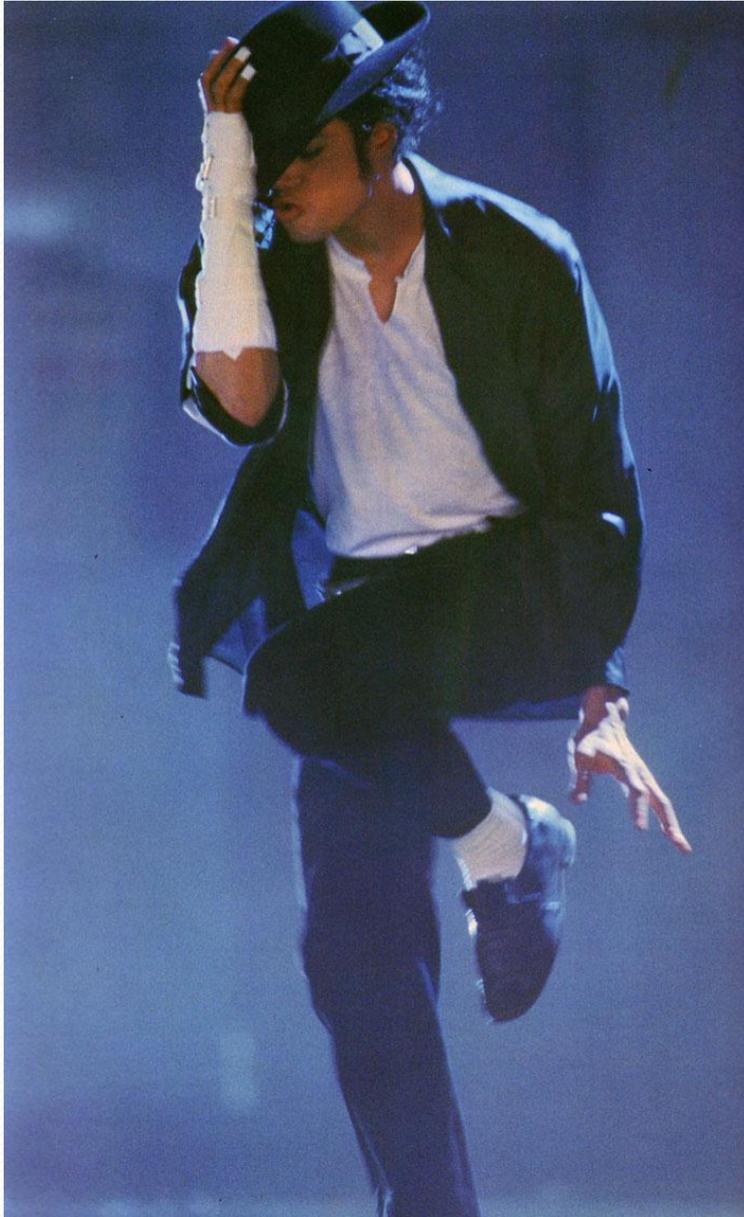


# America's famous people

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Michael Jackson, one of the most widely beloved entertainers and profoundly influential artists of all-time, leaves an indelible imprint on popular music and culture.





During his extraordinary career, he sold an estimated 750 million records worldwide, released 13 No.1 singles and became one of a handful of artists to be inducted twice into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The Guinness Book of World Records recognized Jackson as the Most Successful Entertainer of All Time and "Thriller" as the Biggest Selling Album of All Time. Jackson won 13 Grammy Awards and received the American Music Award's Artist of the Century Award.





Michael Jackson started in the music business at the age of 11 with his brothers as a member of the Jackson 5. In the early 1980s, he defined the art form of music video with such ground-breaking videos as "Billie Jean," "Beat It" and the epic "Thriller." Jackson's sound, style and dance moves inspired subsequent generations of pop, soul, R&B and hip-hop artists.

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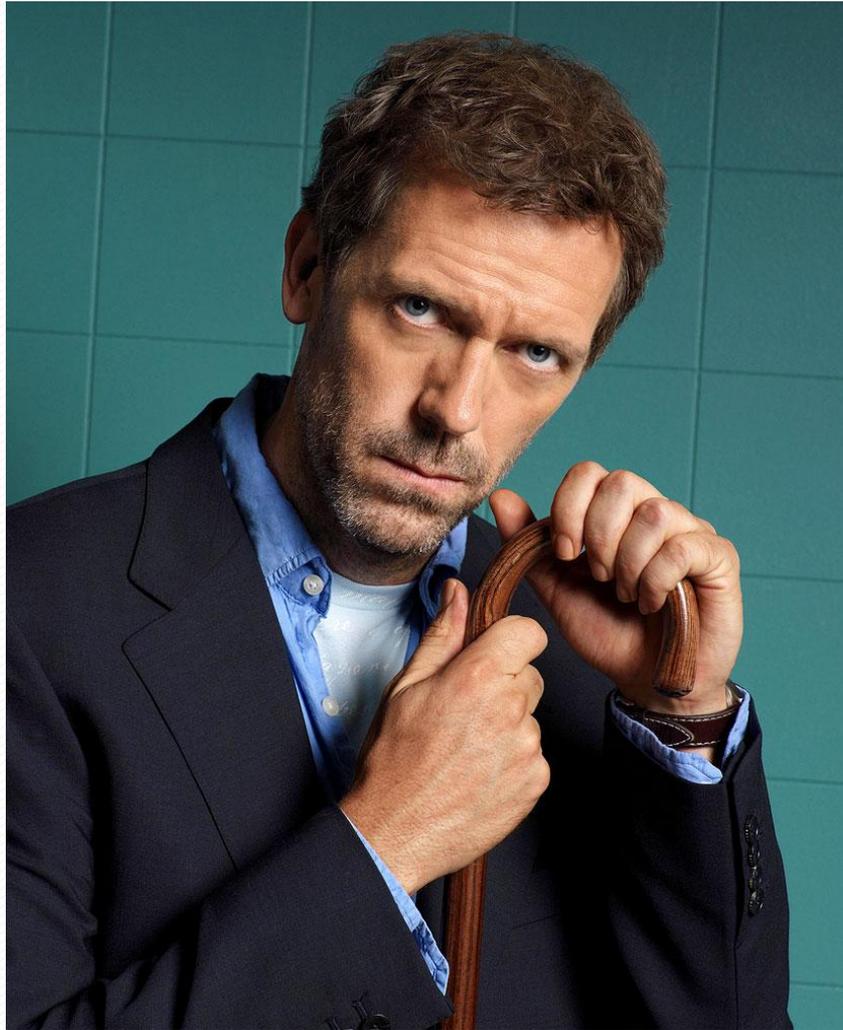




Laurie entered Cambridge University, with the intention of studying archeology and anthropology. He had his first experiences as a performer by getting involved with "the Footlights Club," a famed undergraduate comedy revue group. In his last year at Cambridge, Laurie was elected president of the club, with fellow Footlighter Emma Thompson acting as vice president.

Laurie made his first appearance on American movie screens with a small supporting role in the 1985 drama, "Plenty." Following that, Laurie was cast over the pond as one of Cruella De Vil's henchmen in "101 Dalmatians". He also essayed the Little family patriarch in the charming children's film "Stuart Little".





Later, the man who had built a reputation as a top British comic actor, broke through to international audiences when was cast as antisocial American physician Dr. Gregory House in the critically praised medical series, "House, M.D."

# *Tyra Banks*



Tyra Banks is an American model, an actress and a singer. She is also the host and the creator of renowned shows, like 'America's Next Top Model' and 'The Tyra Banks Show'. She has authored a book titled 'Tyra's Beauty Inside & Out' which was published in 1998.





Tyra's modeling career kicked off with runway modeling in Paris, France. In her modeling career she worked with big names like Dolce and Gabbana, CoverGirl, Tommy Hilfiger and Victoria's Secrets. She made it to the covers of reputed fashion magazines like Vogue, Cosmopolitan and Elle. She was the first African-American model to be chosen for the cover of Victoria's Secrets catalog.



Her television career started in 1993. The year 2003 witnessed her venture into production, starting with 'America's Next Top Model' which was hosted and judged by Tyra herself. She is also the host of 'The Tyra Banks Show' which won the Daytime Emmy Award in 2008. It is focused on issues pertaining to young women in society.

Tyra appeared in a few music videos like Michael Jackson's 'Black or White' and George Michael's 'Too Funky' before eventually coming up with her own single, 'Shake Ya Body' in 2004. She also recorded a sound track; 'Be a Star' for her film 'Life Size'.

