

The “forever 27 club”

Singer Amy Winehouse is the latest member to join a tragic rock institution known as the “27 club” – rock stars who died aged 27 and achieved notoriety as a result



Brian Jones, Jul 3, 1969: *Rolling Stones*’ guitarist drowned in his swimming pool. Coroner’s report stated “death by misadventure”

Jimi Hendrix, Sep 18, 1970: Choked to death on his own vomit after mixing sleeping pills with red wine

Janis Joplin, Oct 4, 1970: Singer-songwriter of *Big Brother and the Holding Company* died of heroin overdose combined with excessive amounts of alcohol

Jim Morrison, Jul 3, 1971: Lead singer of *The Doors* suffered heroin overdose that triggered heart failure

Kurt Cobain, Apr 5, 1994: Lead singer in *Nirvana* found dead with shotgun wound to head, after apparently taking his own life

Amy Winehouse, Jul 23, 2011: Singer-songwriter who won five Grammy Awards for her *Back to Black* album found dead in London