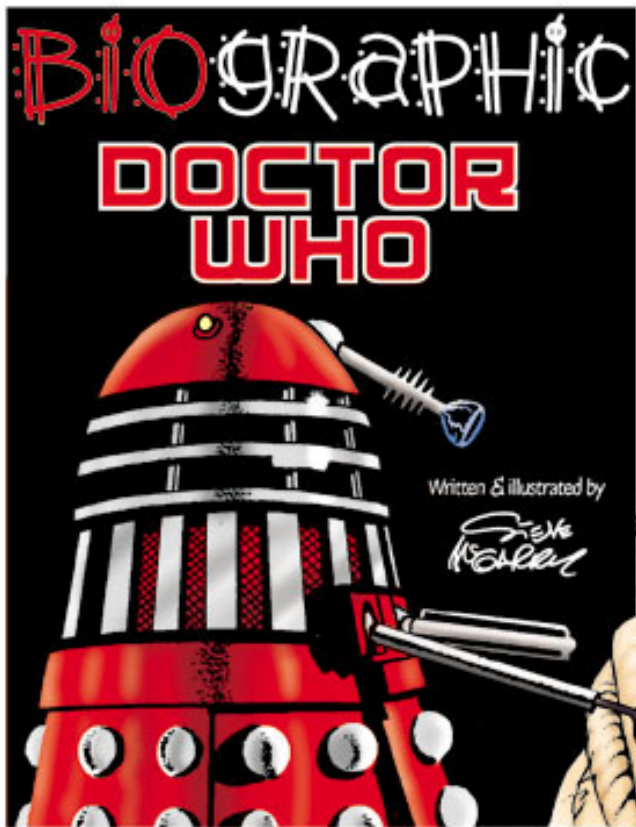
IN THE MID-1990s, **DEAN CAIN** BROUGHT THE SUPERHERO BACK TO THE SMALL SCREEN IN "**LOIS & CLARK: THE NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN**." MORE RECENTLY, **SUPERMAN** HAS BEEN PLAYED BY **TYLER HOECHLIN** ON THE "**SUPERGIRL**" TV SERIES. THE BIG-BUDGET 2006 MOVIE "**SUPERMAN RETURNS**" CAST NEWCOMER **BRANDON ROUTH** IN THE LEAD. SINCE 2013, **HENRY CAVILL** HAS PLAYED THE LATEST INCARNATION IN THREE BIG-BUDGET MOVIES AND COUNTING.

JERRY SIEGEL AND **JOE SHUSTER** NEVER REALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE VAST FORTUNES THEIR CREATION GENERATED, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE AWARDED A \$94,000 PAYOUT IN THE 1940s AND RECEIVED SMALL STIPENDS IN LATER LIFE. IN 2012, THE ORIGINAL \$130 CHECK THEY RECEIVED SOLD FOR \$16,000. TWO YEARS LATER, A COPY OF **ACTION COMICS #1**, WITH A 10-CENT COVER PRICE, SOLD FOR \$3.2 MILLION AT AUCTION.

SUPERMAN

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THE LONGEST-RUNNING SCI-FI SHOW IN THE WORLD FIRST HIT TV SCREENS IN BRITAIN ON NOVEMBER 23, 1963. "DOCTOR WHO" FOLLOWS THE ADVENTURES OF A TIME LORD WHO ROAMS THROUGH TIME AND SPACE IN THE TARDIS, A SPACECRAFT DISGUISED AS AN OLD-FASHIONED LONDON POLICE BOX. ('TARDIS' IS AN ACRONYM FOR 'TIME AND RELATIVE DIMENSION IN SPACE.') THE ORIGINAL SERIES WAS SO LOW-BUDGET THAT WHEN THE SCRIPT CALLED FOR SIX DALEKS, THE EVIL ALIENS IN TANKLIKE MACHINES THAT ARE THE DOCTOR'S GREATEST FOES, THE PRODUCERS HAD TO PAD THE NUMBERS BY PASTING PHOTOS ONTO TWO CARDBOARD CUTOUTS.



WILLIAM HARTNELL WAS THE FIRST ACTOR TO PORTRAY THE DOCTOR. WHEN HE LEFT THE SERIES IN 1966, THE PRODUCERS HIT UPON A NOVEL WAY TO INTRODUCE HIS REPLACEMENT. THEY DECIDED THAT TIME LORDS HAVE THE ABILITY TO REGENERATE, THUS ALLOWING THEM TO INCORPORATE THE INTRODUCTION OF PATRICK TROUGHTON INTO THE STORYLINE. A SUCCESSION OF ACTORS HAVE SINCE TAKEN ON THE ROLE. THE MID-1960S ALSO SAW THE DOCTOR ON THE BIG SCREEN, WITH VETERAN HORROR STAR PETER CUSHING IN THE TITLE ROLE.

DOCTOR WHO

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"DOCTOR WHO" BECAME A CULT FAVORITE ON NORTH AMERICAN TV IN THE 1970s, WHEN THE LEAD WAS PLAYED BY JON PERTWEE AND THEN TOM BAKER. THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY PETER DAVISON, COLIN BAKER AND SYLVESTER MCGOY, WHO WAS THE INCUMBENT WHEN THE SHOW WENT ON HIATUS IN 1989.

THE SHOW RETURNED BRIEFLY IN THE MID-1990s, WITH PAUL MCGANN AS THE DOCTOR. IT WAS REPRISSED IN 2005 WITH CHRISTOPHER ECCLESTON, STAR OF SUCH MOVIES AS "ELIZABETH" AND "G.I. JOE: THE RISE OF COBRA," AS THE NINTH DOCTOR, BEFORE DAVID TENNANT ENJOYED A FIVE-YEAR STINT IN THE ROLE. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY MATT SMITH, WHO WAS SUCCEEDED BY PETER CAPALDI.

"DOCTOR WHO" HAS NOW BEEN SEEN IN MORE THAN 90 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD AND IS A JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF BBC AMERICA. THE SERIES RETURNS LATER THIS YEAR WITH JODIE WHITTAKER STARRING AS THE FIRST FEMALE INCARNATION OF THE TIME LORD!



BIOGRAPHIC COMPETITION TIME!

Little LICAF Live would like youngsters to design a factual comic! Inspired by Steve McGarry, it could be about anyone, from any walk of life. An athlete, a musician, actors from your favourite show, a family member, a historical figure or group of people like the vikings! Think about what you have recently been studying in school to help you with ideas.

Instructions:

- Create a biographic comic. It can be any size, landscape or portrait, but we recommend **no larger than A3**.
- Use a combination of images and words – you can search 'comic template' online if you would like a ready made layout.
- You can use any materials and equipment you want; draw, paint, collage, hand write, type, computer aided.
- Hand your comic to your teacher before the **deadline 25th September** – please only write your **first name on the front**.

BIOGRAPHIC



THE SON OF A FORMER FOOTBALLER, **NEYMAR DA SILVA SANTOS JUNIOR** WAS BORN IN MOGI DAS CRUZES, SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL, ON FEBRUARY 5, 1992.

HE JOINED THE **SANTOS FC** YOUTH ACADEMY IN 2003. THREE YEARS LATER, HE HAD A SUCCESSFUL TRIAL WITH SPANISH GIANTS **REAL MADRID**, BUT **SANTOS** FRAID HANDSOMELY TO RETAIN HIS SERVICES - AND BY THE TIME HE WAS IT, **NEYMAR** WAS A FIRST TEAM REGULAR. HE ENDED HIS SECOND SEASON AS A LEAGUE AND CUP WINNER, HAVING SCORED 42 GOALS IN 60 GAMES.

NEYMAR



DESPITE A 1600-STRONG PETITION, **BRAZIL** COACH **DUNSA** DECLINED TO INCLUDE THE TEEN IN HIS 2010 WORLD CUP SQUAD. **NEYMAR** MADE HIS FULL INTERNATIONAL DEBUT IN AUGUST, 2010 - AND SCORED!

IN 2011, HE WAS VOTED SOUTH AMERICAN FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR, HAVING WON THE U-20 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP WITH **BRAZIL** AND A SECOND LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE COPA LIBERTADORES WITH **SANTOS**.



HE SCORED HIS 100th SENIOR PROFESSIONAL GOAL ON HIS 20th BIRTHDAY IN 2012. THAT SUMMER, HE WON A SILVER MEDAL WITH **BRAZIL** AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES. HE ENDED THE YEAR BY BEING NAMED SOUTH AMERICAN FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR FOR A SECOND TIME AND WINNING THE GOLDEN BALL AS THE BEST PLAYER IN BRAZIL'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST CLUBS HAD BEEN BEATING A PATH TO HIS DOOR FOR YEARS, BUT IT WAS ASSUMED HE'D STAY IN BRAZIL UNTIL AFTER THE 2014 WORLD CUP. HOWEVER, IN MAY 2013, **NEYMAR** AGREED A FIVE-YEAR DEAL WITH **BARCELONA**, THE CATALANS PAYING 57 MILLION EUROS FOR HIS SERVICES!

HIS 2014 WORLD CUP WITH **BRAZIL** WAS CURTAILED BY A BROKEN BONE IN HIS BACK - BUT HIS FOUR GOALS WERE ENOUGH TO WIN HIM THE BRONZE BOOT. IN HIS SECOND SEASON IN SPAIN, **NEYMAR** HELPED **BARCELONA** WIN THE TREBLE OF LA LIGA, COPA DEL REY AND UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE!

HE CAPTAINED **BRAZIL** TO GOLD AT THE 2016 OLYMPICS BEFORE WINNING THE 2017 COPA DEL REY WITH **BARCELONA**. THAT SUMMER, **PARIS SAINT GERMAIN** TRIGGERED THE 222 MILLION EUROS RELEASE CLAUSE IN HIS CONTRACT TO TAKE HIM TO FRANCE!

A biography is an account of someone's life written by somebody else.

These are examples of Steve McGarry's sporting personality biographic comics

BIOGRAPHIC LIONEL MESSI

LIONEL ANDRÉS MESSI WAS BORN IN ROSARIO, ARGENTINA, ON JUNE 24, 1987. BY THE TIME HE WAS 4, **LEO** WAS THE STAR OF HIS LOCAL TEAM, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SMALLER AND YOUNGER THAN ALL THE OTHER BOYS. AT THE AGE OF 8, HE WAS SNAPPED UP BY **NEWELL'S OLD BOYS**, ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS CLUBS IN ARGENTINA, AND HE WAS SOON SCORING OVER 100 GOALS EACH SEASON.



HIS SKILLS WERE SUBLIME, BUT HIS LACK OF INCHES WAS CAUSING CONCERN. HIS PARENTS TOOK HIM TO SEE A SPECIALIST, WHO DIAGNOSED A GROWTH HORMONE DEFICIENCY AND PRESCRIBED A COURSE OF HORMONE TREATMENT ...



YOU'LL NEED AN INJECTION EVERY DAY, **LEO** ...

THE TREATMENT WAS EXPENSIVE AND MONEY WAS TIGHT IN ARGENTINA - BUT **LEO** HAD COME TO THE ATTENTION OF **BARCELONA**, WHO OFFERED TO PAY HIS MEDICAL BILLS. SO IN 2000, THE **MESSI** FAMILY MOVED TO SPAIN AND **LEO** BEGAN TO WORK HIS WAY THROUGH THE CLUB'S YOUTH TEAMS.

HE MADE HIS FIRST-TEAM DEBUT IN 2003, AT THE AGE OF 16, AND HIS LEAGUE DEBUT IN 2004, AT THE AGE OF 17.



IN 2005, HE WAS THE STAR OF **ARGENTINA'S** FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING TEAM, EARNING THE GOLDEN BALL AND THE GOLDEN SHOE. LATER THAT SAME YEAR, THE 18-YEAR-OLD WON HIS FIRST FULL CAP.



2006 SAW A THIGH INJURY END HIS SEASON PREMATURELY, BUT **BARCELONA** WENT ON TO WIN LA LIGA AND THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, AND **LEO** RECOVERED IN TIME TO BECOME **ARGENTINA'S** YOUNGEST-EVER WORLD CUP PLAYER.

HE STARTED FOR HIS COUNTRY AT THE 2007 COPA AMERICA BEFORE EARNING A GOLD MEDAL AT THE 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES.

LEO WAS SENSATIONAL IN THE 2008-09 SEASON, INSPIRING **BARCELONA** TO A TREBLE OF LEAGUE, CUP AND CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, AND HE WAS HONOURED WITH THE 2009 BALLON D'OR AND FIFA WORLD PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS. **BARCELONA** ROMPED TO THE TITLE AGAIN IN 2009-10, AND WON A CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AND LEAGUE DOUBLE AFTER WINNING LA LIGA AGAIN IN 2012-13, HE INSPIRED **BARCELONA** TO A LEAGUE CUP AND CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TREBLE IN 2014-15.

THE ONLY MAN IN HISTORY TO WIN THE BALLON D'OR FIVE TIMES, HE HAS ALSO WON FOUR EUROPEAN GOLDEN SHOES. TO DATE HE HAS WON EIGHT LA LIGA TITLES, FOUR UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TITLES, AND FIVE COPAS DEL REY WITH **BARCELONA** AND HAS BECOME **ARGENTINA'S** ALL-TIME LEADING GOALSCORER!



Biographic



POST MALONE

BORN AUSTIN RICHARD POST IN SPRINGFIELD, NEW YORK, ON JULY 14, 1995, POST MALONE WAS RAISED IN GRIFFITHVILLE, TEXAS. AFTER PLAYING IN A HEAVY METAL BAND, HE BEGAN TO CREATE HIS OWN MUSIC, BLENDING SOFTER ROCK AND HIP-HOP, MAKING HIS FIRST MIXTURE AT THE AGE OF 18. HE AND LONGTIME FRIEND JASON PROOST, A PROFESSIONAL GAVE STREAMER, MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND TEAMED UP WITH OTHER ARTISTS AND PRODUCERS IN A GROUP CALLED **BLOCKYRD**. HE RECORDED THE SONG **"WHITE IVORY"** JUST TWO DAYS AFTER WRITING IT AND UPLOADED IT TO HIS SOUNDCloud ACCOUNT IN FEBRUARY 2016. THE TRACK WAS A VIRAL SENSATION, AND POST WAS SOON SIGNED TO **REPUBLIC RECORDS**. THE SONG WAS RE-RELEASED AND HIT No. 14 ON THE **BILLBOARD** CHARTS. IT WAS ALSO INCLUDED ON HIS DEBUT ALBUM - **"STONEY"** - AS WERE THE TOP 10 SINGLES **"CONGRATULATIONS"** AND **"I FALL APART."**

THE ALBUM WENT TRIPLE PLATINUM, REACHING No. 4 ON THE U.S. ALBUM CHART. IT SUBSEQUENTLY BROKE THE RECORD OF 76 WEEKS THAT **MICHAEL JACKSON'S "THRILLER"** SPENT IN THE TOP 10 OF THE R&B AND HIP-HOP ALBUMS CHART.

IN LATE 2017 HIS SINGLE **"ROCKSTAR"** - FEATURING **DJ SAVAGE** - SPENT EIGHT WEEKS AT THE TOP OF THE CHARTS. THE FOLLOWING SUMMER, **"PSYCHO"** - FEATURING **TY DOLLA SIGN** - ALSO TOPTED THE CHARTS.

IN APRIL 2018 HIS SECOND ALBUM, **"BEERSONGS AND BENTLEYS"**, DEBUTED AT THE TOP OF THE ALBUM CHARTS, BREAKING RECORDS WITH AN ASTONISHING 78.7 MILLION STREAMS WORLDWIDE ON THE FIRST DAY OF RELEASE! EVERY TRACK WAS A TOP 50 HIT, AND POST BROKE A 94-YEAR OLD RECORD SET BY **THE BEATLES** BY HAVING NINE SINGLES IN THE TOP 20 AT ONE TIME!

Biographic



DOJA CAT

AMALANTHA ZANGLIE DIAMANTO WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES ON OCTOBER 21, 1989. HER FATHER, ACTOR, COMPOSER AND FILM PRODUCER **QUINCY DIAMANTO**, RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE SOUTH AFRICA, AND SHE WAS RAISED BY HER MOTHER, A PRINCESS AT 6. **AMALANTHA** BLIGHT HERSELF TO USE THE MUSIC PRODUCTION PROGRAM **DAVE NAVRO** AND BEGAN CREATING HER OWN SONGS AND UPLOADING THEM TO SOUNDCloud. SHE ADOPTED THE STAGE NAME **DOJA CAT** AND LANDED A RECORD DEAL WHEN SHE WAS 17. SHE RELEASED HER DEBUT EP, **"YOUNG"** IN LATE 2014 AND BEGAN COLLABORATING WITH OTHER ARTISTS.

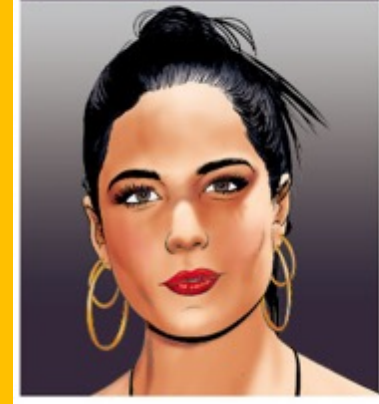
HER DEBUT ALBUM, **"YANALIA"**, RELEASED IN 2018, CONTAINED THE SONG **"MOON"**, WHICH BECAME A VIRAL SENSATION. THE ENTIRELY SELF-PRODUCED SINGLE BROKE THRU 5 MILLION VIEWS IN TWO WEEKS AND HAS SINCE BEEN VIEWED MORE THAN 15 MILLION TIMES. HER EP, **"DOJA"**, WAS A HUGE POPULAR, ON VIVO - SHARING PLATFORM TRACK.

HER SUCCESS WAS TEMPERED WHEN A HISTORY OF SELF-ADVISED TWEETS SURFACED AND SPARKED CONTROVERSY - SHE WITHDREW THE EP AND HER SINGLE APOLOGIZED FOR HER COMMENTS AND DELETED THE OFFENDING REMARKS.

HER SECOND ALBUM, **"HONEY"**, WAS RELEASED IN LATE 2019. THE FIFTH SINGLE OFF THE ALBUM, **"SO SO WET"** WAS A TOP 5 HIT AND CASCADIC, BEGINS THE **POST-STREAMING** SONGS OF 2020 BY A FEMALE ARTIST. IN NOV OF THIS YEAR, A BLENDED VERSION OF **"SO SO WET"** FEATURING **ROBYN ANNAZ** SCORED TO THE TOP OF THE U.S. CHARTS, BECOMING THE FIRST No. 1 SINGLE FOR BOTH. IT WAS THE FIRST EVER FEMALE R&B COLLABORATION TO TOP THE BILLBOARD CHARTS.

Biographic comic strips about musicians

Biographic



HALSEY

ASHLEY NICOLETTE FRANCIS IRVINE, BORN IN BRIDGE TOWN, NEW JERSEY, ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1995, HAD BEEN ENROLLED IN SIX DIFFERENT SCHOOLS BY HER TEENS, AS THE FAMILY FREQUENTLY MOVED TO FIND WORK. A TROUBLED TEEN, SHE WAS DIAGNOSED AS BIPOLAR AFTER ATTEMPTING TO HARM HERSELF. SHE WAS ACCEPTED INTO RACED ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN BUT WITHDREW DUE TO FINANCIAL HARSHIP AND ENROLLED IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTEAD.

AFTER SHE BEGAN WRITING SONGS AND POSTING THEM ONLINE, SHE LANDED A RECORD DEAL, TAKING THE STAGE NAME **HALSEY**. SHE TOURED WITH **THE KOOKS** AND THEN **IMAGINE DRAGONS** AND RELEASED A WELL-RECEIVED EP, HER DEBUT ALBUM, **"BADLANDS"**, WAS RELEASED IN AUGUST 2015 AND DEBUTED AT No. 2 ON THE ALBUM CHARTS, BOOSTED BY HER SUPPORT SLOT ON **THE WEEKND'S** FALL TOUR. THE ALBUM WAS CERTIFIED PLATINUM.

"**CLOSER**" HER COLLABORATION WITH **THE CHAINSMOKERS** TOOK HER TO THE TOP OF THE BILLBOARD CHARTS IN 2016. SHE WAS EVER PRESENT ON THE AWARDS IN 2017 WITH THE HIT SINGLE **"BAD AT LOVE"** AND HER DUET WITH **G-EAZY**, **"HIM AND I."**

"**NOPELESS FOUNTAIN KINGSOON**" HER SECOND ALBUM, DEBUTED AT No. 1, AND SHE TOPTED THE SINGLES CHART WITH **"WITHOUT ME."** SHE HAS ENJOINED SUCCESS TEAMING UP WITH A NUMBER OF ARTISTS, INCLUDING **OTIS** ON THE TOP 10 HIT **"BOY WITH LUV."** RELEASED EARLIER THIS YEAR, HER THIRD ALBUM, **"MANIC"**, REACHED No. 2.

Biographic



BILLIE EILISH PIRATE BAIRD O'CONNELL WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 18, 2001. HOME-SCHOOLED, SHE JOINED THE **LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S CHORUS** AT THE AGE OF 8. SHE WAS WRITING SONGS BY THE AGE OF 11, INSPIRED BY ELDER BROTHER **FINNEAS O'CONNELL**, WHO WAS WRITING, PERFORMING AND PRODUCING MUSIC WITH HIS OWN BAND.

IN LATE 2015, SHE RECORDED A SONG WRITTEN BY HER BROTHER, **"OCEAN EYES"**, AND HER DANCE TEACHER HELPED CHOREOGRAPH A DANCE TO IT. THE SONG QUICKLY GAINED ATTENTION ON SOUNDCloud AND LED TO A MAJOR RECORD DEAL.

HER POPULARITY GREW OVER A STRING OF 2017 RELEASES. IN EARLY 2018, SHE TEAMED UP WITH **KHALID** ON THE TRACK **"LOVELY"** FOR THE OFFICIAL SOUNDTRACK OF THE NETFLIX SERIES **"13 REASONS WHY."**

2018 SAW HER SIGN A MODELING CONTRACT, GO OUT ON TOUR AND RELEASE A STRING OF SINGLES, CULMINATING IN **"COME OUT AND PLAY"**, WRITTEN FOR A HOLIDAY-THEMED APPLE COMMERCIAL. IN EARLY 2019, HER **"DON'T SMILE AT ME"** EP HIT THE U.S. TOP 20.

HER ALBUM **"WHEN WE ALL FALL ASLEEP WHERE DO WE GO?"** DEBUTED AT No. 1 ON THE BILLBOARD CHARTS, MAKING **BILLIE** THE FIRST ARTIST BORN IN THE 21st CENTURY TO HAVE A U.S. CHART-TOPPING ALBUM. FOURTEEN OF THE TRACKS CHARTED SIMULTANEOUSLY ON THE SINGLES CHART, A NEW RECORD FOR A FEMALE ARTIST. THE ALBUM ALSO HIT THE TOP SPOT IN 15 OTHER COUNTRIES!

THIS SUMMER SEES **BILLIE** MIDWAY THROUGH A WORLD TOUR AND DOMINATING GLOBAL AIRWAVES WITH THE HIT SINGLE **"BAD GUY."**

Billie Eilish

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART ONE

The world's best paid player, married to a beautiful pop star, captain of his country and a legend at one of the world's greatest clubs - a hero, a heart-throb and the idol of millions. Scoring today, we're telling the tale of one of football's biggest superstars - DAVID BECKHAM!

DAVID ROBERT JOSEPH BECKHAM was born in Leytonstone, London, on May 2, 1975. His dad, Ted, played amateur football for Leyton Orient and Watford and was a Manchester United fanatic - a passion he passed on to young David!

Ted ran a Sunday league side and, from the age of four, David accompanied him to each game. Afterwards, the two would spend hours on the pitch together while David practiced kicking and shooting. From an early age, David - whose Christmas present each year was the latest United kit - dreamed of playing for the Red Devils.

Back home again, David continued to impress with local side Ridgeway Rovers, for whom he would eventually score 60 goals in 85 appearances. He had trials with both Leyton Orient and Tottenham Hotspur - which delighted his Spurs-supporting Grandad.

NEW STRIP STARTS TODAY!

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART TWO

Football-crazy eleven-year-old David Beckham was watching 'Blue Peter' on television when he heard about a nationwide skills competition sponsored by the Bobby Charlton Soccer School. David's granddad paid the £25 entrance fee and in December, 1986, David won the competition for his age group in the final at Old Trafford. Not only did he get to meet Manchester United legend Charlton, the prize was a two-week trip to Spain to train with 'Terry Venables' Barcelona at the Nou Camp.

But David's heart was set on playing for Manchester United and his dream came true when he was spotted by a club scout and invited for trials at Old Trafford. Leaving Chingford High School at 16, he signed for Manchester United as a trainee on July 8, 1991. David lived in lodgings during the week, seeing his parents at weekends. While his friends branched to discover girls and nightlife, David lived and breathed football, dedicating himself to his chosen career.

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART THREE

David Beckham made his senior team debut for Manchester United at the age of 17, coming on as a substitute in a Rambleboke Cup tie against Brighton. Four months later he became a professional player but didn't make another senior appearance until the following season. His first full appearance was against Port Vale in the League Cup and he scored his first goal for United in a 4-0 Champions League victory over Turin club Galatasaray. If he thought he had done enough to figure into manager Alex Ferguson's plans, he was very much mistaken!

WE NEED TO 'TOUGHEN YOU UP A BIT, SON'... SO I'VE DECIDED TO LOAN YOU OUT TO PRESTON!

So David joined 'Red' Division Preston North End on loan, scoring on his debut against Doncaster. He went on to make four more appearances for the club, scoring once more, before he was recalled to Old Trafford. He made 10 Premier League appearances for United against Leeds on April 2, 1995.

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART FOUR

David Beckham's first Premiership goal for the Red Devils came against Aston Villa on the opening day of the 1995/96 season. A young Manchester United side were defeated that day, a loss that prompted former Liverpool and Scotland star Alan Hansen, in his role as pundit on the BBC's 'Match of the Day' show, to predict a fruitless season for Alex Ferguson's side. The 'kid' proved him very wrong. By season's end, the likes of Beckham, Giggs, Butt, Scharke and the Neville brothers were household names and Manchester United had won the Premiership and F.A. Cup double!

YOU DON'T WIN ANYTHING WITH KIDS!

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART FIVE

Within weeks of the 1996/97 season kicking off, 20-year-old David Beckham was a household name throughout Britain.

He scored in the Charity Shield, the traditional season-opening game between the reigning Champions and F.A. Cup holders (that season, Championship runners-up Newcastle were invited to participate as Manchester United had won the double the previous season.)

Then, on the opening day of the League programme, he scored the goal of the season, a spectacular lob from the half-way line that gave Wimbledon goalkeeper Neil Sullivan no chance.

His form caught the eye of England manager Glenn Hoddle and he made his debut for the national side in the World Cup qualification game against Moldova. He was the only player to start every game of the qualifying campaign for the 1998 World Cup.

Manchester United were crowned Champions of England once more in 1997 and David was voted Young Player of the Year by his peers in the Professional Footballers Association.

Things were also going well for him off the field. He met pop star Victoria 'Spice Spice' Adams in the VIP Lounge following a game against Coventry City. Beckham, Scott, he and the Spice Girls were doing...

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART SIX

Having started every one of England's qualifying games for the 1998 World Cup, David Beckham was eager to make his mark on the world stage when the tournament began in France. He was hugely disappointed when manager Glenn Hoddle left him out of the side for England's first two games. Following the 2-1 defeat to Romania, in which Beckham came on as a substitute, the nation was crying out for the young Manchester United star to be included in the starting line-up for the vital match against Colombia - a game that England had to win to stay in the World Cup.

The nation got to watch... and Beckham was magnificent, capping a fantastic performance in a 2-0 victory with a brilliant free-kick to score his first-ever goal for his country!

Four days later, the hero became the villain. Minutes into the second half of the clash with old foes Argentina, with the score balanced at 2-2, a pedestal kick at Argentine Diego Simeone earned Beckham a red card. Refused to tam down, England fought valiantly but the game went to penalties. Argentina emerged victorious and England went home.

A 12-part David Beckham comic that shows you how to tell a story in multiple strips

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART SEVEN

David's 1998 World Cup dismissal against Argentina earned him the vituperation of his countrymen. Fans were furious at his needless red card and blamed him for England's early exit from a tournament that many believed the team were capable of winning.

Later that year, the couple announced that they were having a baby. Son Brooklyn - named after the New York borough in which he was conceived - was born on March 8, 1999. (A brother, Romeo, would follow three years later.)

Newspapers demanded his banishment from the England side - one even printed his photo on a special dirtboard - and an effigy of Beckham was hung outside a London pub. Critics were adamant that he had little chance but to quit Manchester for the safety of a European club, so deep was the anger towards him.

But David didn't hide from his critics. "This is without doubt the worst moment of my career," he said. "I will always regret my actions. I have apologized to the England players and management and I want every England supporter to know how deeply sorry I am."

With the support of his family and his superstar girlfriend, Spice Girl Victoria 'Spice Spice' Adams, Beckham began working towards rebuilding his life and his reputation.

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART EIGHT

After the bitter disappointments of 1998 - Manchester United's failure to win a trophy and the roar of his red card against Argentina in the World Cup, a dismissal that many cited as the reason England had exited the tournament - 1999 was a year of triumph and joy for David Beckham.

His girlfriend, Spice Girls star Victoria Adams, gave birth to the couple's first child, a baby boy they called Brooklyn, in March.

They began making plans for a lavish summer wedding, to be held in a castle in Dublin, Ireland.

On the field, David played a major role in what turned out to be perhaps the greatest season in the history of Manchester United.

On May 12 a 2-1 win at Tottenham Hotspur saw the Red Devils crowned English Premier League Champions. On May 22, at the legendary Wembley Stadium, United beat Newcastle United 2-0 to lift the F.A. Cup.

Four days later, two stoppage time goals were enough to beat Bayern Munich 1-0 and capture the European Cup in an unforgettable 2-1 triumph.

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART NINE

Standing in the leafy Dublin countryside, Luttrellstown Castle was the fairy tale setting for the wedding that captured a nation's imagination in the summer of 1999.

By 4 p.m. on the afternoon of Sunday, July 4, David Beckham had joined the 20 close friends and family waiting at the small chapel for the arrival of his bride, pop star Victoria Adams. In his arms, David cradled the couple's 4-month-old baby son, Brooklyn. Victoria was walked down the aisle by her father and the Bishop of Cork began the ceremony.

By the time they were pronounced husband and wife, both David and Victoria were in tears, as were many of the congregation - including the three other Spice Girls, Emma, Mel C and Mel B!

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART TEN

On July 4, 1999, following a small ceremony in the chapel of a Dublin castle, 226 guests greeted newlyweds David and Victoria Beckham, who made a spectacular entrance down the fifth century staircase at a banquet played the 'Beauty and the Beast' theme.

As the guests dined, an 18-piece string orchestra played a selection of Spice Girls hits. Following the cutting of the cake - a lavish three-tier confection topped with a fondant sculpture of the near-naked couple - it was time for the speeches.

Teasing the groom's famous fashion sense by sporting a tartan, David's best man, Manchester United and England teammate Gary Neville, read off a string of one-liners, read the telegram and related how bearded his friend had been with Victoria from the very start.

With the speeches over, David and Victoria led their guests into a second marriage to dance the night away. All eyes were on the happy couple as they took the floor... and the picture of wedding bliss was completed when they cradled baby Brooklyn between them.

As the evening drew to a close, guests gathered on the balcony for a stunning fireworks display - a spectacular finale to a fairy tale.

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART ELEVEN

Early in 2000, a training ground bust-up between Beckham and Sir Alex Ferguson resulted in him being dropped for Manchester United's game against Leeds United. By Spring, however, it appeared the rift had healed and in May, Beckham collected his fourth English Premier League winners' medal as United romped to the title.

Following England's exit from Euro 2000 at the group stages and defeat in the opening game of World Cup 2002 qualifiers, Kevin Keegan resigned as England manager. Caretaker coach Peter Taylor made Beckham the England captain - the rehabilitation of the England 'bad boy' was complete.

When Sven-Goran Eriksson was recalled as England coach, he gave Beckham the captain's armband on a permanent basis. Beckham responded magnificently, helping the team with crucial goals and scoring performances to lead them to the 2002 World Cup Final.

Disaster struck in the spring of 2002, when he broke a bone in his foot. A nation held its breath as Beckham battled back to fitness in a race against time. He recovered to lead his country in the tournament... and led the ghosts of 1998 to rest when he calmly struck penalty eliminated arch-rival Argentina from the tournament.

BECKS! THE DAVID BECKHAM STORY by Steve Keenan PART TWELVE

Early in 2003, the uneasy truce between Beckham and his Manchester United manager, Sir Alex Ferguson, was fractured in spectacular style. A raging Ferguson kicked a soccer ball across the dressing room, striking Beckham above the left eye. The fiery Scot refused to apologize. Further evidence that it was not well between the two was provided when Beckham was left on the bench for vital games, including the European Champions League game against Real Madrid.

When a visibly emotional Beckham made the season to the fans after Manchester United's final home game of the farewell, speculation was rife that Old Trafford had seen the last of Beckham in the famous red shirt. Transfer talk dominated newspapers and TV the world over and when United announced that they had accepted a bid from Barcelona, the rumors became fact - whether or not he was Barcelona-bound, Beckham's days at a Red Devil were all but over.

After weeks of further conjecture, the sensational news was announced - David Beckham had declined Barcelona's advance and signed for the Catalan club's great rival Real Madrid - the one club in the world that can justify a claim to be greater than Manchester United - in a US-\$48 million transfer.

And so, as our story closes, the world's most famous soccer player begins a new chapter in his story, trading Manchester for the sunshine of Madrid and meeting his colorful wife legends such as Ronaldo and Zidane.

THE END

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