

# Ringo Starr factfile



**July 7, 1940:** Born ***Richard "Ritchie" Starkey***, Liverpool, England

**1955:** Plays percussion with several local skiffle groups

**1959:** Adopts stage name ***Ringo Star*** after joining top Liverpool group ***Rory Storm and The Hurricanes***

**1962:** Replaces drummer ***Pete Best*** for Beatles' first single, ***Love Me Do***

**1965:** Marries ***Maureen Cox*** – sons ***Zak, Jason***, daughter ***Lee***

**1970:** The Beatles split – Ringo develops solo career, debuts as actor and film director

**1984:** Narrates animated TV series ***Thomas the Tank Engine***

**1981:** Marries actress ***Barbara Bach*** following 1975 divorce from Maureen

**1989-2004:** ***Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band*** annual world tours

**June 2005:** Opens one-man exhibition of computer artwork in Manhattan