

Mick Jagger



Rock legend Sir Mick Jagger's name is instantly recognised the world over. The Golden Globe and Grammy Award winning English musician is best known as the lead vocalist of The Rolling Stones. Jagger attended the London School of Economics but as he started to write the band's chart topping songs, he left in favour of his musical career. 'The Last Time', which he wrote with Keith Richards, was the band's third number one single in the UK, and the famous (I Can't Get No) 'Satisfaction' became an international hit for months. Jagger's personal life has always been of intense interest to the media at large and he has had a

string of highly exposed marriages and relationships. Despite holding no record of charitable work or public services he was knighted in 2003, the honour was referred to as 'rather odd' by the British press. With a personal fortune that was estimated in 2008 at 225 million pounds, his long career has clearly paid off.

Although music may have been his first passion, it is certainly not his only one. In the book *According to the Rolling Stones*, Jagger states "I was always a singer. I always sang as a child. I was one of those kids who just liked to sing". Little did he know that he would eventually become a cricket fanatic as well. In fact,

the 66-year-old singer regularly gets approached by sports commentators for his opinions and expertise. A member of the Marylebone Cricket Club, he is known for spending his time before gigs watching cricket on satellite TV. He even takes his own TV along in case he encounters any problems with the sound and visuals. In 2007, he reportedly said to the *Daily Mail*, "Cricket is the channel we need most of all".

Now his fans range from rock music lovers to cricket supporters. Back in 1997 his cricket addiction went so far that he bought the rights to the cricket coverage of the Sharjah Trophy tournament so he could get it broadcast over the internet. This decision was taken when he realised that no one else was providing coverage from this particular tournament. He also founded multimedia company Jagged Internetworks, mainly to get coverage of English Cricket and other tournaments worldwide. Amongst all of the comments celebrities made to Australian newspaper *The Age*, when Sir Mick Jagger turned 60, one will always stand out, stated by the now retired English International cricket umpire, Dickie Birdie. "Mick's a down-to-earth lad who enjoys his cricket. He loves it. I get on well with him. He knows his game, he knows cricket and he's tremendous when talking about the game, a clued-up lad. Mick did wonders for the game by getting the American Sir Paul Getty interested in it. Aye, he loves his cricket does that lad Mick". So there he goes. Mick Jagger has received a reference of excellence for what could have been a parallel career.