

# Alexander mcqueen the life and legacy

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**What is Alexander McQueen remembered for?** Alexander McQueen (born March 17, 1969, London, England—died February 11, 2010, London) was a British designer known for his groundbreaking clothes, shocking catwalk shows, and precise tailoring.

**What are some interesting facts about Alexander McQueen?** His father, Ronald, was a cab driver, and his mother, Joyce, taught social science. On their small incomes, they supported McQueen and his five siblings. McQueen, called "Lee" by his friends for most of his life, recognized his homosexuality at an early age and was teased extensively about it by schoolmates.

**How did Alexander McQueen impact the world?** In the 1990s, McQueen launched his own fashion line and presented stunning collections that were often dark and controversial. His shows became spectacular productions that pushed the boundaries of convention. This creative approach catapulted him to international fame.

**What makes Alexander McQueen unique?** McQueen's work was admired for its highly original blend of subversion and tradition, evident from the outset in his 'Bumster' trousers, sharp frock coats, corroded fabrics, slashed leather and shredded, flesh-revealing lace.

**What are the achievements of Alexander McQueen?** His achievements in fashion earned him four British Designer of the Year awards, as well as the CFDA's International Designer of the Year award in 2003. McQueen had a background in tailoring before he studied fashion and embarked on a career as a designer.

**What illness did McQueen have?** Sadly, McQueen's acting career was cut short by an unexpected pleural mesothelioma diagnosis. It is believed that McQueen was exposed to asbestos while serving in the United States Marine Corps in the late 1940s. In 1980, McQueen died of mesothelioma at the age of 50.

**What is the history of the name McQueen?** McQueen Surname Meaning Scottish and Irish: Anglicized form of Gaelic Mac Shuibhne 'son of Suibhne' a byname meaning 'pleasant'. Compare McSweeney . Scottish and Irish: Anglicized form of Gaelic Mac Shuain a Gaelic patronymic based on Old Norse sveinn 'boy servant' which was also used as a personal name (see Swain ).

**What was Alexander McQueen's legacy?** Alexander McQueen was one of the greatest designers that ever existed, who shaped the meaning of contemporary fashion with outlandish designs in theatrical shows. His creativity had no bounds and he was as fearless in his studio as in his personal life.

**What are the achievements of McQueen?** Some of McQueen's accomplishments included being one of the youngest designers to achieve the title "British Designer of the Year", which he won four times between 1996 and 2003; he was also appointed a CBE and named International Designer of the Year by the Council of Fashion Designers in 2003.

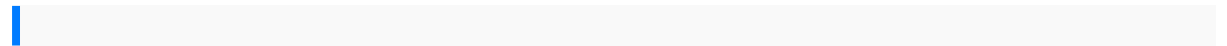
**What was McQueen's mental illness?** As he ascended the ranks of the fashion hierarchy, the expectations placed upon him intensified. His time at Givenchy suggest that he struggled with anxiety, depression, and feelings of isolation, all exacerbated by the intense scrutiny of his work.

**What is Alexander McQueen most famous for?** Lee Alexander McQueen, l'enfant terrible of the fashion world, was a British designer and couturier known for his rebellious creations and unconventional runway shows, which included visual surprises such as life-size Kate Moss holograms and models being spray-painted live on the catwalk.

**What was Alexander McQueen's personality?** Easily bored and restless, McQueen sometimes behaved like someone with attention deficit disorder—he would often return from expensive exotic holidays early and, like a bird or wild

animal, hated the idea of being constrained or contained.

**Why is Alexander McQueen so expensive?** Why are they so pricey? It comes down to a few simple reasons: Alexander McQueen sneakers are crafted using the most exquisite, luxurious materials: smooth, supple calfskin and rubber. They are 100% made in Italy, where factory workers make a fair, livable wage.



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