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History of the Beatles



Band Members included:

- *John Lennon
- Paul McCartney
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Biography

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It has been 30 years since The Beatles broke up, yet they remain the biggest selling act in music history.

Their story began in Liverpool in 1957 when singer/guitarist John Lennon played a show with his band The Quarrymen. In the audience was Paul McCartney who decided he'd like to take part. The band was later joined by the younger George Harrison on guitar.

By 1960 they had changed their name to The Silver Beatles, which they later shortened to The Beatles after recruiting Lennon's friend Stuart Sutcliffe on bass. They also found a permanent drummer in the shape of local heartthrob Pete Best. The band played a season in Hamburg's legendary Reeperbahn district which was a turning point in their fortunes. In 1961 when the band returned to England Stuart Sutcliffe decided to stay in Germany and resume his art school studies.

On their return to Liverpool they cemented their popularity and regularly played at The Cavern Club, one of the city's hottest nightspots. Local record shop manager Brian Epstein noticed their popularity and offered to be their manager. Epstein insisted the band smarten up their appearance. Out went the leather jackets. In came smart suits.

Out too went Pete Best, who was unceremoniously sacked in August 1961. The band then recruited Ringo Starr from local rivals Rory Storm and The Hurricanes. Starr was the last piece of the Jigsaw. History was about to be made.

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