**Frank Sinatra**

**Francis Albert Sinatra** ([/sᵻˈnɑːtrə/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA_for_English); Italian: [[siˈnaːtra]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA_for_Italian); December 12, 1915 – May 14, 1998) was an American singer, actor, and producer who was one of the most popular and influential musical artists of the 20th century. He is one of the best-selling music artists of all time, having sold more than 150 million records worldwide. Born in Hoboken, New Jersey, to Italian immigrants, Sinatra began his musical career in the swing era with bandleaders Harry James and Tommy Dorsey. Sinatra found success as a solo artist after he signed with Columbia Records in 1943, becoming the idol of the "bobby soxers". He released his debut album, *The Voice of Frank Sinatra*, in 1946. Sinatra's professional career had stalled by the early 1950s, and he turned to Las Vegas, where he became one of its best known performers as part of the Rat Pack. His career was reborn in 1953 with the success of *From Here to Eternity*, with his performance subsequently winning an Academy Award and Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor. Sinatra released several critically lauded albums, including *In the Wee Small Hours* (1955), *Songs for Swingin' Lovers!* (1956), *Come Fly with Me*(1958), *Only the Lonely* (1958) and *Nice 'n' Easy* (1960).