

McCartney milestones

■ **1942:** **James Paul McCartney** born June 18, in Liverpool, England

■ **1957-60:** Meets **John Lennon**, joins his band **The Quarrymen**. **George Harrison** joins band, soon renamed **The Beatles**

■ **1962:** **Ringo Starr** joins Beatles. First hit, **Love Me Do**, released in October

■ **1964:** First visit to U.S. – Beatlemania at its height on both sides of Atlantic

■ **1965:** McCartney writes **Yesterday**, now most covered song in popular music history, with over 2,000 versions

■ **1970:** McCartney pitted against bandmates as Beatles split over business disagreements

■ **1971:** Forms new band **Wings**, with wife **Linda** and guitarist **Denny Laine**

■ **1991:** Collaborates with composer **Carl Davis** to write **Liverpool Oratorio**

■ **1997:** Knighted for services to music

■ **2011:** Marries third wife **Nancy Shevell**, following death of Linda in 1998 and six-year marriage to **Heather Mills**



■ **2012:** Tops bill at Queen Elizabeth's **Diamond Jubilee Concert**, celebrates his 70th birthday and closes Opening Ceremony of London **Olympic Games**