



Fact Sheet Johnny Maddox

- ♪ Over 11,000,000 records sold. 50 albums and 87 singles - 9 gold singles. All on the Dot and MCA labels.
- ♪ Johnny has his own star on Hollywood Boulevard.
- ♪ Met Randy Wood, founder of Dot Records, in 1947 when Randy was running a record shop in Gallatin, and went to work for him in the store.
- ♪ First artist ever recorded on Dot Records. First record recorded May 19, 1950. It had "Crazy Bone Rag" on one side and "St. Louis Tickle" on the other. In 5 weeks sold over 22,000 copies. Dot went on to later handle Mills Brothers, Bill Vaughn, Pat Boone, Liberace and Eddie Peabody.
- ♪ In 1954 he was voted "America's No. 1 Jukebox Artist".
- ♪ In 1955 he recorded "The Crazy Otto Medley", the first all piano record in history. First ragtime record to sell over 1,000,000 copies. This record was #1 on the charts for 14 weeks. It sold over 2,000,000 copies.
- ♪ Knew and played with musicians such as Patsy Cline, Eddie Arnold, W. C. Handy, Joe Jordon, Charles L. Johnson, Clyde McCoy, Ted Lewis, Tony Pastor, Lawrence Welk, Sammy Kay and Eddy Howard.
- ♪ Played in every state except Oregon and Hawaii. He has played Las Vegas and appeared on countless [television](#) shows including the Ed Sullivan show.

Personal Information

- ♪ Born August 4, 1927 in Gallatin, Tennessee. Father was a trombone player for a local band. Aunt Zula Cothron responsible for Johnny's interest in ragtime. She was a ragtime pianist. She played ragtime piano in St. Louis and at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.
- ♪ Began career when he was 12 years old. Played first public concert when he was five.
- ♪ A noted musicologist, he knows over 3,000 pieces of music by heart. He also has one of the largest music collections of ragtime, Dixieland and early jazz music. Has over 30,000 78 records and Edison wax cylinders. His sheet music collection totals over 100,000 pieces.
- ♪ He is dedicated to the preservation of ragtime and to playing ragtime as it was played in the original dance tempos of the era.