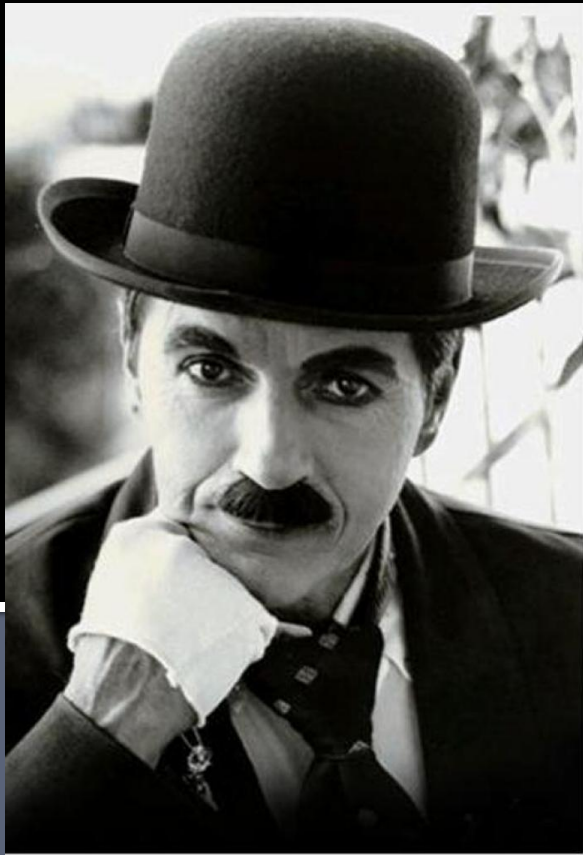


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Sir Charles Spencer "Charlie" Chaplin, (16 April 1889 – 25 December 1977) was an English comic actor, film director and composer best known for his work during the silent film era.

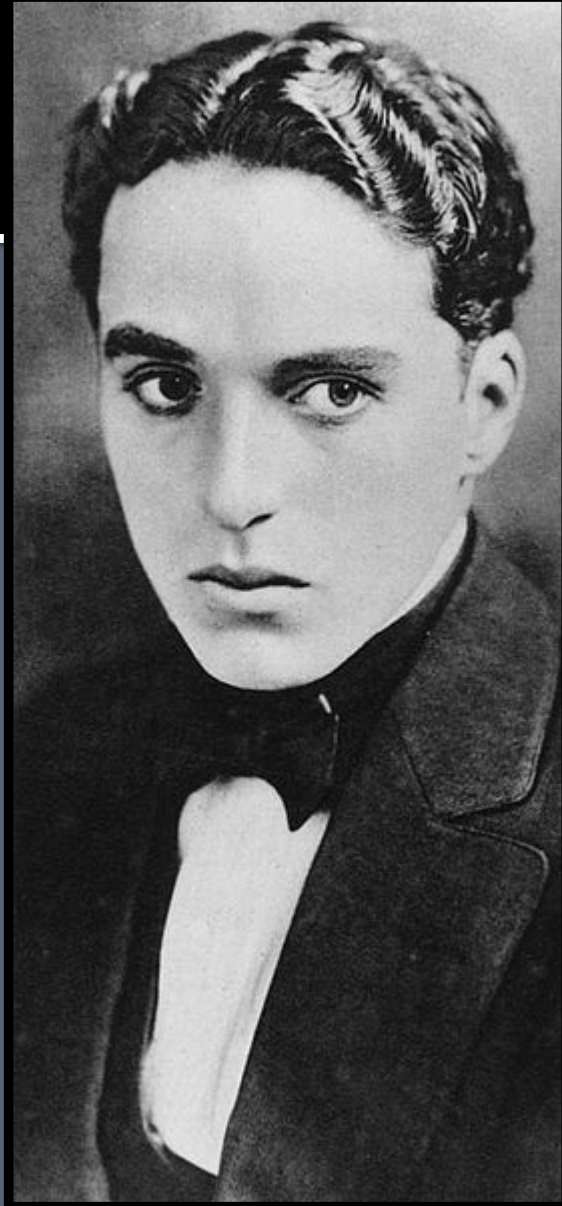
At the time of his birth, Chaplin's parents were both entertainers in the music hall tradition: Hannah, had a brief and unsuccessful career under the stage name Lily Harley, while Charles Sr., worked as a popular singer.



- Chaplin's first stage appearance came at five years old, when he took over from his mother one night in Aldershot.
- The young boy confidently entertained the crowd, and received laughter and applause.
- Chaplin became a member of "The Eight Lancashire Lads clog dancing troupe. He began his professional career in this way, as the group toured English music halls from 1899 to 1902. Chaplin worked hard and the act was popular with audiences, but dancing did not satisfy the child and he dreamt of forming a comedy act.



- By 1908, Chaplin had become a star of Fred Karno's prestigious comedy company.
- The young comedian headed the show and impressed American reviewers, being described as "one of the best pantomime artists ever seen here."



***"Making a Living"* marked his film debut, 1914.**





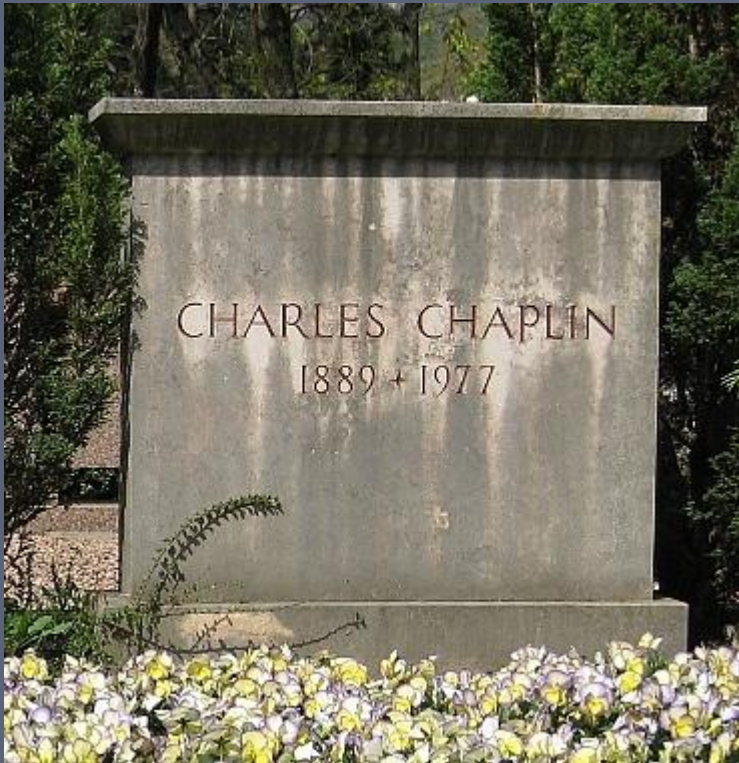
During the course of
1915, Chaplin

became a cultural
phenomenon.
Shops were stocked
with Chaplin
merchandise, he
was featured in
cartoons and comic
strips, and several
songs were written
about the star.

- In 1972 he received a lifetime achievement award from the Lincoln Center Film Society and an Academy Honorary Award for "the incalculable effect he has had in making motion pictures the art form of this century".
- In 1953 he received the Academy Award for Best Original Score for *Limelight*, the only competitive Academy Award he won during his career.
- In 1975 Queen Elizabeth II made him a Knight Commander of the British Empire.



- Chaplin died in his sleep from the complications of a stroke in the early morning of 25 December 1977 at his home in Switzerland.
- The monument in his memory was set on the lakeside of Geneva.





- Several memorials have been dedicated to Chaplin. In London, a statue of him as the Tramp was unveiled in Leicester Square.
- The Swiss town of Vevey, named a park in his honour.

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