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Sappho (standing) as
imagined by [Lawrence Alma-Tadema](#) in 1881

Anactoria is a woman mentioned in the work of the [ancient Greek](#) poet [Sappho](#) (*pictured*), who wrote in the late 7th and early 6th centuries BCE. Sappho names Anactoria as the object of her desire in a poem numbered as [fragment 16](#). Another of her poems, [fragment 31](#), is traditionally called the "Ode to Anactoria", although no name appears in it. As portrayed by Sappho, Anactoria is likely to have been an aristocratic follower of hers, of marriageable age. The English poet [Algernon Charles Swinburne](#)'s

"Anactoria" was published in 1866 and is written from the point of view of

Sappho, who expresses her lust for Anactoria in a long, sexually explicit monologue written in rhyming [couplets](#) of [iambic pentameter](#). Swinburne's poem created a sensation by openly approaching then-taboo topics such as [lesbianism](#) and [dystheism](#). Anactoria later featured in an 1896 play by H. V. Sutherland and in the 1961 poetic series "Three Letters to Anaktoria" by [Robert Lowell](#). ([Full article...](#))

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Megaliths at the
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- ... that **Celeste 64: Fragments of the Mountain** was developed during a week-long [game jam](#)?
- ... that although nine alibi witnesses placed **Temujin Kensu** more than 400 miles from a shooting in [Port Huron, Michigan](#), in November 1986, he was convicted of murder and has been in prison ever since?
- ... that **Luis Sera** was designed to resemble [Aragorn](#) from *The Lord of the Rings*?
- ... that **Magnus Gens** was given ten trillion [Zimbabwean dollars](#) for developing a [crash test dummy](#) moose?

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- In [the German federal election](#), the [CDU/CSU](#), led by [Friedrich Merz](#) (*pictured*), wins the most seats in the [Bundestag](#).
- Archaeologists announce that the empty tomb **Wadi C-4** near [Luxor](#), Egypt, was that of the pharaoh [Thutmose II](#).
- At [the British Academy Film Awards](#), *Conclave* wins four awards, including [Best Film](#).
- [Mahamoud Ali Youssouf](#) is **elected** chairman of the [African Union Commission](#).
- [President of Romania](#) **Klaus Iohannis** resigns from office, and is succeeded by [Ilie Bolojan](#) in an acting capacity.



Friedrich Merz

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On this day

February 28: [Tibetan New Year](#) begins (2025); [Kalevala Day](#) in Finland; [Peace Memorial Day](#) in Taiwan

- [202 BC](#) – Rebel leader Liu Bang declared himself [Emperor Gaozu of Han](#) after overthrowing the [Qin dynasty](#), the first [imperial dynasty of China](#).
- [1897](#) – [Ranavalona III](#) (*pictured*), the last sovereign ruler of the [Kingdom of Madagascar](#), was deposed by French military forces.
- [1928](#) – Indian physicist [C. V. Raman](#) and his colleagues discovered what is now known as [Raman scattering](#), for which he later became the first Asian to win the [Nobel Prize in Physics](#).
- [1975](#) – A [London Underground](#) train failed to stop at the terminal [Moorgate](#) station, [crashing and causing the deaths of 43 people](#).
- [2002](#) – During [a period of religious violence](#) in [Gujarat](#), India, mobs of Hindus attacked Muslims [in Naroda Patiya](#) and [in Chamanpura](#), resulting in 166 deaths.



Ranavalona III of Madagascar

[Cornelius Gemma](#) (b. 1535) · [Alfred von Schlieffen](#) (b. 1833) · [Charles Bassett](#) and [Elliot See](#) (d. 1966) · [Koesbini](#) (d. 1991)

From today's featured list

The [International Film Music Critics Association Award for Best Original Score for Television](#) is an annual award given by the [International Film Music Critics Association](#) (IFMCA). Established in 2004, the award is given to the composer of a [television score](#) based on two criteria: "the effectiveness, appropriateness and emotional impact of the score in the context of the film for which it was written; and the technical and intellectual merit of the composition when heard as a standalone listening experience." As of 2025, 74 composers have been nominated for the award. The first award was given to [Steve Bartek](#) and [Danny Elfman](#) for their work on the television series [Desperate Housewives](#). The most recent recipient, [Bear McCreary](#) (*pictured*), won for his score for [The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power](#) (2024). He is also the award's most successful composer, having won five times from thirteen nominations. ([Full list...](#))

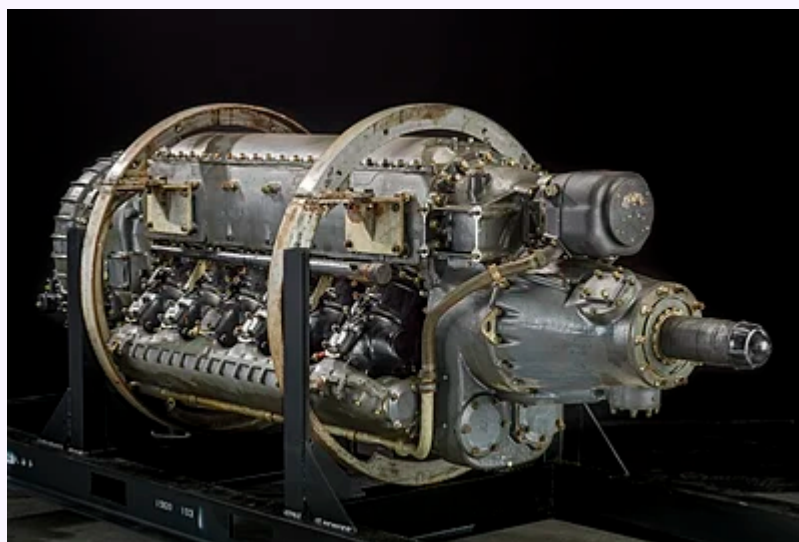


Bear McCreary

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