

Rock and roll maestro



CHUCK BERRY

- ▶ **Born:** October 18, 1926, in *St. Louis, Missouri*
- ▶ **1953:** Joins band *Sir John's Trio*, performing regularly at popular club in St. Louis
- ▶ **1955:** First release, *Maybellene*, peaks at No. 5 on Billboard charts
- ▶ **1972:** Scores his only No. 1 hit – novelty track *My Ding-a-Ling*
- ▶ **1977:** *Johnny B. Goode* included on *Voyager I* spacecraft Golden Record
- ▶ **1986:** Among first 10 inductees into *Rock and Roll Hall of Fame*
- ▶ **2000:** Receives *Kennedy Center Honors* – awarded for lifetime contribution to American culture through performing arts
- ▶ **2006:** Celebrates 80th birthday