10 Things You Probably Didn't Know About U2

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Our first memory of U2 is listening to their legendary 1987 album The Joshua Tree. The first three tracks on the album (*Where The Streets Have No Name, I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* and *With Or Without You*) had us hooked, and we've been massive fans _____ since.

Fronted by the bespectacled Paul David Hewson, most commonly _____ as Bono, U2 formed in 1976 and have _____ on to become one of the biggest bands of all time.

Below are 10 things you probably didn't know about the four lads from Dublin, and be sure to post a comment letting us know your U2 memories and thoughts!

10. They Could Have Had A Very Different Name



We're sure you can't imagine the group _____ called anything _____ than U2, the band could have had a very different name.

Because, before the lads settled on the name we know and love, they seriously considered _____ themselves The Hype, Feedback, and even The Larry Mullen Band, which is _____ to them forming after drummer Larry Mullen posted a notice at their school looking for other musicians to start a band.

9. They Once Played To A Crowd Of Nine

_____ being famous for their spectacular and elaborate live shows, U2 weren't always _____ to playing to sell out crowds at world famous stadiums.

Because, during their first run of gigs outside of their home country of Ireland, U2 played to a crowd of just 9 the Hope and Anchor pub in Islington, London!



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8. One Of Their Albums Is In The Top 100 Best Selling Of All Time



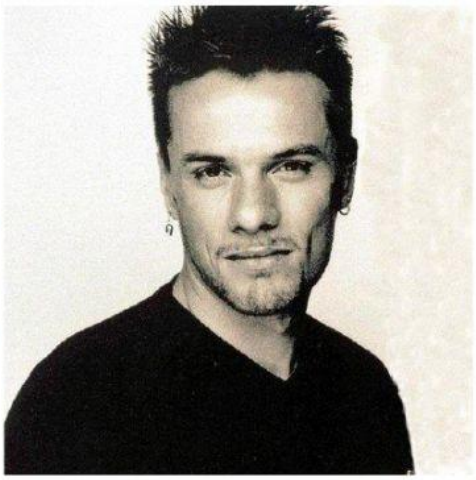
Can you name the U2 album that is currently the 89th best-selling of all time? It's *The Joshua Tree*, which as we have _____ mentioned, contains the hit singles *Where The Streets Have No Name, I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* and *With Or Without You.*

The Joshua Tree was named after a national park in California, and sales of over 20 million mean that it is currently ranked as the 89th best-selling album of _____ time.

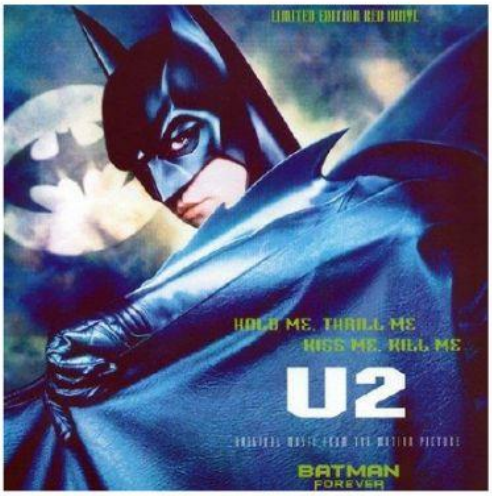
7. Larry Mullen Is Too Good On The Drums

Whilst it may seem strange to claim that someone is *too* good at playing the drums, that is indeed the case when it _____ to U2 drummer Larry Mullen.

Because, whilst recording *Songs of Innocence*, a producer actually asked Mullen to adapt his drumming so that it was "less perfect" and "sounded live", despite the _____ that Mullen was of course already playing it live in the studio!



6. They Have Penned A Number Of Songs For Movies

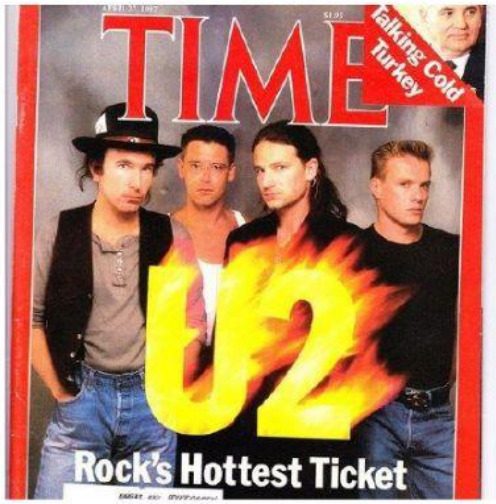


Can you name any of the movie soundtrack songs that U2 have _____ performed or written?

They include *Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me*, which appeared on the soundtrack for Batman Forever, the James Bond GoldenEye theme, and a remake of the Mission: Impossible theme.

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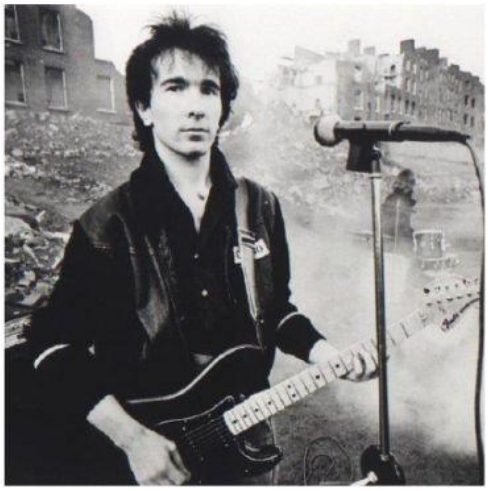
5. They Were Only The Fourth Music Group To Appear On The Cover Of Time



U2 have appeared on the cover of Time magazine more than once, and they are _____ a select bunch when it comes to sharing that honor.

They were only the 4th music group to appear on the front of the legendary magazine, after the Beatles, the Band and the Who.

4. He's Called The Edge For A Reason...



Do you have any idea how The Edge, who apparently owns 200 guitars, got _____ his legendary nickname?

His nickname is apparently simply down to the shape of his nose, which we *still* don't quite understand, despite _____ studied various pictures of his face!

3. ... And You Hardly Ever See His Head

Not only _____ The Edge get his nickname due to his strangely shaped nose, but it is also extremely rare to _____ a glimpse of his head!

Occasions when the guitarist has removed his hat are few and far between, and include when the band performed *Miss Sarajevo* at the 1995 Pavarotti And Friends concert, as _____ as the video for Discotheque.



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2. They're Scared Of Being Ignored



The Edge recently revealed the true reason that U2 signed a deal with iTunes to _____ one of their albums for free.

He said that the band _____ seen so many good artists release albums that went unnoticed, and he admitted they were scared of being ignored in the twilight of their careers.

1. They Have Won More Grammy Awards Than Any Other Band

U2 have won a quite staggering 22 Grammy Awards over their career, more than any _____ band.





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