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Singer Tina Turner performs in Groningen, Netherlands, on July 18, 2000. — AFP photos



US singer Tina Turner performs on July 9, 1987 in Ancey, during the concert of her new tour, the first one in six years.



Singer Tina Turner (right) performs with Nominee for Record Of The Year Beyonce (left) at the 50th Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on February 10, 2008.

World mourns 'simply the best'

TINA TURNER

Tributes poured in on Thursday for Tina Turner, the trailblazing rocker whose powerful voice, electrifying stage presence, and personal story of triumph mesmerized global audiences for decades. Turner, an instantly recognizable performer whose popularity spanned generations, died on Wednesday at the age of 83 at her home in a plush Swiss suburb. Presidents, fellow singers and fans paid tribute to an explosive performer, whose popularity spanned generations and whose story of overcoming domestic violence touched many around the world.

Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger — who, legend has it, learned his dance moves from the diva, said the world had lost “an enormously talented performer and singer.” “She was inspiring, warm, funny and generous. She helped me so much when I was young and I will never forget her.” Bandmate Ronnie Wood called Turner “the Queen Of Rock And Soul and a dear friend.” Fans lined up to pay tribute at the wrought iron gates of her huge compound in Kusnacht, on Switzerland’s Lake Zurich, many bearing candles and flowers. “Some-



US singer Tina Turner poses prior to the Emporio Armani Fall-Winter 2011-2012 ready-to-wear collection on February 26, 2011 during the Women's fashion week in Milan.

zenship in 2013, relinquishing her US passport.

'Will never fade'

“The world has lost an icon,” Swiss President Alain Berset said. US President Joe Biden paid a pointed trib-

he added, calling Turner “simply the best.” Biden’s former boss, Barack Obama called her “a star whose light will never fade.”

“Tina Turner was raw. She was powerful. She was unstoppable. And she was unapologetically herself - speaking and singing her truth through joy and pain; triumph and tragedy,” America’s first Black president wrote of the star held up as a Black icon. Turner’s Britain-based publicist Bernard Doherty said her death came after a long illness, and had robbed the world of “a music legend and a role model.” He gave no details of the illness.

'The Best'

A career that would go on to net eight Grammy Awards began in the 1960s in a partnership with husband Ike Turner. The pair recorded a number of hits together throughout the 1960s and 1970s, and while he was credited as being the brains behind the operation, she was always clearly the more talented. After their troubled and violent marriage collapsed — she fled in 1976 mid-tour — Tina Turner forged a wildly successful solo career. The following decades gifted the world instantly recognizable hits like “What’s Love Got to Do With It?”, “Private Dancer” and the anthemic “The Best”. Her “We Don’t Need Another Hero” featured on the soundtrack to “Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome,” the 1985 post-apocalyptic thriller starring Mel Gibson. A decade later she oozed her way through “Goldeneye,” joining the select ranks of artists who have sung on the James Bond franchise. Reaction to Turner’s death came from across the worlds of music, entertainment and sport.

'An inspiration'

Mariah Carey called Turner the embodiment of a legendary superstar. She was “an incredible performer, musician and trailblazer.” “To me, she will always be a survivor and an inspiration to women everywhere,” she wrote. Angela Bassett, who played the singer in the 1993 biopic “What’s Love Got to Do With It” opposite Laurence Fishburne as Ike, paid emotional tribute to “a woman who owned her pain and trauma and used it as a means to help change the world.” “Tina Turner showed others who lived in fear what a beautiful future filled with love, compassion and freedom should look like,” Bassett said.



Flowers and a pair of sunglasses are placed on the Hollywood Walk of Fame star of US-Swiss singer Tina Turner, in Hollywood, California.

one like this should live forever,” said Barbara Burkhalter, who came to pay her respects on Thursday. Chateau Algonquin had been the home Turner shared with her German husband Erwin Bach for almost three decades, including when she took Swiss citi-

ute to a “once-in-a-generation talent that changed American music forever.” “Tina’s personal strength was remarkable,” Biden wrote. “Overcoming adversity, and even abuse, she built a career for the ages and a life and legacy that were entirely hers,”



A person carrying a Tina Turner's album with his dog pays his respects at the Hollywood Walk of Fame star of US-Swiss singer Tina Turner, in Hollywood, California.



US singer Tina Turner sings during her performance at the Macy's Passport '97 fund raiser and fashion show 18 September in San Francisco, CA.

Tina Turner: A life in dates

November 26, 1939: Born Anna Mae Bullock in Tennessee into a poor farming family. Develops an early love of singing at her church choir.

1956: Meets rhythm and blues group musician Ike Turner in St Louis, Missouri, and later joins his band Kings of Rhythm.

1960: Ike changes her name to Tina Turner and they form the musical duo the Ike & Tina Turner Revue. Over the next 15 years, the couple will have 25 records on the charts.

1962: She marries Ike Turner in Tijuana, Mexico.

1978: The couple divorce.

1984: Releases first solo album, “Private Dancer”, which includes “What’s Love Got To Do With It”, Turner’s most successful single and winner of two of her eight Grammy Awards.



Tina Turner speaks during the “Tina - The Tina Turner Musical” opening night at Lunt-Fontanne Theatre on November 07, 2019, in New York City.

1985: Stars opposite Mel Gibson in “Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome” as the fearsome community ruler in a post-apocalyptic world.

1986: Bestselling autobiography “I, Tina” reveals bombshell details about domestic abuse during her marriage to Ike Turner.

1993: Release of “What’s Love Got To Do With It” based on Turner’s life, starring Angela Bassett as Tina Turner.

2013: Becomes a Swiss citizen and marries German music producer Erwin Bach.

2017: Undergoes a kidney transplant. Bach was the donor.

2018: Death of her eldest son Craig from an apparent suicide aged 59.

2022: Death of her son Ronnie of complications from colon cancer aged 62. Turner has two other children. — AFP