



KATE BUSH



Timeline

1958	1969	1978	1985	1987	1998	2005	2014
Born in Kent, England.	Kate teaches herself to play the piano.	Her debut single 'Wuthering Heights' goes to number 1 in the U.K. charts.	Hounds of Love album goes to number 1.	Won Best Female Solo Artist at the BRIT Awards.	Gives birth to her son 'Bertie'.	Kate releases a new album after 12 years since the previous one.	Performs live for the first time in 35 years.

Key Songs

Wuthering Heights	1978 – Written at the age of just 18, Kate Bush was inspired by a famous Emily Bronte novel.
Babooshka	1980 – A song about a women who tests whether the love from her husband is real but ends up ruining the relationship.
Cloudbusting	1985 – A song about a father and son relationship.
Running Up That Hill	1985 – Here Bush claims that if a man and a woman swapped genders/roles, they would better understand each other.
Hounds of Love	1985 - The song is about being afraid to fall in love; in the song this feeling is compared to being chased by a pack of hounds.
Rubberband Girl	1993 – She is encouraging the listener to be more flexible and resilient - in short, to "go with the flow."
Bertie	2005 – A song dedicated to her son, born in 1998.
Lyra	2007 – Philip Pullman's Golden Compass became a feature-length film and Kate Bush created a song for the end credits.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cloudbusting was inspired by Austrian-American psychoanalyst Wilhelm Reich, who became convinced he had invented a machine that could form clouds and create rain. Bush sought his son's blessing to release the song Cloudbusting.

The Importance of Kate Bush

A Female First

Kate Bush was the first female to get a number one on the U.K. charts with a song that she had written herself (Wuthering Heights - 1978). Her album 'Never for Ever' also made her the first-ever woman to enter the UK album chart at the number one spot.

Musical Instruments

She has used many unusual instruments in her music such as the lirone, tupan, boobams, kabosy, singing bowls and strumento de porco. She was also credited for being the first to make the best use of the Fairlight synthesizer as well as use a headset microphone on stage.

Privacy

In a modern world where everyone is on social media, it's easy to share everything you do with others, especially when you're famous. However, Kate Bush has always kept her personal life private. In 2011 she said, "I wanted my work to speak for me. I don't really think of myself as a personality or a celebrity." There are often years/decades between musical releases, and she is very rarely spotted at events, choosing to live a quiet life in South Devon instead.

Other Facts

Impact on Music

Kate Bush's dramatic vocals and exploration of the 'art-pop' genre has influenced many popstars performing today such as Billy Eilish, Florence and the Machine, Bjork, FKA Twigs and Adele. Kate Bush herself was also influenced by musicians such as David Bowie, Elton John and Joni Mitchell.

Family

She was raised as a Roman Catholic with her older brothers, John and Paddy. Paddy worked as a musical instrument maker and John was a poet and photographer. Both siblings were involved in the local folk music scene. Her mum was a traditional Irish dancer and her father was a doctor who also played piano.

Animal Rights

Kate is a devoted vegetarian and animal rights supporter. She was pictured wearing fur on her 2011 album Words For Snow and rushed to write an open letter to fans reassuring them the material was fake. She had previously said of fur coats "I don't believe in wearing them."