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[RIP George Michael](#)

■ by [edjames](#) » Mon Dec 26, 2016 1:22 am

It's still Christmas evening here in NYC and the news about George Michael's untimely death has just hit the news services.

An immensely talented performer/singer/songwriter. He will be missed along with so many "greats that were lost this year...David Bowie, Prince, Maurice White (Earth, Wind & Fire), Glenn Frey, Leonard Cohen, and so many others.

I am reminded of a story that Dusty and George once met at a London recording studio. Oh to be the fly on the wall!

Also, my thoughts and prayers are with Carrie Fisher who suffered massive cardiac arrest on a plane from London. She has been in intensive care but her condition has been upgraded to stable.

Carrie has been a "script doctor" in Hollywood for many years and once took a crack at one of the early Dusty Springfield biopic scripts.

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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

■ by [Duster](#) » Mon Dec 26, 2016 1:34 am

That's terrible news. I thought the untimely deaths of great musicians were over for this year...

-Mike



[Duster](#)

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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

by [Douggie](#) » Mon Dec 26, 2016 1:42 am

I was a big fan. 53 is far too young for anybody to pass.
We were booked to see him earlier this year, but it was postponed.
He was multi talented a very sad loss of this wonderful singer.
R.I.P. George Michael
The Truth is Out There



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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

by [karen](#) » Mon Dec 26, 2016 8:38 am

Yes was really shocked to hear this too .. so many have left us this year ,, 🌍 R.I.P. George Michael. 📱 🌹



[karen](#)

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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

by [trek007](#) » Mon Dec 26, 2016 9:34 am

Sad news.
He was such a talented artist and has left us far too soon.
RIP George Michael
Trekx. Often called Carole.

Ev'rything's coming up Dusty.



[trek007](#)

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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

■ by [jennifer49](#) » Mon Dec 26, 2016 12:47 pm

Saw Wham in the 80's at the NEC. Couldn't hear a thing because of the screams, didn't care though just being there was enough, great atmosphere. R.I.P George

Jennifer



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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

■ by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Tue Dec 27, 2016 9:12 pm

I see his boyfriend made a statement about his heroin problems. Let's just hope this isn't the start of the kiss and tellers coming in force after his passing. You oughta know about that one.

/Who was his manager again?

//Wonder if they will have anything to say, like others?

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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

■ by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Tue Dec 27, 2016 9:16 pm

Now I guess some radio stations will shy away from Wham's "Last Christmas" next holiday season. Which means - gasp! - Taylor Swift's version will be the only one "that exists"!!!!

As for the "2016 Curse," I can easily bring that up, but I have gone on ad infinitum about that. Let me copy and paste a mini diatribe I posted on another board...

OK, I gotta talk for a while about this.. given recent news.

Yeah yeah "people die all the time, etc. etc." As far as a "curse," I guess it is what it is, but you can't deny it's been extra creepy this year. Not just the amount of celebrity deaths, but that the list includes many iconic performers and true legends. Now why is this so upsetting? Well for me, these were people who have been around before and during my childhood, going on adulthood; as such, I guess one feels that they'll always be there for us. The reality is extra hard-hitting when the opposite proves to be true. Being someone who can be testy when things change, I'm sure that doesn't help matters.

The circumstances? Well, some of these celebrities died before 70 or even 60....people being gone before their time is a damn shame. Can anything be done to make things different? Who can say? But I've been told that I shouldn't be upset when someone who did live a full life passes on. THAT ISN'T SO EASY EITHER. Why? Because the performers of a certain age not only represent kinder and easier times, but also, a time when performers got over by PERFORMING and HAVING CLASS while doing it. You cannot say that our culture has not been extremely dumbed down, and as a result, I'd also add that losing legends still hurts, but would hurt less if I could trust in millennial stars, both as people and as performers. I just can't see that happening all the time, in a world where the damn Kardashians are the #1 "stars" in the world. It's like, who can carry the mantles of these icons? I am not sure who I can trust, and while I've been proven right to like several modern performers, others have let me down severely (LeAnn Crimes, I am looking at YOU).

As one other sidenote, what's worse is when you hear or are reminded that the deceased were decent to very nice people. Then when you realize that we're stuck with many not-so-nice ones who haven't answered for the things they've done....

In general, this has been a very distressing year, and on top of that, I lost my uncle and two friends around my age. It sometimes makes me wonder if

anything is worth it, if the world seems to be ending around me.

Well that's my diatribe there. Reply, prove my points wrong, etc. etc....I'm totally open, so feel free to dissect.

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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

by [Duster](#) » Wed Dec 28, 2016 10:15 pm

Hi James. I think your points are all valid. Re: current celebrities/performers, I couldn't agree more that today's bunch just don't match up. Nothing grabs my ear in that instant "must hear more" kind of way. It just makes me wonder, when every great "new" artist I discover is one who debuted decades ago.

Also, sorry about your losses this year. I really hope 2017 is happier for you and everyone in general.

-Mike



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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Thu Dec 29, 2016 3:25 pm

Duster wrote: Hi James. I think your points are all valid. Re: current celebrities/performers, I couldn't agree more that today's bunch just don't match up. Nothing grabs my ear in that instant "must hear more" kind of way. It just makes me wonder, when every great "new" artist I discover is one who debuted decades ago.

Also, sorry about your losses this year. I really hope 2017 is happier for you and everyone in general.

I know, and thanks. But, see, while it's nice to have allies about my opinions, I kind of WANTED to be proven wrong. I want to have someone to believe in in modern times. The best were people from previous decades, and it seems that you have to look away from the A-list or most of the public eye to find more. That or said A-listers do something to make me not like them, or their routine jumps the shark (though not always by their fault, uncreative writers and such can do the same.)

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[Re: RIP George Michael](#)

by [Duster](#) » Fri Dec 30, 2016 2:48 am

Once again I agree. I did think of one small possibility. Maybe someday Adele will make an album of classic songs we'd like to hear her sing. 😊

-Mike



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