Rat Pack

Rat Pack is the name given to a group of actors in the 1950s. The group was centred on Humphrey Bogart who was the leader of the group. The name ‘Rat Pack’ was first uttered by Humphrey Bogart’s wife, Lauren Bacall. One night, she saw Bogart and a few of their friends come home from an evening of carousing. She exclaimed “You resemble a goddamned rat pack!” From that night, the name Rat Pack stuck and it became widely used by the group.

The Rat Pack in 1950s

In the 1950s, the Rat pack group contained Humfrey Bogart and his spouse Lauren Bacall together with Judy Garland and her husband Sid Luft. Their other friends in the group were David Niven who was an actor, and Jimmy Van Husuen a song writer. There final member of the group was young Frank Sinatra. The group spent most of their days socializing and partying in the most exclusive joints of Holmby Hills. For a brief stint, the group was often reffered to as the Rat Pack Mascots. Rat Pack remained active in their social and acting life until Borgat’s death. Borgat died in 1957.

The Rat Pack in 1960s

After Bogey Died, the Rat Pack dissembled. Frank decided to form a new group so as to continue with his partying tradition. He missed the fun he shared with his original group. The new group consisted his best friend Sir Dean Martin, Peter Lawford, Sammy Davis JR., and Joey Bishop. Sometimes, the group was joined by their friends Shirley Maclaine and Madam Angie Dickenson. The new group named themselves “The Clan”.

In the mid-sixties, The Clan members felt that their name was not appropriate. They gradually steered their way back to the title “The Rat Pack”. From Las Vegas acting stage, the new Rat Pack continued to have fun and work together. The group became very famous after shooting the motion film title “Ocean’s Eleven”. The film was released in 1960.

Rat Pack Achievements

The group produced seven films together. The films were Ocean’s 11, Sergeants 13, Robin and the 7 Hoods, and Marriage on the Rocks. Other films included Some Came Running, Cannonball Run It, and On the Rocks. After the days of Rat Pack were over, the group members remained good friends. For example, Dean accompanied Frank when he was placing his hand prints on a cement slab in Hollywood. Dean signed up with a recording label belonging to Sinatra. The recording label was known as Reprise.