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Between his distinctive raspy voice and "unique" live stage shows, I don't know which out of the two he's more known for.

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One of the most despised well-known heavy metal artist, by schools and states!

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A heavy metal band from Des Moines, Iowa tends to be quite different than your average rockers...

I Thought...

What do you think?



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Just another **musician?**

Disclaimer: There are several band/artists that have a more intense figure, but they've all done some pretty twisted things. Then on top of that, they're not as popular as my ranked selection.

No, these lovely individuals/bands aren't just your average everyday musical artists. These five are the most intimidating, frightening, shocking and bizarre artists, while at the same time very well known.

On top of their "unique" appearances, they all have abnormal controversies against them, for you, the readers enjoyment.

So what are you waiting for? Let's get started on your experience through this devastating roller coaster of emotions, and confusion!

**Who's the
most
terrifying
of them
all?**

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Ozzy Osbourne

REAL NAME: John Michael "Ozzy" Osbourne

STARTED: 1967-Present

MOST POPULAR SONG: Life Won't Wait

GENRE: Blues Rock, Doom Metal, Heavy Metal

WEBSITE: www.ozzy.com

This man isn't mainly intimidating because of his appearance; it's more of his actions that makes him a walking nightmare. He's definitely one of the more twisted musicians on this list, so enjoy the "Godfather of Heavy Metal!"

Ozzy Osbourne

KNOWN FOR

This doom metal musician is known for a lot, but mainly for his actions while being intoxicated. He's also very well known for having several tattoos. His most famous tattoo being "O-Z-Z-Y" which is across the knuckles of his left hand and his first tattoo! He actually created this tattoo himself as a teenager with a sewing needle and pencil lead.



CAREER

Like many of our other ranked musicians, Ozzy was in a band before he commenced his solo career. In 1967 he joined the band "Black Sabbath" and was the lead vocals, until he was fired in 1974 due to alcohol and drug abuse.

SUCCESS

Ozzy has received several awards for his music career, but since he's British, he's received several British awards that are definitely different from North American awards. For example, he won a "Godlike Genius" award at the 2005 "NME Awards" in London. He was also inducted into the "UK Music Hall of Fame" in 2005 both as a solo artist and as a member of "Black Sabbath." He's also received several other British awards, but they mean nothing to North Americans.

Quick Fact

Alice Cooper may be the "Godfather of Shock Rock," but Ozzy is also a godfather. Ozzy Osbourne has been indirectly given the title of "Godfather of Metal." Other names many associate this wacko with are "Ozzy, Prince of Darkness or Madman."

CONTROVERSIES

Since we're only on my fifth ranked artist and this is your first time experiencing the layout, we'll start off simple. Throughout Ozzy's entire career, religious groups have accused him of being a negative influence on teenagers. I don't know if he's a negative influence on them, but he's definitely not a positive influence on teenagers! Added onto that fact, his style of rock music has been accused of glorifying Satanism.

In 1981, after his first time of signing a career record deal (solo career) he bit the head off of a dove. This was during a meeting with CBS Records executives in Los Angeles. According to Ozzy, he planned to release this dove, along with others as a sign of peace, but due to him being intoxicated at the time, he preceeded to... You understand what happened here. It's said when he bit the head off, he spat it out with blood dripping from his lips. The worst part about this is this is what started off his career.

Quick Fact

Ozzy isn't a man you'd want to mess with finically, him and his wife were ranked #458 richest couples in the UK according to "Sunday Times Rich List" in 2005. They have an estimated £100 million earned from recording, touring and TV shows.

Ozzy and his wife, Sharon Osbourne



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Rob Zombie

REAL NAME: Robert Bartleh Cummings

STARTED: 1985-Present

MOST POPULAR SONG: Dragula

GENRE: Hard Rock, Heavy Metal, Shock Rock

WEBSITE: www.robzombie.com

A human or a zombie? This topic is debatable when it comes down to Rob Zombie. This heavy metal artist has a similar appearance to a man who's been dead for years with his makeup on. Without his makeup, I would picture him in a biker gang.



Rob Zombie

KNOWN FOR

Rob Zombie isn't only known for his bizarre choice in makeup design, he's also known for directing movies, being a musician and previously being in a band! He directs horror films, which is not a huge shocker in despite of his image that he chose for his music career.

SUCCESS

Rob Zombie, also known as Rob Zodiac or Rob Straker, is a very successful man. His first album as a solo artist "Hellbilly Deluxe," sold three million copies worldwide! He also collaborated with our musician ranked at #3, where they produced a song titled "Hands of Death." The artist he collaborated with he calls "one of his inspirations." This song that they created together was nominated for "Best Metal Performance" at the 39th annual Grammy awards, but sadly never won.

CAREER

You now know what he's known for, but how did this come to be? He's been active since 1985 to the present (2016). His first appearance in the music industry would have to be with his old band "White Zombie," which started in the 1990's. This band was known for their heavy metal music, along with its controversial lyrics and theatrical performances, which Rob carried to his solo career.

CONTROVERSIES

Unlike our other ranked artists, this artist doesn't have many or any controversies against him. The closest we could find were lies about him being tackled on the red carpet for having the appearance of a homeless man. The worst thing about this website that reported it is that this wasn't the first fake news reported against Rob Zombie. I'm not sure if they hate him, but the first lie about him was being kicked out of his own show. In the end, the owner of the site admitted that his site weren't rumors, but they were all satires.

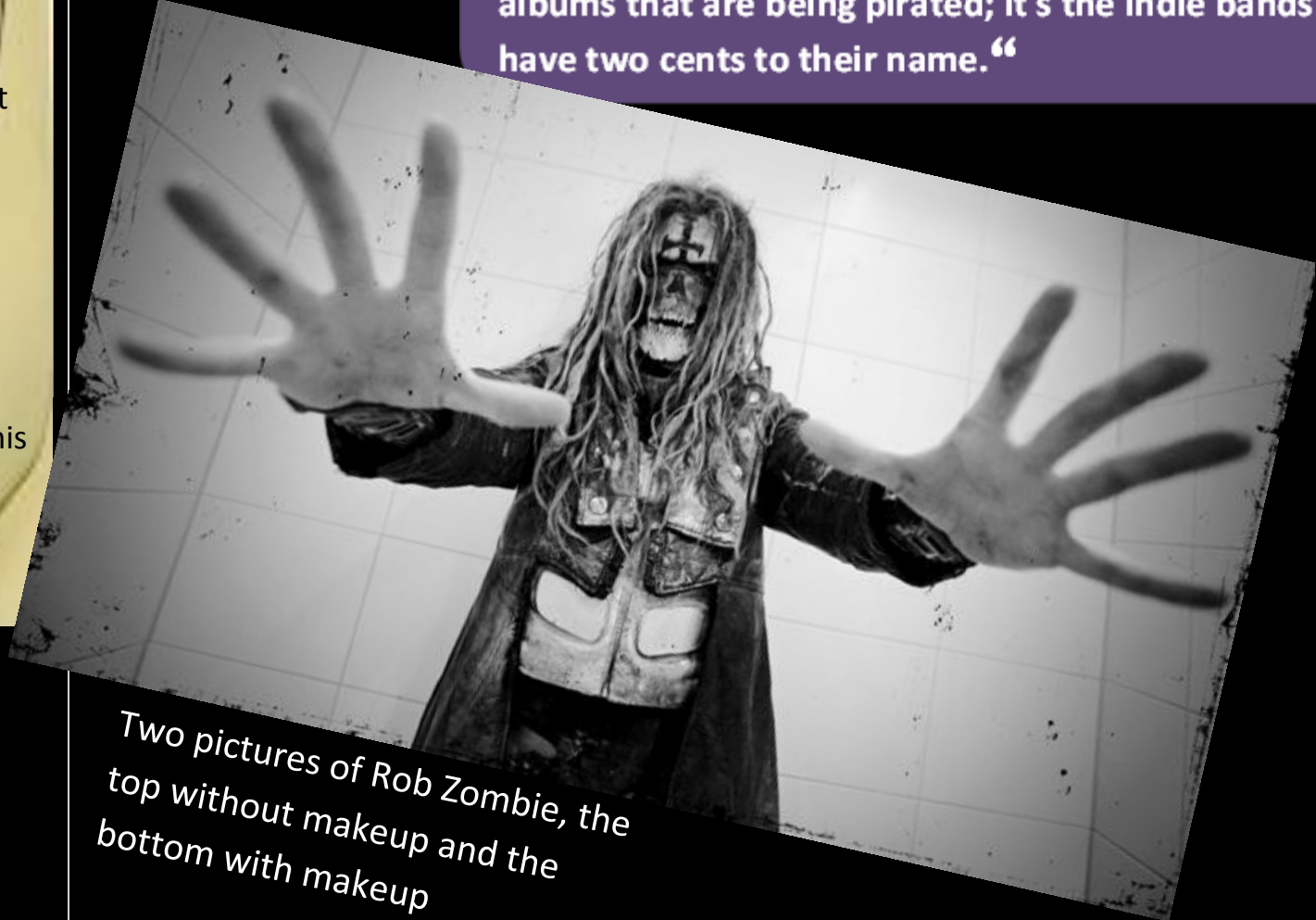


Why do you think the owners of this site and other create incorrect stories of Rob Zombie and any other celebrity?



The Expert Says...

"The pirating thing is bad. The people it hurts the most are the ones you least think it hurts. It's not the big Britney Spears albums that are being pirated; it's the indie bands that don't have two cents to their name."



Two pictures of Rob Zombie, the top without makeup and the bottom with makeup

Rob Zombie at "Nova Rock 2014"



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Alice Cooper


REAL NAME: Vincent Damon Furnier

STARTED: 1960-Present

MOST POPULAR SONG: Poison

GENRE: Shock Rock, Hard Rock

WEBSITE: www.alicecooper.com



Behold my choice for my 3rd selection. This man has been active for five decades and in all of those decades he's successfully accomplished frightening and confusing several individuals based on his actions and image. I introduce you to the "godfather" of all the shock rockers, Alice Cooper.

Alice Cooper

KNOWN FOR

Everyone should know who Alice Cooper is, he's been active for five decades and considered by music journalists and peers alike to be "The God Father of Shock Rock." In my opinion, I agree with that, mainly because of his "entertaining" live shows. These live shows consist of guillotines, electric chairs, fake blood, baby dolls and if that wasn't enough, he's had boa constrictors on stage before. Putting his love shows aside, he's known for his distinctive raspy voice.

CAREER

This man's first appearance in the music world was in the late 1960's, where he and others created a band titled "Alice Cooper." By the 1970's he adopted his band's name as his own, then preceded with his solo career in 1975.

His newest album would be "Welcome 2 my Nightmare," which was his 19th solo album published in 2011. In total, this was his 26th album.

SUCCESS

Alice may be very successful financially and with popularity, but he hasn't actually won any awards. He's received two Grammy nominations, both before the 2000's. One for his song "Alice Cooper: The Nightmare," was nominated for "Best Music Video, Long Form," in 1984. His more recent nomination "Hands of Death (Burn Baby Burn)" which is a song that was nominated for "Best Metal Performance" in 1997.

CONTROVERSIES

Alice Cooper's known for a lot of things, but one of the incidents that stood out the most was the "chicken incident." During the "Toronto Rock 'n Roll festival," the Alice Cooper band was finishing up their set and for their grand finale, they use to throw feathers from a pillow that covered the stage in a thick layer of feathers.

Anyways, during this performance Alice Cooper opened up 3-4 pillows, when someone from the audience threw a chicken onto stage. Alice's first instinct was to throw it back into the audience because he thought it could fly, since it was a bird. (He blamed his stupidity from being from Detroit) When the chicken reached the audience, they preceded to tear it into pieces.

The following day, the headlines about this incident read "Alice bits head off chicken and drinks blood." One of his band members at the time, Frank Kappa told Alice not to deny this story because he quotes... "You can't buy this type of publicity!"



Couple Alice and Sheryl Cooper standing next to each other

Quick Fact

This rockstar claims to know the secret to a long lasting relationship. This secret being to take out your companion continuously on dates, even after marriage

Quick Fact

Alice Cooper has a horrible past with alcohol. With the knowledge he's gained he's known for helping others with alcohol and drug abuse.



Do you think Alice knew better than to believe chickens can fly? Or do you believe he just said that so people wouldn't hate him?

This picture contains Alice Cooper with the victim of the "Chicken Incident."

Alice Cooper performing live at Wembley Arena in 2012



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Marilyn Manson



REAL NAME: Brian Hugh Warner

STARTED: 1989-present

MOST POPULAR SONG: The Beautiful People

GENRES: Shock Rock, Industrial Metal, Hard Rock

WEBSITE: www.marilynmanson.com

This shock-rock idol has definitely went to the edge of intimidating, but he's still not our #1. This same man was brought up very religiously and now is known as one of the more modern "freaks." There is no mistaking this artist for another, because he's the one and only, Marilyn Manson.

Marilyn Manson

KNOWN FOR

Just by having a quick glance at this man, you can see what he's known for. If you haven't caught on to why he has recognition, I'll tell you. He's earned his reputation from his unique public image, as you can tell he went farther than most unique artists. On mainstream media, Marilyn's known for being a controversial figure and an allegedly negative influence on the younger folks of this world. This man also has a band name titled "Marilyn Manson and the Spooky Kids," and he's held the record for being the only constant member in this band!

CAREER

Like our other musicians, he does more than just perform music, Marilyn's occupations include singing, song writing, being a musician, an actor, a painter and a music journalist. He started his career with his band in 1989. He and his guitarist Scott Putesky formed their band, which they called "Marilyn Manson and the Spooky Kids." However, this band still exists, but Marilyn is the only consistent member, so basically his band members just perform with no recognition.

Marilyn's first film debut was in 1997 as an actor in the film "David Lynch's Lost Highway." Since this debut he's had small appearances and cameos in several films.

CONTROVERSIES

"Marilyn is ranked #2 and he has no controversies against him?!?" Well, you'd stand corrected if this is what you thought, in fact Marilyn's been kicked out of several performance locations; some due to the venues inability to get insurance for his show, his image and another canceled due to religious, civic and political leaders who criticized the groups image. Some states in United States went so far as to allow state-operated venues in South Caroline and Utah to ban groups like Marilyn Manson from performing.

In at least one instance in Florida, local schools went so far as to threaten expulsion for students in attendance of Marilyn Manson concerts. His "Dead to the World Tour" in particular was followed by protesters at nearly every North American venue it visited. As you can see, Marilyn is so prone to controversies that people decided to link him to at least two school shootings. Out of these two incidents, only one of them was a Marilyn Manson fan behind the gun.

SUCCESS

If you thought this band/man wasn't capable of being successful, you'd be wrong. He's been nominated for 4 Grammy Awards, had 3 of his band's albums go platinum, while 3 more went gold. But wait that's not all! Eight of Marilyn's releases debuted in the "top ten," including two albums who were number one.



The Expert Says...

"When all of your wishes are granted, many of your dreams will be destroyed."

Marilyn performing during the "Mechanical Animals Tour."



Quick Fact

Marilyn Manson's name isn't his birth name, in fact his name was created by combining two names. The names he was inspired by were actress Marilyn Monroe and murderer Charles Manson.

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Slipknot

MEMBER COUNT: Nine
STARTED: 1995-Present
MOST POPULAR SONG: Duality
GENRE: Heavy Metal, Alternative Metal
WEBSITE: www.slipknot1.com

If you've never heard of Slipknot, you're in for a treat with this heavy metal band. Not only does the screaming in their music tend to be quite frightening, their appearance isn't something you'd disguise your child as for Halloween. Each of the members wear masks, and are all referred to by numbers, from #1 through #9. If that doesn't put you on edge, I'm not sure what will.



Slipknot

KNOWN FOR

Just by having a quick glance at tis band, you'll see what their known for. Just like the others artists on this list, there's more to it. Besides all the nine members performing in unique individual facemasks and matching jumpsuits, they're known for their aggressive style of music. They also have an attention-grabbing image that focuses all attention on them. During their live shows, they're known for being energetic as well as chaotic at the same time. On top of that Slipknot's members are all referred to as a number; which tends to grab the audience's attention just as much as their appearance.

SUCCESS

You may be thinking to yourself, "How on earth did these freaks become successful?" That, I do not know, but I do know what they've achieved while being successful!

During their career they've received 9 Grammy nominations and their one Grammy winner in 2006, "Before I Forget," one of their songs.

They've also somehow managed to win 7 "Kerrang! Awards," and 23 nomination. All of their awards in total added up to 25 awards won and 54 nominations.

So yes, these freaks are more well-known than your father's garage band!

CONTROVERSIES

Slipknot is definitely unique from the average rock band, and with that said, they most likely have more controversies than the average American rock band.

One of their more common controversies involves the band "Mushroomhead," but they have others that are much more extreme.

Both their music and image have been the subject of many controversies throughout their entire career. Some of Slipknot's lyric content has been linked to several violent and criminal incidents.

For example, in 2003 two young killers blamed the lyrics from "Disaster piece" for their crimes. The lyrics to this song are quite dark; however a song should not be blamed for crimes, such as murder. Then in 2006 the lyrics to their song "Surfacing" was left at the crime of a grave robbery.

CAREER

Slipknot didn't start out at the top; in fact they formed their band in Des Moines, Iowa. From day one they've been an American heavy metal band, and this still hasn't changed.

The individuals who formed this band are percussionist Shan Crahan and bassist Paul Gray, who founded the band in 1995.

An addition to that fact is the first official name this band went by, BEFORE "Slipknot," was "The Pale Ones." In my opinion, they've definitely improved their name.



Bands Slipknot and "Mushroomhead" in a side by side comparison.



Take Note

I chose Slipknot for the #1 position because of their dark choice in lyrics and how crimes are related to them. None of the other listings (besides Marilyn Manson) have been blamed for crimes.

Quick Fact

This may come as a shock to you, but Slipknot isn't the only masked band. In fact, Slipknot has had a longstanding feud with the masked band "Mushroomhead." This band, along with their fans said that Slipknot stole their image. During a live show in Cleveland Ohio, several "Mushroomhead" fans threw objects at them, including a padlock!

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I thought...

Here are the criteria I used in ranking the most intimidating musicians

The musician has:

- Unique makeup usage/costumes
- Unique image
- Known for their intimidating image
- Intense Music style
- Won awards/is well know
- Some type of unique behavior (off stage or on stage)

What do you think?

1. Do you agree with my ranking? If you don't, try ranking them yourself. Justify your ranking with data. You may use my criteria or you may use your own.
2. Here are others to consider: Gwar, Mushroom Head, and Eminem. Find out more about them. Should they have made my list? Are there other musicians that should be considered?