

## Celebrities Known by One Name

This list is somewhat arbitrary but I do have one definite criteria for being a celebrity: it is easy to find out their real name on the web. My criteria for how you are known is trickier— if using the one name people know who you mean.

\*\*\*EVAN\*\*\* asked me if Plato counts. I decided to start with Mozart (who is not on the list) since he has been called the first celebrity in the modern sense of the word. \*\*\*EVAN\*\*\* also asked me if Lassie counts. I decided to only count Humans. Actually, most Animal celebs are known by only one name.

Note that most porn stars are known by one name, so I don't count them either.

\*\*\*SORELLE\*\*\* pointed out that most royalty (e.g., Diana) are known by one name, so I don't count them either.

Many rappers are known by just one name, but we kept them since rappers are singers and some singers are also known by one name. Trying to disambiguate would be a waste of my time (as opposed to making this list in the first place).

One thing to note: the list is dominated by singers.

1. **Ashanti**- Ashanti Shequoiya Douglas. Had a hit song *Foolish*. Singer.
2. **Babyface** - Kenneth Edmonds. An American R\*B and pop record producer, musician, singer, and songwriter
3. **Beck**- Bek David Campell. Singer. Best known song: *Loser* from 1994.
4. **Beyonce**- Beyonce Giselle Knowles. Singer.
5. **Bjork**- Bjork Buomundsdottir. Singer.
6. **Bono**- Paul Hewson. Member of the band U2. I didn't know he had a first name. Or a Last one.
7. **Brandy**- Brandy Rayana Norwood. American R&B and pop singer-songwriter, record producer, fashion model, actress, and film producer.
8. **Charo**- Maria Rosaria Pilar Martinez Molina Baeza. I can see why she went to one name. Music? Acting?

9. **Cher**- Cherilyn Sarkisian LaPierre. I can see why she went to one name. Music. Acting
10. **Christo**- Christo Vladimirov Javacheff. Artist.
11. **Chyna**- Joan Marie Laurer. Female Pro Wrestler an actress.
12. **Coolio**-Artis Leon Ivey Jr. Rapper.
13. **Dido**- Dido Florian Cloud de Bouneville O'Malley Armstrong. Singer and Songwriter.
14. **Divine** - Harris Glenn Milstead. Actor and singer.
15. **Edge**- David Evans. Also in U2.
16. **Elvira**- Cassandra Peterson. I had heard of her and never knew her real name. Will note that she's a C-list or lower celeb. Her real name is actually pretty good. Acting?
17. **Elvis**- Elvis Prestly Not sure he counts since people really do know his last name. But if you say ELVIS people know who you mean.
18. **Elvis**- Elvis Costello- Born Declan Patrick MacManus. Should have used DECLAN.
19. *Eminem*- Marshall Bruce Mathers III. White Rapper. His real name was not a good rap name.
20. *Enya*-Eithne Patricia Ni Bhraonain. Irish Singer.
21. *Fabio*- Fabio Lanzoni. Male Model.
22. *Flea*- Michael Peter Balzary. Bassist, Trumpet player, and occasional actor.
23. *Jewel*- Jewel Kilcher. Singer.
24. **Halston**- Roy Halston Frowick. Fashion Designer. Cute using his middle name.
25. **Hammer**- Stanley Kirk Hacker Burell. Was M.C. Hammer. Was a celeb. Music.

26. **Kreskin**- George Joseph Kresge Jr. He was a famous mindreader.
27. **Liberace**- Wladziu Valention Liberace. Didn't now that was his last name.
28. **Madonna**- Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone. Didn't know that was her real first name.
29. **Moby**- Richard Melville Hall. Techno Music.
30. **Morrissey**- Steven Patrick Morrissey. Music.
31. **Mr. T**- Lawrence Tureaud. I count this as one name. Hey, its just one letter. He claims his first name is Mr his middle name is . and his last name is T. I disagree. Actor.
32. **Nelly** = Cornell Haynes Jr. Rapper.
33. **Oprah**- Oprah Winfrey. People know her last name. Probably the most famous person on this list.
34. **Pele** - Edison Arantes do Nascimento. Soccer.
35. **Penn**- Penn Jillette. Magician? Illusionist? Comedian? All of the above. Half of the team Penn and Teller.
36. **Pink**- Alecia Beth Moore. Singer and sometimes actress.
37. **Prince**- Prince Roger Nelson. He also used a funny symbol see <http://altreligion.about.com/library/glossary/symbols/bldefstafkap.htm>
38. **Ronaldo**-Ronaldo Luis Nazario de Lima. Brazilian Soccer player.
39. **Roy**- Roy Uwe Ludwig Horn. Half of Siegfried and Roy- used to have a Las Vegas Tiger Act.
40. **Sade** - Helen Folasade Adu. Singer, Songwriter, Composer, Record producer.
41. **Seal**- Seal Henry Olusegun Olumide Adeola Samuel. Singer. Best known for 1995 hit Kiss from a Rose.

42. **Shaq**-Shaquille Rashaun O'Neal. Basketball
43. **Sting**- Gordon Matthew Sumner. Actual Name is fine! Or just change to 'SUMNER' would have been okay.
44. **Selena** Selena Quintanilla. Latin Singer. (No, didn't sing in Latin.)
45. **Shakira** Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll. Latin Singer.
46. **Siegfried**- Siegfried Fischbacher. Half of Siegfried and Roy- used to have a Las Vegas Tiger Act.
47. **Sinbad**. David Adkins. Comedian.
48. **Teller** Raymond Joseph Teller. Half of Penn and Teller. Actual name is Teller.
49. **Tiffany** Tiffany Renee Darwich. Singer.
50. **Topol**- Chaim Topol. Actor.
51. **Twiggy**- Leslie Horby. Was more famous in an earlier era, but still a celeb. Dancer.
52. **Usher**- Raymond Terry Usher IV. Hip Hop artist.
53. **Vanity** Denise Katrina Matthews. Singer.
54. **Vendela**- Vendela Maria Kirsborn Thomessen.
55. **Xuxa**- Maria da Graca Xuxa Meneghel. Childrens show hostess.
56. **Yanni**- Yiannis Hrysomallis. Composer, Piano. Yanni is easier to spell.
57. **Xzibit** - Alvin Nathaniel Joiner. Singer and MTV car show host.