

PINK FLOYD



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INTRODUCTION

Pink Floyd, has achieved international acclaim with their progressive and psychedelic music. The group has been one of the most innovative groups both in concert and studio. Their music has almost taken on a classical, operatic quality, and has pushed boundaries of music to their outer limits. Moreover, they are one of the most commercially successful and musically influential groups in the history of popular music.

HISTORY



In 1964, Roger Waters, Richard Wright and Nick Mason formed Sigma 6. They changed their band names, and in autumn 1966 they recruited two guitar players Bob Close and Roger Syd Barret. They eventually changed their name to The Pink Floyd Sound.

Before long, they dropped the words "The" and "Sound" and made their first album *The Piper at the Gates of Dawn*. They recorded this right down the hall from where The Beatles were recording *Sgt Peppers*. So they got to know The Beatles very well.

HISTORY CONTINUED



In late 1967, David Gilmour was added as the fifth member of Pink Floyd. He was supposed to cover for Syd Barrett on stage.

However Syd's acid addiction got the better of him, and Syd was institutionalized for drug abuse in 1974. The band continued on without Syd.

PINK FLOYD MUSIC BIOGRAPHY

The group landed a recording contract with EMI and made the Top 20 with a brilliant debut single "Arnold Layne"

Their 1973 album Dark Side of the Moon finally broke Pink Floyd as superstars in the United States where it reached number 1. The follow-up Wish You Were Here also became number 1.



MUSICAL STYLE HISTORY

At first, Pink Floyd were much more conventional, concentrating on the rock and R&B.

However they quickly began to experiment, stretching out songs with wild instrumental freak-out passages incorporating feedback, electronic screeches, and unusual eerie sounds created by loud amplification, reverb and such tricks as sliding ball bearings up and down guitar strings.



Other Musical Styles of the Time (60s)

- Psychedelic Rock, Blues Rock, Folk Rock were among the popular musical styles of the 1960's
- Later half included Progressive Rock and Heavy Rock
- Popular groups include: The Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Animals, The Yardbirds, Led Zeppelin, The Beach Boys

Musical Elements of 1960's

- Rhythm and Blues continued to influence the style of Rock Music
- Improvisation became more popular
- Experimentation with classical music styles such as Baroque
- Rock music had many different genres/styles at this point

Other Musical Styles of the Time (70s)

- Popular styles of rock included: Progressive Rock, Hard Rock, Country Rock, Punk Rock, and Blues Rock
- Popular groups included: Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, Aerosmith, Journey, Bob Dylan, Queen, Eric Clapton, Fleetwood Mac

My favourite band.....



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