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# Overview

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## Miles Davis

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Miles Dewey Davis III	
	
Photo of Davis in 1955 taken by Tom Palumbo	
Background information	
Birth name	Miles Dewey Davis III
Born	May 26, 1926Alton, Illinois, United States
Died	September 28, 1991 (aged 65)Santa Monica, California, United States
Genres	Jazz, hard bop, bebop, cool jazz, modal, fusion, third stream, jazz-funk jazz rap <sup>[1]</sup> <sup>[2]</sup>
Occupations	Bandleader, composer, trumpeter, artist
Instruments	Trumpet, flugelhorn, piano, organ, vocals
Years active	1944–1975, 1980–1991
Associated acts	Billy Eckstine, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis Quintet, Gil Evans
Website	<a href="http://www.milesdavis.com">www.milesdavis.com</a> <sup>[3]</sup>

**Miles Dewey Davis III** (May 26, 1926 – September 28, 1991) was an American trumpeter, bandleader, and composer.

Widely considered one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, Miles Davis was, with his musical groups, at the forefront of several major developments in jazz music, including bebop, cool jazz, hard bop, modal jazz, and jazz fusion. Many well-known musicians rose to prominence as members of Davis' ensembles, including saxophonists Gerry Mulligan, John Coltrane, Cannonball Adderley, George Coleman, Wayne Shorter, Dave Liebman, Branford Marsalis and Kenny Garrett; trombonist J. J. Johnson; pianists Horace Silver, Red Garland, Wynton Kelly, Bill Evans, Herbie Hancock, Joe Zawinul, Chick Corea, Keith Jarrett and Kei Akagi; guitarists John McLaughlin, Pete Cosey, John Scofield and Mike Stern; bassists Paul Chambers, Ron Carter, Dave Holland, Marcus Miller and Darryl Jones; and drummers Elvin Jones, Philly Joe Jones, Jimmy Cobb, Tony Williams, Billy Cobham, Jack DeJohnette, and Al Foster.

On October 7, 2008, his album *Kind of Blue*, released in 1959, received its fourth platinum certification from the RIAA, signifying sales of 4 million copies.<sup>[4]</sup> Miles Davis was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006.<sup>[5]</sup> Davis was noted as "one of the key figures in the history of jazz".<sup>[6]</sup>

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