

Macklemore (Young Reader

Faggot

have also used the slur in songs supporting the LGBT community. In 2012, Macklemore used the word faggot in the song "Same Love" in reference to the use of

Faggot, often shortened to fag, is a slur in the English language that was used to refer to gay men but its meaning has expanded to other members of the queer community. In American youth culture around the turn of the 21st century, its meaning extended as a broader reaching insult more related to masculinity and group power structure.

The usage of fag and faggot has spread from the United States to varying extents elsewhere in the English-speaking world (especially the UK) through mass culture, including film, music, and the Internet.

56th Annual Grammy Awards

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The 56th Annual Grammy Awards presentation was held on January 26, 2014, at Staples Center in Los Angeles. The show was broadcast on CBS at 8 p.m. ET/PT and was hosted for the third time by LL Cool J. The show was moved to January to avoid competing with the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, as was the case in 2010.

The eligibility period for the 56th Annual Grammy Awards was October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013. The nominations were announced on December 6, 2013 during a live televised concert on CBS, The Grammy Nominations Concert Live – Countdown to Music's Biggest Night. Jay-Z received the most nominations with nine. Justin Timberlake, Kendrick Lamar, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Pharrell Williams each received seven nominations. Daft Punk and Pharrell Williams were nominated twice for both Album of the Year and Record of the Year. Sound engineer Bob Ludwig received the most nominations by a non-performing artist, with five.

Daft Punk won five awards, including Album of the Year for Random Access Memories and Record of the Year, with Pharrell Williams, for "Get Lucky", Best Pop Duo/Group Performance, and an additional win for Best Engineered Album, Non-Classical completing a clean sweep for the project that night. Macklemore and Ryan Lewis won four trophies, including Best New Artist, and led an industry show of support for gay marriage with a performance of their song "Same Love" to accompany a mass wedding of gay and heterosexual couples, which was presided over by Queen Latifah. Lorde's "Royals" received awards for Best Pop Solo Performance and Song of the Year. Carole King was honored as MusiCares Person of the Year on January 24, two days prior to the awards ceremony.

On June 4, 2013, the Recording Academy approved a number of changes recommended by its Awards & Nominations Committee, including adding a new category for Best American Roots Song to the American Music field. This songwriters' award will encompass all the subgenres in this field such as Americana, bluegrass, blues, folk, and regional roots music. The Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance category was renamed Best Metal Performance and became a stand-alone category. Hard rock performances will now be screened in the Best Rock Performance category. The Music Video field will become the Best Music Video/Film field. Its two categories will be renamed: Best Short Form Music Video will now be known as Best Music Video and Best Long Form Music Video will change into Best Music Film. These changes bring the total number of categories at the 2014 Grammy Awards to 82, up from 81 at the 2013 Grammy Awards.

Jamila Woods

The Women Of Color Behind Macklemore's 'White Privilege II'. 25 January 2016. Retrieved 25 April 2017 – via Huff Post. Reader, Chicago (10 December 2015)

Jamila Abidemi Woods (born October 6, 1989) is a Chicago-based American singer, songwriter and poet. Woods is a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep and Brown University, where she received a BA in Africana Studies and Theater & Performance Studies. Her work focuses on themes of Black ancestry, Black feminism, and Black identity, with recurring emphases on self-love and the City of Chicago.

Baby Keem

Baby Keem has fun switching up his styles on his latest mixtape. Chicago Reader. Retrieved November 14, 2019. Pierre, Alphonso (September 25, 2020). "Baby

Hykeem Jamaal Carter Jr. (born October 22, 2000), known professionally as Baby Keem, is an American rapper and record producer. Raised in Las Vegas, he gained recognition in the late 2010s with his contributions to Black Panther: The Album by his cousin Kendrick Lamar, as well as Redemption by Jay Rock, Crash Talk by Schoolboy Q, and The Lion King: The Gift by Beyoncé. As a lead artist, he gained initial recognition for his 2019 sleeper hit single "Orange Soda", which received quadruple platinum certification by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

Keem signed with PGLang, in a joint venture with Columbia Records, to release his debut studio album, The Melodic Blue (2021). A critical success, it peaked at number five on the Billboard 200 and was certified platinum by the RIAA; its single "Family Ties" won Best Rap Performance at the 64th Annual Grammy Awards. His collaborations with Kanye West on Donda (2021) and Lamar on Mr. Morale & the Big Steppers (2022) earned him two nominations for Album of the Year at the 64th and 65th Annual Grammy Awards, respectively.

Chance the Rapper

final cut. Bennett was also featured on a track titled 'Need To Know' on Macklemore & Ryan Lewis's album This Unruly Mess I've Made. The following March,

Chancelor Johnathan Bennett (born April 16, 1993), known professionally as Chance the Rapper, is an American rapper. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, he released his debut mixtape 10 Day (2012) during one of his high school suspensions. He gained mainstream recognition in 2013 following the release of his second mixtape, Acid Rap. His third mixtape, Coloring Book (2016), was met with further critical acclaim and commercial success, peaking at number eight on the Billboard 200 as an independent release. At the 59th Annual Grammy Awards, Bennett won Best New Artist and the mixtape became the first streaming-only album to win a Grammy Award—Best Rap Album—while it spawned the single "No Problem" (featuring 2 Chainz and Lil Wayne), which won Best Rap Performance. His debut studio album, The Big Day (2019), peaked at number two on the Billboard 200 and saw moderate critical reception from critics and largely negative reviews from fans. Bennett announced the release of his second album, Star Line, in July 2025 after a nearly 2-year album rollout that included a legacy tour, various festival acts, and sporadic singles and music videos.

In addition to his solo career, Bennett is a member of the Chicago-based collective Savemoney, and is a lead vocalist for the hip hop band the Social Experiment, led by trumpeter Nico Segal. The band released their album Surf in 2015. He has since been prolific in social activism and philanthropic endeavors in his hometown.

Trombone Shorty

Los Angeles, CA. He performed with Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Madonna and Queen Latifah in a version of Macklemore's "Same Love". On February 16, 2014,

Troy Andrews (born January 2, 1986), also known by the stage name Trombone Shorty, is a musician, most notably a trombone player, from New Orleans, Louisiana. His music fuses rock, pop, jazz, funk, and hip hop.

Satya Nadella

1 August 2023. Evans, Jayda (13 August 2019). "Russell Wilson, Ciara, Macklemore, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella and more join Sounders ownership". The Seattle

Satya Narayana Nadella (; born 19 August 1967) is an Indian-born American business executive who is the chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of Microsoft, succeeding Steve Ballmer in 2014 as CEO and John W. Thompson in 2021 as chairman. Before becoming CEO, he was the executive vice president of Microsoft's cloud and enterprise group, responsible for building and running the company's computing platforms.

Tyler Oakley

issues. Oakley attributes his success only in part to his accessibility as a young gay man. "It's not all about me being gay. It's kind of like an underlying

Mathew Tyler Oakley (born March 22, 1989) is an American YouTuber, actor, activist, author, television personality and Twitch streamer. Much of Oakley's activism has been dedicated to LGBTQ youth, LGBTQ rights, as well as social issues including health care, education, and the prevention of suicide among LGBTQ youth. Oakley regularly posts material on various topics, including pop culture and humor.

Since uploading his first video in 2007 while a freshman at Michigan State University, his YouTube channel has garnered over 683 million views, and, at its peak, had over 8 million subscribers. He was featured in the 2014 Frontline investigative report "Generation Like", a follow-up on how teenagers are "directly interacting with pop culture" to the 2001 report, "The Merchants of Cool".

From March to October 2013, Oakley co-hosted a weekly pop-culture news update – "Top That!" – with Becca Frucht for PopSugar. From 2013 to 2014, he performed the voice of Mr. McNeely in five episodes of the comedy web series *The Most Popular Girls in School*. In 2015, he released his first collection of humorous personal essays under the title *Binge*, via publishers Simon & Schuster.

Oakley was the host of *The Tyler Oakley Show*, which aired weekly on Ellen DeGeneres' *ellentube* platform. In 2017, he was named in *Forbes* "30 Under 30".

Demi Lovato

March 5, 2022. Retrieved March 4, 2022. Gary Trust (April 3, 2013). "Macklemore & Ryan Lewis Top Hot 100; Imagine Dragons, Ariana Grande Hit Top 10"

Demetria Devonne "Demi" Lovato (DEM-ee l?-VAH-toh; born August 20, 1992) is an American singer, songwriter, and actress. After appearing on the children's television series *Barney & Friends* (2002–2004), she starred in the Disney Channel short series *As the Bell Rings* (2007–2008). Lovato rose to prominence for playing Mitchie Torres in the musical television film *Camp Rock* (2008) and its sequel *Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam* (2010). The former film's soundtrack contained "This Is Me", her debut single and duet with Joe Jonas, which peaked at number nine on the US Billboard Hot 100.

After signing with Hollywood Records, Lovato released her pop rock debut album, *Don't Forget* (2008), debuting at number two on the US Billboard 200. Its follow-up, *Here We Go Again* (2009), debuted at

number one in the US, and the title track reached number 15 on the Hot 100. Her third studio album, *Unbroken* (2011), experimented with pop and R&B, produced the US top-ten single "Skyscraper". Her fourth album *Demi* (2013) debuted at number three on the Billboard 200 and featured the international top-ten song "Heart Attack". Lovato's fifth and sixth albums, *Confident* (2015) and *Tell Me You Love Me* (2017), included soul influences; she earned a Grammy Award nomination for *Confident*, while "Sorry Not Sorry", the lead single from *Tell Me You Love Me*, became her highest-charting US single at number six. After a hiatus, she released her seventh and eighth albums, *Dancing with the Devil... the Art of Starting Over* (2021) and *Holy Fvck* (2022), which peaked at numbers two and seven in the US, with the latter marking a return to rock-influenced music.

On television, Lovato starred as the titular character on the sitcom *Sonny with a Chance* (2009–2011), served as a judge on the music competition series *The X Factor USA* for its second and third seasons (2012–2013), appeared as a recurring character on the musical comedy *Glee* (2013–2014) and the sitcom *Will & Grace* (2020), and hosted her self-titled talk show and the docuseries *Unidentified with Demi Lovato* (both 2021). She also starred in the television drama film *Princess Protection Program* (2009), the animated films *Smurfs: The Lost Village* (2017) and *Charming* (2018), the musical comedy *Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga* (2020), and the documentary *Child Star* (2024); the last of which she also co-directed.

Lovato has sold over 24 million records in the United States and has also received numerous accolades, including an MTV Video Music Award, fourteen Teen Choice Awards, five People's Choice Awards, two Latin American Music Awards, and a Guinness World Record; she was included on the Time 100 annual list in 2017. She co-founded the former record label Safehouse Records, under Universal Music Group, with singer Nick Jonas in 2015. An activist for various social causes, Lovato's struggles with an eating disorder and substance abuse have received considerable media attention, in response to which she published the self-help memoir *Staying Strong: 365 Days a Year* (2013) and released the documentaries *Demi Lovato: Stay Strong* (2012), *Demi Lovato: Simply Complicated* (2017), and *Demi Lovato: Dancing with the Devil* (2021).

Spike Jonze

immensely popular and was shown frequently on MTV. A 2013 Rolling Stone readers' poll ranked it as the tenth best music video of the 1990s. Also in 1994

Adam Spiegel (born October 22, 1969), known professionally as Spike Jonze (), is an American filmmaker, actor, musician, and photographer. His work includes films, commercials, music videos, skateboard videos and television.

Jonze began his career as a teenager photographing BMX riders and skateboarders for *Freestylin' Magazine* and *Transworld Skateboarding*, and co-founding the youth culture magazine *Dirt*. Moving into filmmaking, he began shooting street skateboarding films, including the influential *Video Days* (1991). Jonze co-founded the skateboard company *Girl Skateboards* in 1993 with riders Rick Howard and Mike Carroll. Jonze's filmmaking style made him an in-demand director of music videos for much of the 1990s, resulting in collaborations with R.E.M., Sonic Youth, Beastie Boys, Ween, Fatboy Slim, Daft Punk, Weezer, Björk, Fatlip, Arcade Fire and Kanye West.

Jonze began his feature film directing career with *Being John Malkovich* (1999) and *Adaptation* (2002), both written by Charlie Kaufman; the former earned Jonze an Academy Award nomination for Best Director. He was a co-creator and executive producer of MTV's *Jackass* reality franchise. Jonze later began directing films based on his own screenplays, including *Where the Wild Things Are* (2009) and *Her* (2013); for the latter film, he won the Academy Award, Golden Globe, and the Writers Guild of America Award for Best Original Screenplay, while receiving Academy Award nominations for Best Picture and Best Original Song ("The Moon Song").

He has worked as an actor sporadically throughout his career, co-starring in David O. Russell's war comedy *Three Kings* (1999) and appearing in supporting roles in Bennett Miller's *Moneyball* (2011) and Martin Scorsese's *The Wolf of Wall Street* (2013), in addition to a recurring role in comedy series *The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret* (2010–2012) and cameo appearances in his own films. Jonze co-founded Directors Label, with filmmakers Chris Cunningham and Michel Gondry, and the Palm Pictures company. He is currently the creative director of Vice Media, Inc. and its multinational television channel Vice TV.

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