

CAT STEVENS

REAL NAME: STEPHEN DEMETRI GEORGIU

BORN: July 21, 1948 in London

He lived above his parents' restaurant, "The Moulin Rouge," with his brother, David, and sister, Anita. His mother is Swedish, his father, Cypriot. His youthful dream was to become a painter, and he spent most of his time drawing cartoons.

When he was 10, he heard Laurie London's version of "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands," and decided that music was his destiny.

At 15, his nights were spent knocking around Soho, exploring clubs and backstreet bars. His father helped him buy his first guitar.

At 16, he left school and enrolled at Hammersmith Art School. He became intrigued with folk music, and spent his days practicing Leadbelly licks. Dismissed by the art school a year later, he haunted publishing houses and agents, and met Mike Hurst, who fronted his first single, "I Love My Dog." An immediate success in the U.K., the song made him an overnight sensation.

Tragedy struck; he caught tuberculosis and spent a year recuperating, and during this period began evolving his unique style.

DISCOGRAPHY:

Matthew and Son	1967	Foreigner	1973
New Masters	1967	Buddha and the Chocolate Box	1974
Mona Bone Jakon	1970	Greatest Hits	1975
Tea for the Tillerman	1970	Numbers	1975
Teaser and the Firecat	1971	Izitso	1977
Catch Bull at Four	1972	Back To Earth	1978

