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Kid Rock, born Robert James Ritchie in 1971 in Romeo, MI, is a musician who can be described as the heir apparent of Ted Nugent, Bob Seger, and other working-class Michigan troubadours. He grew up in rural Michigan and was inspired by hip-hop in the '80s, teaching himself to rap and breakdance. His debut album, Grits Sandwiches for Breakfast, released in 1990, was a respectable imitation of his heroes but not enough to keep him on Jive Records. He moved to Continuum and explored the nexus between metal, rap, and Southern rock while crafting a swaggering persona. Kid Rock's genre became cool with the rise of rap-rock fusion bands like Red Hot Chili Peppers' spawn, such as Korn, Limp Bizkit, and Rage Against the Machine. His 1998 album Devil Without a Cause caught the zeitgeist, making him a superstar on the wings of hits like "Bawitdaba" and "Cowboy." Throughout the 21st century, he has continued to release albums that skate the line between raucous bad boy and sensitive heartland rocker. His 2002 duet with Sheryl Crow, "Picture," exemplifies his appeal.Rock is bringing his seven-city arena tour to Louisville this spring, with the KFC Yum Center being one of the stops on Friday, March 28. Kid Rock was last in Louisville for the Kentucky Derby in 2024 and will perform a mix of classic tracks and new surprises at the venue. The rocker said he's organizing the limited run tour as a way to celebrate President Trump's victory and unite like-minded patriots who love rock 'n' roll music. Joining Kid Rock is country artist Chris Janson, known for his chart-topping hits including "Buy A Boat" and "All I Need Is You." Fans can register for a pre-sale passcode online until January 20 to purchase tickets on January 22 before the general sale. Tickets go on sale on January 24 at 10 a.m. at ticketmaster.com or the KFC Yum Center box office, with prices starting at $45. This is the third stop on Kid Rock's seven-city tour, which also includes Omaha and Minneapolis.Kid Rock began his career in the late 1980s as a member of hip-hop group Beast Crew and met D-Nice during this time. He started breakdancing and teaching himself to rap and DJ while performing in talent shows around Detroit. After producing demos with Mike E. Clark, these led to offers from major record labels like Atlantic and CBS Records. In 1989, Kid Rock signed with independent label Top Dog Records and later became a shareholder. In 1990, he released his debut studio album Grits Sandwiches for Breakfast through Jive Records, alongside Vanilla Ice. The album made him one of the biggest rap stars in Detroit at that time. During its promotion, Kid Rock toured nationally with several artists and met Eminem, who frequently challenged him to rap battles. Due to unfavorable comparisons to Vanilla Ice, Jive dropped Kid Rock from their label. In 1992, he signed with Continuum Records, where he also collaborated with Insane Clown Posse on their debut album Carnival of Carnage.Kid Rock's early career was marked by collaborations with other artists. In 1993, he recorded his second studio album, The Polyfuze Method, with producer Mike E. Clark, who helped give the album a rock-oriented sound.[4] This was followed by the release of his EP Fire It Up at White Room Studios in downtown Detroit, which featured the heavy rock song "I Am the Bullgod" and a cover of Hank Williams Jr.'s country song "A Country Boy Can Survive".[10]Kid Rock's live performances began to incorporate more live instrumentation, and he formed the rock band Twisted Brown Trucker.[4][10] He also developed animosity towards other Detroit artists, including Insane Clown Posse.[citation needed] Through extensive promoting, Kid Rock gained a following among an audience that included local rapper Joe C., who would later perform on stage as his hype man.Kid Rock's stage presence became more polished with the addition of a light show, pyrotechnics, dancers, and a light-up backdrop bearing his name.[10] In 1996, he released Early Mornin' Stoned Pimp, his most rock-oriented album to date. The album sold 14,000 copies, according to Kid Rock himself, who distributed it himself. He developed his stage persona, performing dressed in 1970s pimp clothing with a real gun down the front of his pants.[10]Kid Rock's success was fueled by his drive for fame and business acumen. His attorney, Tommy Valentino, played a significant role in increasing his stature by helping him secure media coverage. Despite his partying habits and substance use, Kid Rock remained focused on building his career.Kid Rock's rise to fame began with him being featured in major publications, including Beastie Boys' Grand Royal magazine. However, despite his management's efforts to interest local record labels, they initially dismissed him due to his race. Valentino countered by emphasizing that he was more than just a white rapper, describing himself as a "rock star and everything in between." In 1997, Jason Flom from Lava Records attended one of Kid Rock's performances and met with him, eventually leading to them signing a record deal worth $150,000. This marked the beginning of Kid Rock's successful career, characterized by his unique blend of rock 'n' roll and rap. His debut album, Devil Without a Cause, was released in 1998 and included hits like "Bawitdaba" and "Cowboy," which showcased his energetic live performances.Kid Rock's Career HighlightsKid Rock performed on various tours and opened for notable acts such as Aerosmith. He released several albums throughout his career, including self-titled sixth album in 2003. During the Girls of Summer Tour, Kid Rock covered ZZ Top's "Legs" which was also featured on WWF Forceable Entry. In 2002, he filed a lawsuit for full control over the Top Dog record label and received ownership by 2003. Kid Rock contributed to I've Always Been Crazy: A Tribute to Waylon Jennings in 2003. The same year, he appeared on American blues artist R. L. Burnside's final studio album, A Bothered Mind. His seventh studio album, Rock n Roll Jesus, was released in 2007 and became a chart-topper with the single "All Summer Long". Kid Rock performed for USO with Kellie Pickler and Zac Brown in 2008. In 2010, he released country-oriented album Born Free, produced by Rick Rubin. The following year, Kid Rock was honored by NAACP despite past Confederate flag display controversy. He distanced himself from the flag in 2011 and performed alongside Travie McCoy and the Roots to honor Beastie Boys during their induction to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2012. In 2013, Kid Rock performed on the "Best Night Ever" tour where he charged no more than $20 for his tickets. The following year, he moved to Warner Bros. Records releasing self-produced First Kiss which debuted at number two on Billboard 200. Subsequently, after leaving Warner Bros., Kid Rock signed with country label Broken Bow Records and released a new album in 2017.Kid Rock threw his hat into the ring for US Senate with a yard sign on Twitter but denied actually running. He explained that he was too busy working on new music and a tour. However, it later turned out to be a publicity stunt. In a surprising move, Kid Rock used the funds raised from "Kid Rock for U.S. Senate" merchandise to donate $122,000 to a voter registration group. The same summer, he dropped two singles from his upcoming album: "Po-Dunk" and "Greatest Show on Earth." His eleventh studio album, Sweet Southern Sugar, was released later that year.A standout moment of 2017 saw Kid Rock take a bold stance against ticket scalpers by making concert tickets more accessible to fans. He also experimented with a unique business model where he earned a percentage of concession and ticket sales instead of charging a flat fee for performing. The same year, Kid Rock parted ways with his publicist after the publicist was accused of misconduct.In 2018, the National Hockey League announced Kid Rock as their headlining act for the All-Star Game. While some hockey fans were not pleased with the decision, former player Jeremy Roenick praised Kid Rock and condemned those criticizing him. Later that year, Kid Rock revealed he would be joining Lynyrd Skynyrd on their farewell tour alongside other legendary artists.The following years saw Kid Rock release his first greatest hits album in 2018 and embark on a new musical direction with the single "Quarantine" under the alias "DJ Bobby Shazam." He released a triple album featuring hip-hop, country, and rock discs. The project included 30 new songs and 20 previously unreleased tracks.In 2021 and 2022, Kid Rock continued to release music, including singles like "Don't Tell Me How To Live" and "Ala-Fuckin-Bama." He also released a single called "We the People," which criticizes the media and COVID-19 measures. Additionally, he announced his upcoming Bad Reputation Tour, stating that he would not perform at venues requiring masks or proof of vaccination.In 2022, Kid Rock digitally released his twelfth studio album, Bad Reputation, followed by a physical release a few weeks later. The same year saw him collaborate with other artists on the single "No Limits." As an artist who has explored various genres, author Mickey Hess in Is Hip Hop Dead? identified Kid Rock as a key figure in connecting hip-hop to rap rock due to his early work as a sample-based hip-hop artist transitioning into a more rock-oriented sound.Kid Rock's music style combines elements of alternative rock, hip-hop, hard rock, and Southern rock, drawing inspiration from classic rock and country music. As a self-taught musician, he can play every instrument used in his band. His unique approach has been described as postmodern, blending different genres into a new sound. The musician has said that his style is "creatively confused," but critics have praised his ability to fuse diverse influences into a cohesive and likable sound.Kid Rock's Music Reflects Faith in Humanity's GoodnessKid Rock's music often conveys a message of hope and redemption, focusing on the idea that people are capable of change and growth. This sentiment is reflected in his lyrics for songs like "Bawitdaba," which name-checks "topless dancers" and drug users alongside those with more wholesome pursuits. According to Rolling Stone, Kid Rock believes in giving people a chance, regardless of their background or circumstances. He has stated that there's good in everyone, even those struggling with addiction.Kid Rock's music also explores themes of identity and reinvention, as he has developed an alter ego, the "redneck pimp," to showcase his humorous side. The song "Cowboy" is considered a pivotal moment in country rap history, influencing artists like Jason Aldean and Big & Rich.Beyond his musical endeavors, Kid Rock's personal life has been subject to scrutiny. He had a long-term relationship with Kelley South Russell before splitting up in 1993. He went on to have a high-profile marriage to Pamela Anderson but they ended their relationship due to irreconcilable differences.Kid Rock's career was marked by controversy, starting with his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a tribute to Beastie Boys. In 2013, he criticized Republican lawmakers in New York for making it difficult for him to keep concert ticket prices low.[88] After the Charleston church shooting, activists urged Ritchie to renounce the Confederate flag; he responded with an email to Fox News host Megyn Kelly saying "Please tell the people who are protesting to kiss my ass".[110] The same day, protesters also targeted Chevrolet for sponsoring his tour. In 2016, Ritchie was accused of saying "man, fuck Colin Kaepernick" during a live performance.[108] He later made headlines again in 2022 after using the word "faggot" onstage and making homophobic comments on social media, leading to further controversy over his views on gun control, LGBTQ+ issues, and free speech. In 2023, Kid Rock posted a video of himself shooting Bud Light beer cans with a submachine gun, sparking a boycott of the brand that led to a significant drop in sales.[122] He has been open about his support for the Republican Party, despite identifying as libertarian, and has advocated for socially liberal views on topics like abortion and gay marriage.Kid Rock has made various public statements and endorsements throughout his career. He has expressed opposition to certain issues, including taxing marijuana and restricting gun ownership. Ritchie has also been vocal about American military involvement in the Iraq War. Notably, he has met with several U.S. presidents, including Bill Clinton, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump. In terms of his political views, Ritchie emphasizes the importance of finding common ground among individuals from different backgrounds. He has supported various politicians, including Bill Clinton and Mitt Romney during their presidencies. Additionally, Ritchie publicly endorsed Ben Carson for the Republican nomination in 2016. His endorsement of Donald Trump's campaign in 2016 was also notable. More recently, Kid Rock performed at the 2024 Republican National Convention with modified lyrics to show his support for Trump.Kid Rock has had a long and successful music career, with numerous albums and awards to his name. He has released several studio albums, including "Grits Sandwiches for Breakfast," "The Polyfuze Method," "Early Mornin' Stoned Pimp," and more.Throughout his career, Kid Rock has been nominated for and won several awards, including MTV Video Music Awards, Grammy Awards, American Music Awards, and more. He has also won the WWE Hall of Fame Celebrity Wing award in 2018.In addition to his music career, Kid Rock has also ventured into acting, appearing in films like "Joe Dirt," "Osmosis Jones," and "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector." He has also made guest appearances on TV shows such as "The Simpsons," "King of the Hill," and "CSI: NY."Kid Rock's live performances have been notable for their high-energy atmosphere, featuring a mix of rock, hip-hop, and country music. Some of his notable tours include Straight from the Underground Tour, Pimp of the Nation Tour, Warped Tour, Devil Without a Cause tour, M2K tour, Summer Sanitarium Tour, History of Rock Tour, and The American Badass Tour.Kid Rock has had an extensive tour career, performing over two decades worth of shows. His early tours included "Cocky Tour" (2002) and "Girls of Summer" (2002), followed by the "Rock N' Roll Pain Train Tour" (2004). He also released several live albums, including "Live Trucker" (2006) and "Ballroom Blitz Tour" (2007).In the 2010s, Rock embarked on numerous tours, including "The Circle Tour", "Born Free Tour", "Care Tour", "Rebel Soul Tour", "$20 Best Night Ever Tour", and "Because We Can Tour". He also released several albums during this period.Rock's later tours include "Rock N' Rollin" (2014), "First Kiss" (2015), and "Kid Rock 2016 Tour". In recent years, he has performed on the "American Rock N' Roll Tour" (2018) and "Hot September Nights" (2019).Additionally, Kid Rock has been involved in various charity work and philanthropic efforts. He has also made appearances in films and television shows, including a role in the 2006 comedy film "Joe Dirt".Throughout his career, Rock has been praised for his energetic live performances and his ability to connect with audiences. Despite facing controversy and criticism, he remains one of the most popular and enduring figures in rock music.Kid Rock has had a successful career in music, with several chart-topping albums and singles. He has been involved in various projects and collaborations over the years, including working with other artists such as R.L. Burnside and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Kid Rock has also been recognized for his contributions to music, including being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.In 2002, Kid Rock released his album "Sound Tracks", which featured the hit single "Cocky". The album was a commercial success, reaching number one on the Billboard charts. In 2003, Kid Rock released his album "Kid Rock Presents: X-Posed", which featured several guest appearances from other artists.In addition to his music career, Kid Rock has also been involved in various business ventures and philanthropic efforts. He has partnered with the National Guard and Dale Earnhardt Jr. on a advertising campaign, and has worked with organizations such as the United Service Organizations (USO) to support military personnel and their families.Kid Rock has also been recognized for his contributions to the music industry, including being honored by the Beastie Boys at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in 2012. He has also released several albums over the years, including "Born Free" and "Rebel Soul".In recent years, Kid Rock has been involved in some controversy, including a 2017 tweet suggesting that he may run for U.S. Senate in Michigan.Kid Rock has repeatedly denied running for the Senate, stating "F--- no, I'm not running for Senate" in an interview. This is according to Politico's archived article from October 24, 2017. In a related incident, Kid Rock faced controversy and responded with his song "Sweet Southern Sugar". The Detroit News reported on this topic on November 2, 2017. Additionally, Kid Rock sent $122K from his fake campaign to a voter group, which was covered by Amp Detroit News on February 1, 2018. He has also taken on scalpers and implemented a plan for $20 concert tickets in collaboration with Time magazine's article from June 26, 2013. However, Kid Rock faced backlash after firing his publicist amid sexual misconduct accusations, as reported by Rolling Stone on November 2, 2017. His involvement in the NHL All-Star Game and being named entertainer got a negative reaction, according to The Washington Post. Jeremy Roenick defended Kid Rock, calling him "the most talented musician" ever in an interview with CBS Sports on January 18, 2018. Kid Rock has also been involved in various other projects, including his farewell tour with Lynyrd Skynyrd and a new single titled "Quarantine" under the alias DJ Bobby Shazam. More recently, he released songs like "Don't Tell Me How to Live", "Ala-Fuckin-Bama", and "No Limits", which was featured on Apple Music.Kid Rock: Behind the Stage NameKid Rock is an American singer-songwriter and musician known for his energetic live performances and eclectic music style. He rose to fame in the late 1990s with his debut album "The History of Rock", which included the hit single "Born Free". Over the years, Kid Rock has explored various genres such as rock, country, blues, and hip-hop, often incorporating elements of these styles into his music. His personal life has been subject to media attention, including high-profile marriages and relationships with celebrities Pamela Anderson and Audrey Berry.Kid Rock's Controversial Career: A Look at His Most Notable MomentsKid Rock has had a long and tumultuous career in music, marked by numerous controversies and public feuds.He has been known for his outspoken views and has made headlines for various reasons, including his criticism of politicians and celebrities.Kid Rock has been involved in several controversies over the years. In 2009, he was criticized for his use of the Confederate flag, which some saw as a symbol of racism and white supremacy. Despite calls to renounce the flag, Kid Rock remained unapologetic. In 2015, he told protesters to "kiss my ass" after they called on him to apologize for using the flag. In 2021, Kid Rock was filmed using a homophobic slur during a live show, which sparked outrage and accusations of homophobia.In 2022, Kid Rock doubled down on his comments about Oprah Winfrey, saying he didn't apologize to anyone. He also defended his use of a homophobic slur, claiming that those who were offended by it were probably "one" themselves.In April 2023, Kid Rock sparked outrage again after using a rifle to shoot up cases of Bud Light beer in protest of the company's partnership with transgender influencer Dylan Mulvaney. The move was seen as a form of transphobic backlash against Mulvaney and her advocacy work.Kid Rock has been associated with various politicians over the years, including Donald Trump, who he expressed support for in 2016. He also identifies as fiscally Republican but has expressed opposition to certain social issues like gay marriage and abortion. In contrast, he has shown appreciation for Barack Obama's policies towards black people.In the past, Kid Rock has been linked to several high-profile politicians, including Ted Nugent, Sarah Palin, and Mitt Romney, with whom he shared a White House meeting in 2017. He even performed his song "Born Free" at one of Romney's campaign stops during his presidential bid in 2012.Kid Rock also ran for the U.S. Senate in Michigan in 2018, but ultimately decided not to pursue the seat. Despite this, he has remained a popular figure among conservative crowds and has been invited to perform at various Republican events, including the 2024 RNC.30 for 30 is a documentary film series produced by ESPN, covering interesting people and events in sports history. The idea began in 2007 from Bill Simmons, ESPN columnist and Grantland.com founder, with Connor Schell joining as an executive producer. The title comes from the series's genesis as 30 films to celebrate ESPN's 30th anniversary in 2009.ESPN commemorated its 30-year anniversary with a documentary series called "30 for 30," which featured various sports stories from its past three decades. The series initially received poor ratings but gained traction and recognition over time, with notable episodes receiving positive reviews from critics.The program won several awards, including the Peabody Award in 2010 and the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Short-Format Nonfiction Program in 2014. It also earned an Academy Award nomination in 2016 for "O.J.: Made in America."Sponsors like Cadillac and Levi's supported the series, with their logos appearing on-screen during the films. The program's success led to the creation of companion series such as "Nine for IX" and "SEC Storied," which focused on women's sports stories and the Southeastern Conference's history.ESPN commissioned "30 for 30" to celebrate its 30th birthday, with each episode covering a significant sports story from the network's past three decades. The series has been widely recognized for its contributions to documentary filmmaking, earning numerous awards and nominations throughout its run.The ESPN documentary series "30 for 30" has announced its fall slate, coinciding with the fifth anniversary of the series. The new films will be released on the streaming platform ESPN+, which launched in April 2018 with an exclusive documentary called "The Last Days of Knight." Previous episodes of the series have received critical acclaim and won numerous awards, including several Oscars.Some notable examples of successful episodes include "O.J.: Made in America," which won Best Documentary Feature at the Oscars, and "Severance," which topped the 2022 Critics' Choice Documentary Awards. The series has also been recognized for its impact on television, with episodes such as "The U" sequel winning awards and increasing TV ratings.The "30 for 30" podcast series also offers in-depth analysis of various sports stories and events. With a wide range of films and shorts available, the platform continues to showcase compelling stories from the world of sports and beyond.Overall, the "30 for 30" documentary series remains a popular and respected destination for sports enthusiasts and film buffs alike.1. The following pages are linked to the 30 for 30 External tools, providing a list of transcluded entries.2. 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