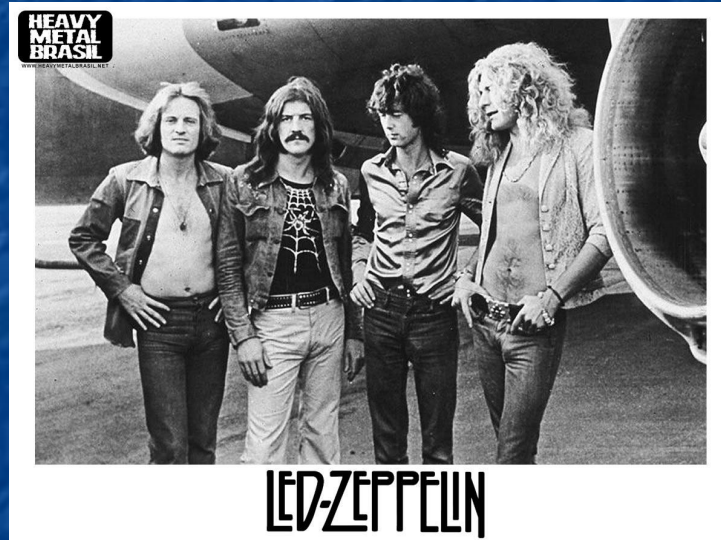
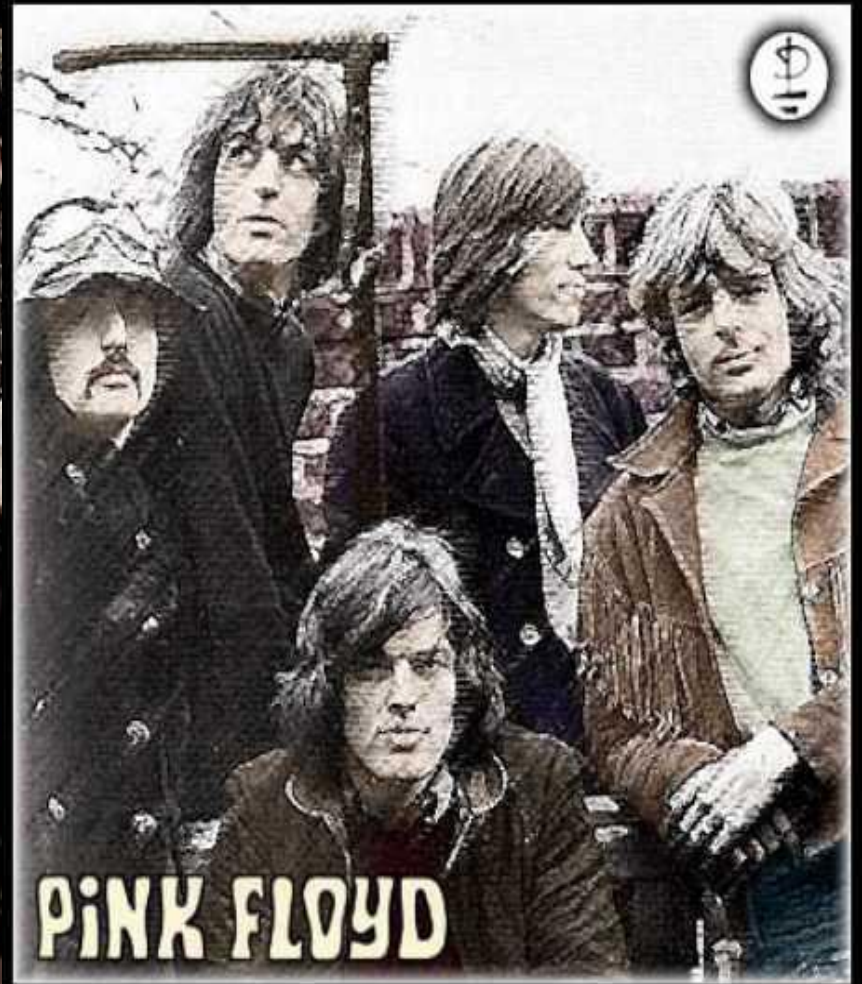
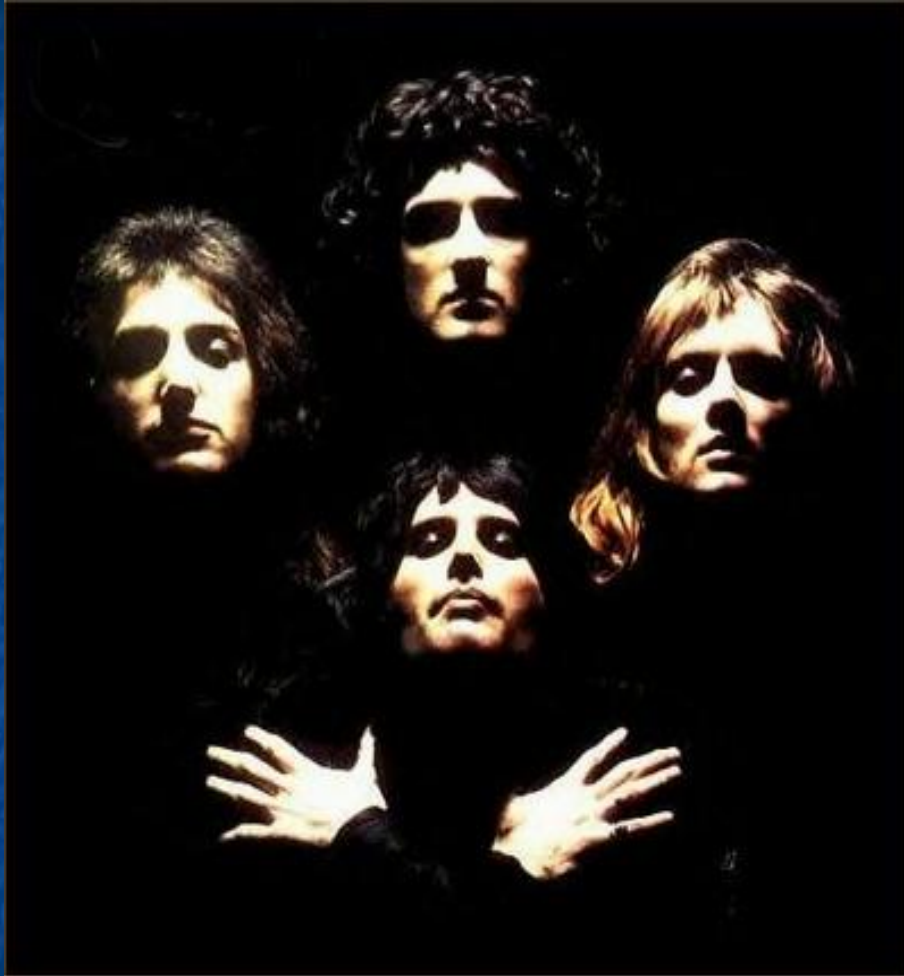


# **A Musical Tour of Britain**

Britain is famous not only for its rock groups and rock singers but also for its long and strong traditions of folk and classical music. As well as this, you can listen to country music, jazz or spirituals that came from America.





# Look at the musical map of Britain



Scotland

Aldeburgh

North England

London

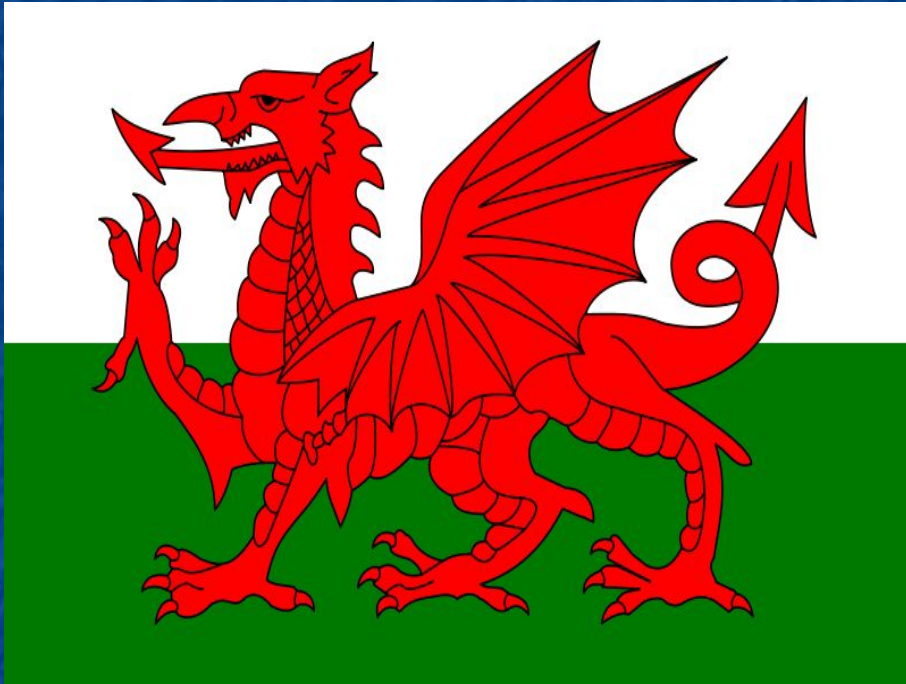
Wales

Liverpool

**In Scotland that is in the north of Britain the national instrument is the bagpipe which is the most exciting to the Scots though some people outside Britain think it is tuneless. But for centuries, up to the first world war, Scottish pipers encouraged their soldiers by playing music at battles. Here is Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. The Edinburgh festival is an annual festival of music and drama, it is held every summer.**



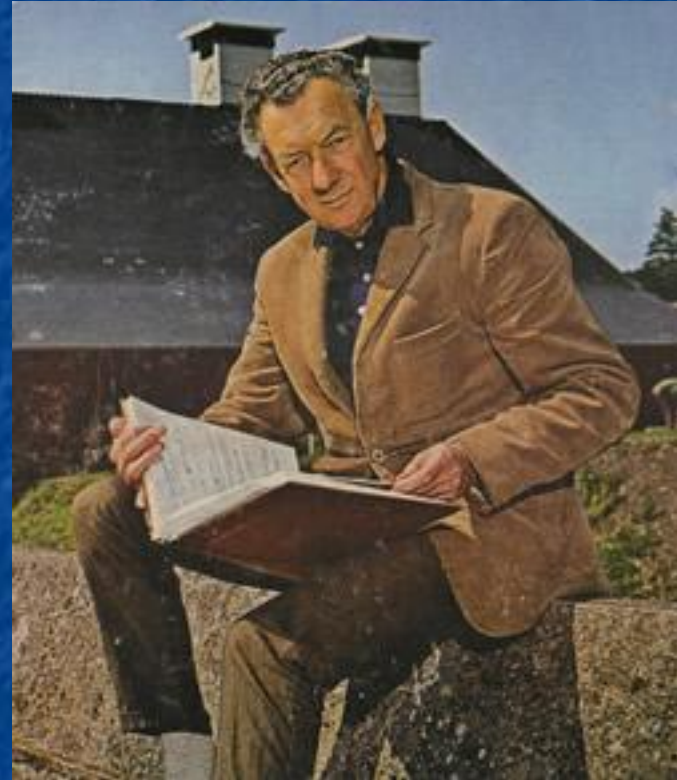
**Welsh romantic and sentimental bards were known even to the ancient world. They still meet every year at the Eisteddfod. And in Wales you can find the best choirs and the best choral music.**



**The north of England is sometimes called “the land of brass bands”. Many people who don’t understand complicated music like their catchy tunes.**



**Aldeburgh is a small town in the south of England where the famous British composer, conductor and pianist Benjamin Britten lived.**





**The British capital is known for its musical traditions. In London opera houses and concert halls the best conductors perform with the best classical music orchestras. As a rule the first nights of famous rock operas often take place in London theatres.**



London is famous for its opera houses and concert halls where famous musicians conduct the best symphony orchestras. In London Henry Purcell, a great British composer, lived. His opera *Dido and Aeneas* is considered to be the first British classical opera. Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock operas or musicals are staged all over the world; they are always played to full houses. The first nights of his famous rock operas often take place in London theatres where every seat is usually taken.



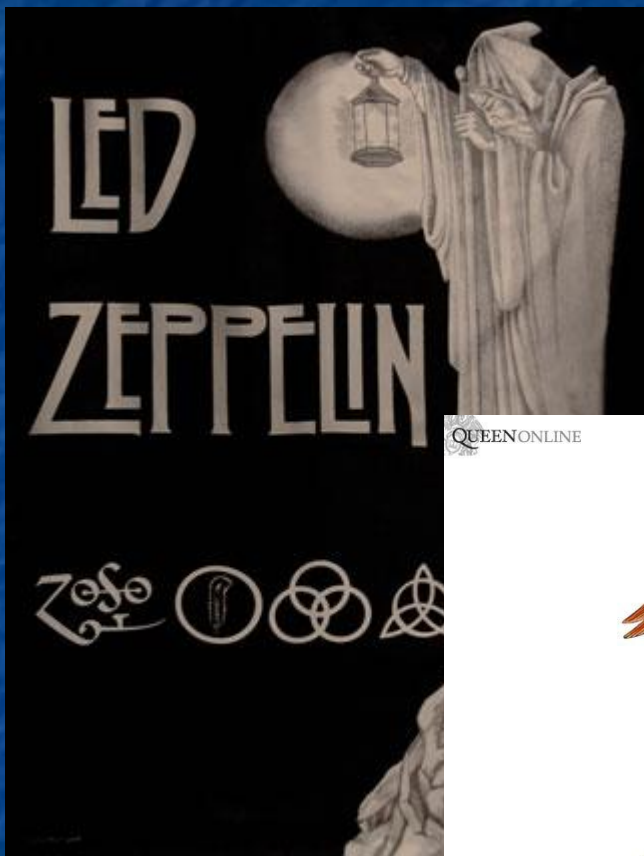
The promenade concerts are probably the most famous ones. They were first held in 1840 and later were directed by sir Henry Wood, who wanted to listen to classical and modern music. They still continue today in the royal Albert Hall. They take place every night for about 3 months in the summer, and the programmes include new and contemporary works as well as classics.



**Usually there is a short winter season lasting for about a fortnight. The audience may either listen to the music from a seat or walk or stand during the performance. Concerts are rarely given out-of-doors today except for concerts by brass bands and military bands who play in the parks and at seaside resorts during summer.**



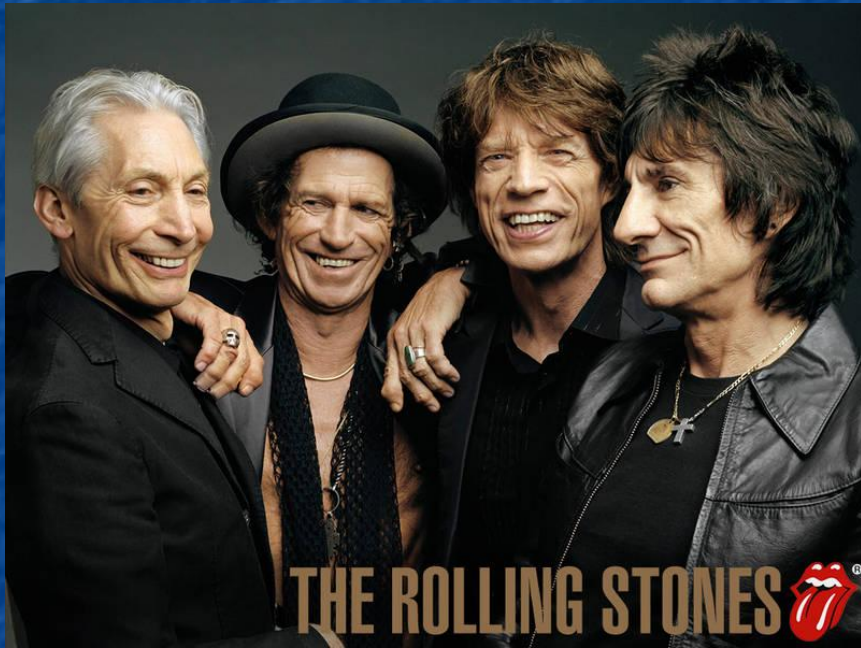
Also London is famous for its performers who are known all over the world.



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# IRON MAIDEN



**The Iron Maiden is the legendary British heavy metal group. They have been performing since 1975. Bruce Dickinson, Steve Harris, Dave Murray, Adrian Smith, Nicko McBrain and Janick Gers are the Iron Maiden.**



**The Rolling Stones is the British rock group which was the opponent of the Beatles.  
The group was founded in 1962 by Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and  
Ron Wood.**





**Pink Floyd is one of the most famous British progressive rock groups. It started existing in 1965. Until the collapse of the group in 1996, the names of David Gilmour, Roger Waters, Richard Wright and Nick Mason have become legendary.**



**British groups often set new trends in music.**

**Take for example, the Queen . It is a legendary rock group which has been existed since 1970. everybody knows Freddy Mercury, Brian May, John Deacon and Roger Taylor.**



**The Police was formed in 1977. Sting, Andy Summers and Stewart Copeland performed in it. They are 6-fold Grammy winners.**



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**Sting or Gordon Matthew Tomas Sumner is the frontman of the police. He was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October in 1951. He left the group in 1984 and began solo career.**



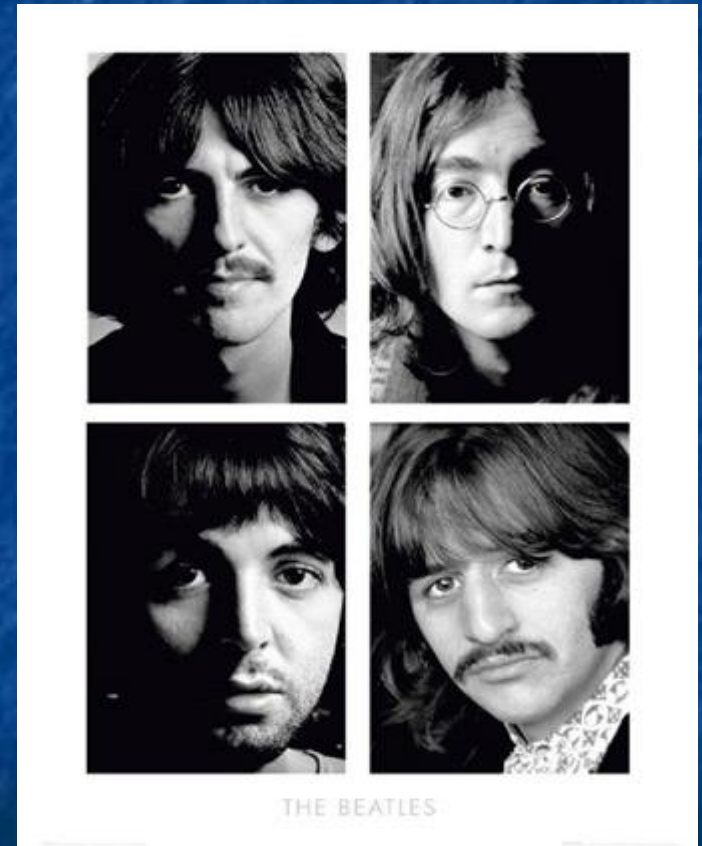
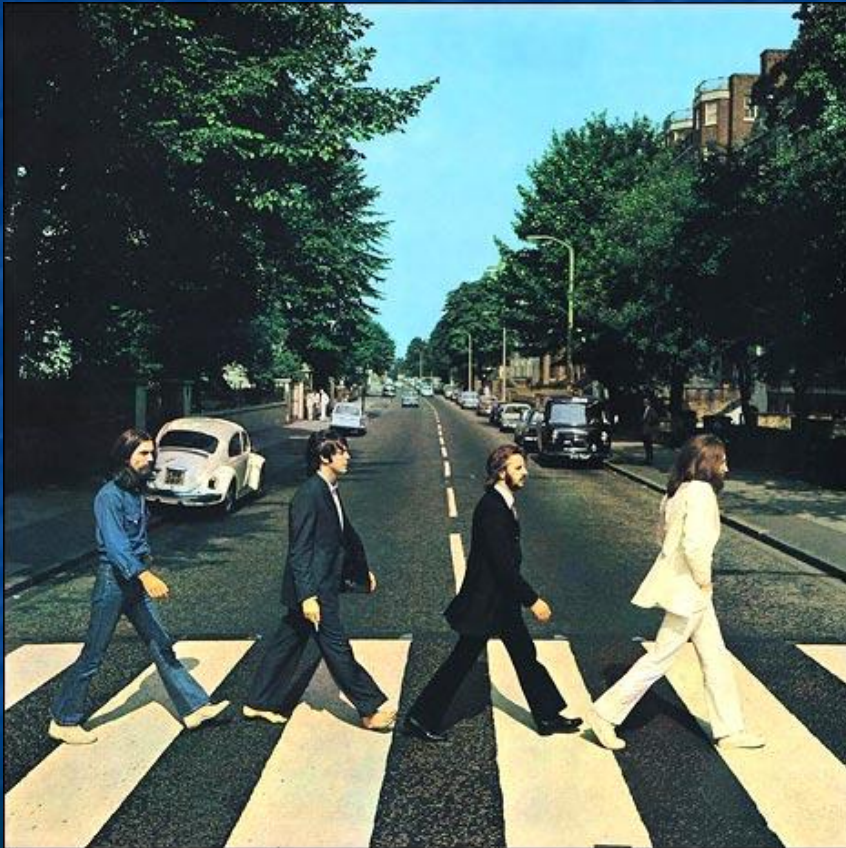
**Reginald Kenneth Dwight or simply Elton John was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March in 1947. He is a popular rock singer, composer and piano player. He is on the list of 100 greatest artists of all time and he is one-time academy award winner.**



**Led Zeppelin is one of the most famous hard rock and metal groups in the world. They performed from 1968 till death of their drummer in 1980. Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, John Bonham and John Paul Jones played in Led Zeppelin. They are founding fathers of metal and other rock genres.**



**Liverpool is the hometown of the Beatles. John Lennon, George Harrison, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr. These names are known all over the world. They made their way to the stage in 1960. And in 1962 the group entered the world charts with the song “Love me do”.**

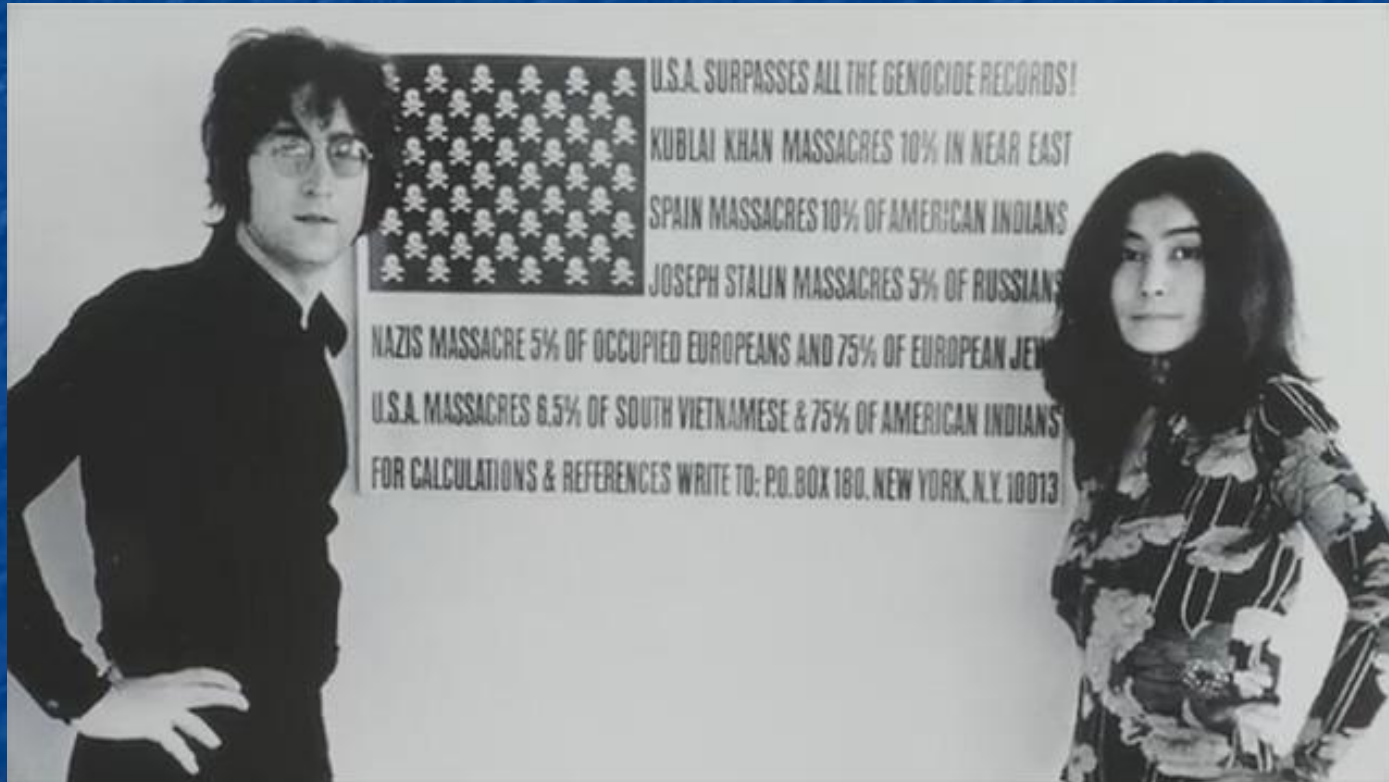


**The Beatles with their style of singing, wonderful sense of humour became the most successful pop and rock group the world has ever known. Many of the famous songs written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney are still popular.**





**But in the middle of the 1960s John met Yoko Ono, who is considered to be the reason why the Beatles stopped existing in 1970.**



**The Beatles created a new kind of rock . They took all that was good about early rock and changed it into something original and even more exciting. They are legends, whose contribution won't be forgotten.**

