



Bennett has sold over 50 million records worldwide and won 15 Grammy Awards

American Classic: Tony Bennett turns 85

- **1926:** Born August 3, Astoria, Queens, New York City
- **1945:** Serves in U.S. Army in Europe during final stages of World War II
- **1950:** Signs to **Columbia Records**, soon becomes major international star
- **1962:** Records signature song, ***I Left My Heart in San Francisco***
- **1965:** Fortunes go into decline as rock and pop become pre-eminent
- **1979:** After near fatal drug overdose, begins to resurrect career under management of son Danny
- **1980s-90s:** Remarkable comeback introduces MTV generation to great American songbook
- **2006:** ***Duets: An American Classic*** becomes Bennett's best-performing album to date
- **2011:** ***Duets II***, with artists including the late **Amy Winehouse**, released