

Famous People In Maine

Maine, a northeastern state in the United States of America, is home to a number of famous and remarkable people. Among these famous people are writer Stephen King, actress Liv Tyler and songwriter Dan Fogelberg.

Dan Fogelberg

The late Daniel Fogelberg was born in Peoria, Illinois, but lived in Deer Isle in Maine until his death on December 15, 2007. Dan Fogelberg is known for his classic songs like Leader of the Band, whose lyrics talk about a son's appreciation of his father's training him both in the family and in music.

Dan Fogelberg was born on August 31, 1951 to parents of musical backgrounds. His father, Lawrence Peter Fogelberg, was a high school band director for Peoria Woodruff and Perkin High Schools. His mother, Margaret Young Fogelberg, was a classic pianist.

As a child, Dan Fogelberg was a self-taught pianist and slide guitarist. When he reached the age of 14, he joined a Beatles cover band called The Clan. 2 years later, he would join another cover band, The Coachmen. As part of The Coachmen, Fogelberg released two singles entitled "Maybe Time Will Let Me Forget" and "Don't Want to Lose Her." By the 1980s, he was part of Frankie and the Aliens, who occasionally covered songs by Cream and Muddy Waters.

Fogelberg's solo effort was not without failures, despite the success of later releases. His 1971 debut album was not received warmly, but in 1974 he bounced back with his second album "Souvenirs" which helped make him an instant hit. After Souvenirs, he released several other successful albums up until the 1980s.

In 2002, Fogelberg was one of 10 people inducted into the Performers Hall of Fame at the Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison, Colorado.

Fogelberg found out he was afflicted with prostate cancer at an advanced stage after an examination in May 2004. Although it was too late to eliminate the cancer, it was stopped from spreading through therapy. After three years, he died of prostate cancer with his wife by his side.

Stephen King

A successful writer of horror fiction novels, Stephen King is a man born and continuing to live in Maine. He was born on September 21, 1947 in Portland, Maine, just after World War 2. King was raised by his mother after his father Donald Edwin King left them in 1949.

People thought King's apparent witnessing of a friend's death under the tracks of a train was the catalyst for the dark nature of his novels. However, King dismisses this - he doesn't remember the event - and says the cover art of an H.P. Lovecraft short story collection (a monster within a cavern found under a tombstone) sparked the light bulb in his head for the type of stories he wanted to write.

King's first successful novel was Carrie, which was released on Mother's Day in 1973. Published by Double Day, Carrie is the story of a girl with psychic powers. It earned King US\$400,000, with US\$200,000 of the figure going to Double Day.

The success of Carrie earned King a positive reputation. All his other novels were commercial successes and were adapted into films. Two of these novels were Pet Sematary and The Green Mile, with the latter made into a film starring award-winning actor Tom Hanks.

Liv Tyler

Liv Tyler is famous in the public eye for her portrayals as Bruce Willis' daughter in the science-fiction motion picture Armageddon, the elf Arwen in Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings film trilogy and for being the real-life daughter of Aerosmith's vocalist Steven Tyler.

Although she was born and continues to live in New York City, Liv Tyler spent part of her childhood in Portland, Maine (<http://www.topmainefsb.com/>) and attended three schools in the area. These schools are, namely, Congressional School of Virginia, Breakwater Elementary and Waynflete. At the age of 12, she moved back to New York City.

Ms. Tyler was originally surnamed Rundgren, as she was brought up to believe that Todd Rundgren was her biological father. According to her mother, Bebe Buell, she chose to hide Steven Tyler's paternity because the Aerosmith frontman had a major drug abuse problem when Liv was born.

After discovering the secret, Liv then changed her surname to Tyler but keeping the Rundgren name as a middle name. She even appeared in the video of Aerosmith's song "Crazy". It could also be remembered that her father's band wrote several songs featured in the soundtrack of Armageddon, her most successful movie next to the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Aside from acting, Liv also models as part of IMG Models New York.

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