

= Noel Gallagher =

Noel Thomas David Gallagher (born 29 May 1967) is an English musician , singer , guitarist , and songwriter . He served as the lead guitarist , co @-@ lead vocalist and principal songwriter of the rock band Oasis . Raised in Burnage , Manchester , Gallagher began learning guitar at the age of thirteen . After a series of odd jobs in construction , he worked for local Manchester band Inspiral Carpets as a roadie and technician in 1988 . Whilst touring with them , he learned that his brother Liam Gallagher had formed a band of his own , known as The Rain , which eventually took on the name Oasis . After Gallagher returned to England , he was invited by his brother to join Oasis as songwriter and guitarist .

Oasis ' debut album , Definitely Maybe (1994) , marked the beginning of the band 's rise to fame as part of the Britpop movement . Oasis ' second album , (What 's the Story) Morning Glory ? (1995) , reached the top of the album charts in many countries and their third studio album , Be Here Now (1997) , became the fastest @-@ selling album in UK chart history . Britpop eventually declined in popularity and Oasis ' next two albums failed to revive it . However , the band 's final two albums , Don 't Believe the Truth (2005) and Dig Out Your Soul (2008) , were hailed as its best efforts in over a decade and found renewed success . On 28 August 2009 , following an altercation with Liam prior to a gig in Paris , Noel Gallagher announced his departure from Oasis and on 23 October 2009 , he confirmed he would embark on a solo career . Gallagher would go on to form Noel Gallagher 's High Flying Birds .

Gallagher 's run with Oasis was marked by turbulence , especially during the peak of Britpop , during which he was involved in several disputes with Liam , and the brothers ' fights and wild lifestyles regularly made headlines in British tabloid newspapers . Gallagher (along with Oasis) also shared a personal rivalry with fellow Britpop band Blur . However , he was often regarded as the spear @-@ head of the Britpop movement , and at one point of time , NME termed a number of Britpop bands (including Kula Shaker , Ocean Colour Scene and Cast) as " Noelrock " , citing Gallagher 's influence on their success . Many have praised Gallagher 's songwriting , with George Martin claiming him to be ' the finest songwriter of his generation ' .

= = Early life = =

Gallagher was born in Longsight , Manchester , the son of Irish parents Peggy and Thomas Gallagher . He was the couple 's second child , after the birth of Paul Anthony Gallagher . Soon after the birth of younger brother Liam in 1972 , the Gallaghers moved to Ashburn Avenue in the Manchester suburb of Burnage . Gallagher had an unhappy childhood . He and his brothers were often beaten by their father , who was an alcoholic , and he was often reclusive . Liam described him as " the weirdo in the family " . Due to their unease around their father , he and Paul both developed stammers . As the oldest child , Paul was given a room to himself , and Noel was forced to share with Liam .

Peggy Gallagher acquired a legal notice of separation from her husband in 1976 . Six years later , she finally left him , taking the three boys with her . As teenagers , the Gallagher brothers (especially Noel) were regular truants , often getting into trouble with the police . When his mother took a job working in the school canteen , Gallagher ensured that he stopped by to visit her during lunch before skipping the rest of the day . He was expelled from school at the age of 15 for throwing a bag of flour over a teacher . He used to hang around with the football hooligan firms Maine Line Crew , Under @-@ 5s , and Young Guvnors in the 1980s , and at the age of 13 , he received six months ' probation for robbing a corner shop . It was during this period of probation , with little else to do , that he first began to teach himself to play a guitar his father had left him , imitating his favourite songs from the radio . Gallagher was particularly inspired by the debut of The Smiths on Top of the Pops in 1983 , performing their single " This Charming Man " . He later reflected that " from that day on ... [he] wanted to be Johnny Marr " . He also appeared (and scored) for Manchester Gaelic football outfit CLG Oisín at Croke Park , Dublin in 1983 .

As teenagers , the Gallagher brothers maintained limited contact with their father in order to secure

jobs in construction . However , the relationship between father and sons continued to be tempestuous ; Gallagher said that " because we were always arguing we 'd still be working at nine o 'clock every night " . Having left his father 's building company , he took a job at another building firm sub @-@ contracted to British Gas . There he sustained an injury when a heavy cap from a steel gas pipe landed on his right foot . Following a period of recuperation , Gallagher was offered a less physically demanding role in the company 's storehouse , freeing up time for him to practise guitar and write songs . He claimed to have written at least three of the songs on Definitely Maybe in this storehouse (including " Live Forever " and " Columbia ") . He later called the storehouse " The Hit Hut " and claimed the walls were painted gold . Much of the late 1980s found Gallagher unemployed and living in a bedsit , occupying his time with recreational drug use , songwriting , and guitar playing . He is left @-@ handed , but plays right @-@ handed .

In May 1988 , Gallagher met guitarist Graham Lambert of Inspiral Carpets during a Stone Roses show . The two struck up an acquaintanceship and he became a regular at Inspiral Carpets shows . When he heard singer Steve Holt was leaving the band , Gallagher auditioned to be the new vocalist . He was rejected , but became part of their road crew for two years . Singer Tom Hingley said Gallagher owes his own career to the band , since " his business sense , work ethic , message , and humour are Inspiral down to the core " . He struck up a friendship with monitor engineer Mark Coyle over their love of The Beatles , and the pair spent soundchecks dissecting the group 's songs .

= = Career with Oasis = =

= = = Joining the band = = =

In 1991 , Gallagher returned from an American tour with the Inspiral Carpets to find that his brother Liam had become a singer with a local band called The Rain . He attended one of their concerts at Manchester 's Boardwalk , but was unimpressed by the group 's act . After rejecting an offer from Liam to be the band 's manager , Gallagher agreed to join the band , on the condition that he take creative control of the group and become its sole songwriter . According to another source , Gallagher told Liam and the rest of the group after having heard them play for the first time : " Let me write your songs and I 'll take you to superstardom , or else you 'll rot here in Manchester " . His control over the band in its early years earned him the nickname " The Chief " .

In May 1993 , the band heard that a record executive from Creation Records would be scouting for talent at King Tut 's in Glasgow . Together , they found the money to hire a van and make the six @-@ hour journey . When they arrived , they were refused entry to the club because no one notified the venue that Oasis had been added to the bill . The band eventually secured the opening slot and played a four @-@ song set that impressed Creation founder Alan McGee .

McGee then took the Live Demonstration tape to Sony America and invited Oasis to meet with him a week later in London , at which point they were signed to a six @-@ album contract . Gallagher has since claimed that he only had six songs written at the time , and has put his success in the interview down to " bullshit " . However , McGee believes that when they met , Gallagher had fifty or so songs written , and merely lied about how prolific he had been following the contract . Richard Ashcroft was so impressed with Oasis during the time , that he invited them to tour with his band The Verve as an opening act .

Gallagher claimed to have written Oasis ' first single , " Supersonic " , in " the time it takes to play the song . " " Supersonic " was released in early 1994 and peaked at No.31 on the official UK charts . The single was later followed by Oasis ' debut album Definitely Maybe , which was released in August 1994 and was a critical and commercial success .

It became the fastest @-@ selling debut album in British history at the time , and entered the UK charts at number one . Despite their rapidly growing popularity , Gallagher briefly left Oasis in 1994 during their first American tour . The conditions were poor , and he felt the American audience ? still preoccupied with grunge and metal ? did not understand the band . Gallagher stated that his early songs , especially " Live Forever " , were written to refute grunge 's pessimism . Tensions mounted

between him and Liam , culminating in a fight after a disastrous L.A. gig . Having effectively decided to quit the music industry , he flew to San Francisco without telling the band , management or the crew . It was during this time that Gallagher wrote " Talk Tonight " as a " thank you " for the girl he stayed with , who " talked him from off the ledge " . He was tracked down by Creation 's Tim Abbot and during a trip by the pair to Las Vegas , Gallagher decided to continue with the band . He reconciled with his brother and the tour resumed in Minneapolis .

= = = Britpop and the height of fame = = =

Gallagher followed up the debut in 1995 with Oasis ' first UK number one single in " Some Might Say " . This preceded their second album , (What 's the Story) Morning Glory ? , released later that year . Though it suffered initial critical apathy , the album became the second fastest @-@ selling album ever in the UK , entering the UK album charts at number one and peaking at number four on the US Billboard 200 chart .

The success of Oasis and his newfound fame and fortune were not lost on Gallagher , and both he and his brother became famous for their " rock and roll lifestyle " . They drank heavily , abused drugs , fought fans , critics , peers , and each other , and made celebrity friends such as Ian Brown , Paul Weller , Mani , Mick Jagger , Craig Cash , Kate Moss and Johnny Depp . Gallagher spent extravagantly , buying various cars and a swimming pool , despite the fact he can neither drive , nor swim . He named his house in Belsize Park in London " Supernova Heights " (after the song " Champagne Supernova ") , and his two cats " Benson " and " Hedges " after his favourite brand of cigarettes .

Oasis went on to have greater success with their next two singles , " Wonderwall " and " Don 't Look Back in Anger " charting at number two and number one respectively ; the former becoming their sole top 10 hit in the US . Originally , Noel had wanted to take lead vocals on " Wonderwall " , but Liam insisted on singing it . As compensation , he decided he would sing lead vocals on " Don 't Look Back in Anger " . 1995 also saw Gallagher play two songs for the charity album Help ! : " Fade Away " , accompanied by friend and Oasis fan Johnny Depp and Depp 's then @-@ girlfriend Kate Moss ; and the Beatles ' 1969 hit " Come Together " , along with Paul Weller , Paul McCartney and others in a supergroup called Smokin ' Mojo Filters . He began collaborating with the Chemical Brothers , Ian Brown , the Strokes , the Prodigy and Weller , amongst others . Gallagher became so influential that a June 1996 NME article argued that " If Noel Gallagher , the most successful songwriter of his generation , champions a group , then said group are guaranteed more mainstream kudos and , quite possibly , more sales . And since Noel has taken to championing only five or six groups , then it 's a powerful cabal he 's promoting . " The NME article grouped the bands Gallagher praised , including The Boo Radleys , Ocean Colour Scene , and Cast , under the banner of " Noelrock " . John Harris typified these bands , and Gallagher , of sharing " a dewy @-@ eyed love of the 1960s , a spurning of much beyond rock 's most basic ingredients , and a belief in the supremacy of ' real music ' " .

In March 1996 , Gallagher and his brother Liam met their father again when the News of the World paid him to go to their hotel during a tour . He left for his room , later commenting " as far as I 'm concerned , I haven 't got a father . He 's not a father to me , y 'know ? I don 't respect him in any way whatsoever " . In August 1996 , Oasis sold out two nights at Knebworth , playing to over 250 @,@ 000 fans . Following the worldwide success of Morning Glory ? , Be Here Now (1997) became Oasis ' most eagerly anticipated album to date . As with the previous two albums , all the tracks were written by Gallagher . After an initial blaze of publicity , positive critical reviews , and commercial success , the album failed to live up to long @-@ term expectations , and public goodwill towards Be Here Now was short @-@ lived . The album was ultimately regarded by many as a bloated , over @-@ indulgent version of Oasis , which Gallagher has since blamed on the drug @-@ addicted state and indifference of the band at the time .

Gallagher began to suffer drug @-@ induced panic attacks during this period . His depression and paranoid well @-@ being inspired the song " Gas Panic ! " , subsequently included on the 2000 album Standing on the Shoulder of Giants . He claimed to have quit using illicit drugs on 5 June

1998 . Gallagher stated in 2001 , " I liked drugs , I was good at them . But I 'd had panic attacks for about a year and I stopped because I wanted to . After you make the decision , it is quite easy . " Between 1993 and 1998 , Gallagher claims , " I can hardly remember a thing . "

= = = Post @-@ Britpop years = = =

After the hype surrounding the release of Be Here Now had started to wane , critical response to the band became calmer and more considered , leading to a media backlash . In 1997 , Gallagher was criticised for attending a high @-@ profile and well @-@ publicised media party at 10 Downing Street , hosted by the newly appointed Prime Minister , Tony Blair , along with other celebrities and industry figures who had supported New Labour in the run @-@ up to the general election . Both brother Liam and Blur 's Damon Albarn declined their invitations , with Albarn commenting " Enjoy the schmooze , comrade . " The perception of Gallagher as someone now mixing with politicians ? or , in particular , a famous photograph of him sipping champagne with Blair ? conflicted with the " working class hero " status championed through songs such as " Up in the Sky " .

In 1999 , rhythm guitarist Paul " Bonehead " Arthurs quit the band , with bassist Paul McGuigan following soon afterwards . As a result , the fourth studio album , Standing on the Shoulder of Giants , was recorded by just the Gallaghers and drummer Alan White , with Gallagher playing all guitar parts . He later commented on Bonehead 's departure , " It 's hardly Paul McCartney leaving the Beatles , is it ? " . After the recording sessions were completed , Gallagher selected Gem Archer to join in place of Bonehead .

Later that year Alan McGee decided to leave Creation and sold the rest of his 51 % stake in the label to Sony . Gallagher took this opportunity to set up Big Brother Recordings , which took over Oasis ' distribution in the UK , but Sony imprint Epic Records continued to handle the band 's international distribution . Around the time of the album 's release , Andy Bell , formerly of Ride , joined the band as bassist . In 2001 , Gallagher formed his own label , Sour Mash Records , which released records by the likes of Shack and Proud Mary . The incorporation of the label followed Gallagher 's debut as a producer , working with Proud Mary on their debut , The Same Old Blues .

In late 2006 , Gallagher toured the UK , Europe , Japan , America and Australia in a series of acclaimed intimate semi @-@ acoustic gigs accompanied by Gem Archer and Terry Kirkbride on percussion . The show proved successful and a further series of sets took place in 2007 . March 2007 saw Gallagher perform in Moscow ? the first time an Oasis member has performed in Russia . Yet Gallagher dismissed claims that he was planning to embark on a solo career . In early 2007 , Gallagher joined the rest of Oasis to collect the " Outstanding Contribution to Music " Award at the Brit Awards 2007 .

Gallagher , along with the band recorded their seventh studio album between 2007 and the next year at Abbey Road Studios and in Los Angeles , and started at the end of the summer of 2008 a tour that will last at least 12 months .

In March 2009 , The Times in conjunction with iTunes released a selection of live recordings by Noel Gallagher taken from his semi @-@ acoustic performance at the Royal Albert Hall on 27 March 2007 in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust . The Dreams We Have as Children features classic and rare tracks from the Oasis canon along with several cover versions of some of Gallagher 's favourite artists .

= = = Departure from the band = = =

On 28 August 2009 , he quit Oasis after a fight with his brother , Liam . A little before midnight on Friday Gallagher posted a statement on his message board called " Tales from the Middle of Nowhere " on the band 's website announcing his departure .

= = Post @-@ Oasis = =

== = Solo performances == =

Gallagher 's first concerts without Oasis were announced on 1 February 2010 to be at London 's Royal Albert Hall on 25 and 26 March 2010 for Teenage Cancer Trust . He was supported by the Courteeners and Plan B respectively . Terry Kirkbride and Gem Archer joined him on @-@ stage , as did Jay Darlington , all of whom Gallagher had previously worked with while he was still a member of Oasis . He played a mostly acoustic set , and played a variety of Oasis album tracks and B @-@ sides . It was almost the same set he played at the Royal Albert Hall in 2007 . Gallagher also joined friend Paul Weller onstage in London on 21 April 2010 , and played the Oasis song " Mucky Fingers " and a song he co @-@ wrote with Weller , " Echoes Round the Sun " .

== = Returning to the studio == =

Gallagher confirmed that he would be returning to the studio in August 2010 to record drums for an unnamed artist , later confirmed to be Paul Weller . He also denied rumours that he would be the Best Man for Russell Brand 's marriage to Katy Perry . In August , it was mentioned on a UK Music blog , Sourmash Music , that Gallagher had been working with Liverpool group the Sand Band . Lead singer David McDonnell has been co @-@ writing with Gallagher and are looking to collaborate on future solo projects together .

On 24 November 2010 , Miles Kane revealed that Gallagher sang on a track from his debut solo album entitled My Fantasy . Kane also revealed that he will appear on Gallagher 's forthcoming album , playing guitar .

On 10 February 2011 , Gallagher stated he has " not even started " his first solo record , despite Liam rumouring that he ' swiped ' material from the Dig Out Your Soul sessions . " I am not recording new stuff , not just yet , " he said to Talksport . " It 'll be out when it 's finished I guess . Well I 've not even started it , so I don 't know . "

== = Noel Gallagher 's High Flying Birds == =

Noel Gallagher 's High Flying Birds released a self @-@ titled album on 17 October 2011 ; a collaboration album with Amorphous Androgynous was to be released in 2012 but has now been shelved indefinitely . He began touring in Dublin on 23 October 2011 . The touring band announced for Noel Gallagher 's High Flying Birds included David McDonnell (guitar) , Russell Pritchard (bass) , Mikey Rowe (keyboards) and Jeremy Stacey (drums) ; McDonnell left during rehearsals and was replaced before the tour with Tim Smith who had played with Rowe and Stacey previously . On 20 July 2011 , Gallagher released a 47 @-@ second trailer of his first single " The Death of You and Me " . The video for the debut single was released on 25 July at 8 : 21 am (GMT) .

Following the self @-@ titled debut , Noel Gallagher 's High Flying Birds released their second album Chasing Yesterday March 2 , 2015 .

Noel Gallagher has confirmed he is working on High Flying Birds ' third album .

== = Future projects == =

When promoting his debut album Everyday Robots , in an interview with NME , Damon Albarn hinted at a collaborative project with Gallagher . Despite the years of animosity during Blur and Oasis ' respective heyday , Albarn said : " We ? re talking . It ? s not anything to get excited about yet . I mean , he ? s doing his thing . He ? s finishing a new record . I ? ve got my record coming out , but the principle of us making music together is something , you know . It would be fair to say , we have discussed it at least once . "

In March 2015 , Gallagher revealed that he was considering retirement from live shows within the following 10 years . He stated : " It 's not fun being on a bus for six weeks in America . It 's fine when you 're young , but I 'm almost 50 "

= = Personal life = =

= = = Relationships = = =

At the age of 18 , Gallagher became engaged to his then @-@ girlfriend Diane , but they never married and eventually separated . In 1988 , he moved out of his family home to live with Louise Jones , whom he described as his " soulmate " and for whom he wrote " Slide Away " . They had an on @-@ again , off @-@ again relationship before finally separating in June 1994 , with Gallagher stating , " I don 't think I 'll ever get over it . "

In June 1997 , Gallagher married Meg Mathews in Las Vegas , Nevada . He had met her in 1994 through her roommate , MTV presenter Rebecca de Ruvo , whom he was dating at the time and whom he left for Mathews . Mathews gave birth to a daughter , Anaïs Gallagher , on 27 January 2000 . Gallagher and Mathews divorced in January 2001 on grounds of his adultery with Scottish publicist Sara MacDonald . After the divorce was finalised , Gallagher admitted he had only claimed to have cheated in order to speed up the divorce process and that he had never actually been unfaithful .

Since his separation from Mathews , Gallagher has been in a relationship with MacDonald , whom he met at club Space on Ibiza in June 2000 . He wrote " Waiting for the Rapture " about their meeting . They have two sons , Donovan Rory MacDonald Gallagher (born 22 September 2007) and Sonny Patrick MacDonald Gallagher (born 1 October 2010) . Gallagher and MacDonald were married on 18 June 2011 in a private ceremony at the Lime Wood Hotel in the New Forest National Park . Gallagher 's best friend Russell Brand was best man at the wedding .

= = = Other = = =

He was a frequent guest on The Russell Brand Show on BBC Radio 2 , appearing on almost every show , leading Brand to dub him an unofficial " Co presenter " . He is also a regular on the digital radio sports show , " TalkSPORT " Other notable friends of his are , Mani of the Stone Roses , Richard Ashcroft of the Verve ? for whom he dedicated a song , " Cast No Shadow " , the band members of the Chemical Brothers , - Sex Pistols members John Lydon and Steve Jones the members of the rock band Kasabian , Andy Nicholson , boxer Ricky Hatton , Paul McCartney , former Liverpool F.C. footballer Jamie Carragher , Chris Martin and Jonny Buckland of Coldplay , Johnny Marr , Morrissey , Bono , Paul Weller , Ian Brown , John Squire , Lee Mavers , Craig Cash , Kelly Jones and Johnny Depp (who played slide guitar on the Oasis song Fade In @-@ Out) . He was also good friends with Kate Moss who used to stay with him when she was visiting London . In 2001 he was reported to have an estimated personal fortune of £ 25 million . In 2009 , The Sunday Times Rich List estimated he and Liam 's combined personal fortune at £ 52 million .

Gallagher is a fan of football , being a lifelong Manchester City F.C. supporter (Gallagher admitting he " cried like a baby " when City won the Premier League title) . He is a friend of former City midfielder Joey Barton , as well as Italian striker Alessandro Del Piero , who described Gallagher as Italy 's " lucky mascot " during the 2006 FIFA World Cup , and appears in the Oasis video " Lord Don 't Slow Me Down " . Gallagher along with Kasabian lead guitarist Sergio Pizzorno took part in drawing teams for the FA Cup third round in 2011 . Coincidentally Pizzorno drew his hometown team Leicester City with Gallagher 's Manchester City for the Third round tie in which both teams drew 2 @-@ 2 and Manchester City preceded to win 4 @-@ 2 in the replay . He participated in the unveiling of Umbro sponsored football kits with captain Vincent Kompany . In the advertising campaign , the two men are pictured wearing the new Manchester City home and away shirts for the 2012 ? 13 season . Formerly , the footballer introduced Gallagher to 80 @,@ 000 fans during Rock Werchter music festival in Belgium . Gallagher also supports the Republic of Ireland national football team and has said " I don ? t consider myself to be English at all " . Nevertheless , he did serve as an official ambassador for England 's bid to host the 2018 FIFA World Cup .

Gallagher stated in a 2006 radio interview with Russell Brand that he does not believe in God or "

an all @-@ guiding force " . Despite this assertion , throughout his career , many of his songs have mentioned God (" Carry Us All " , " Gas Panic ! , " " The Hindu Times " and " Little by Little ") , and all the tracks he had contributed to Dig Out Your Soul , as well as the other bandmates ' songs , have lyrics and references to God and other biblical terms . Dig Out Your Soul has been described by Gallagher as a " religious Armageddon " . But in recent interviews for Dig Out Your Soul regarding religion , he stated " See , I don 't know what I am . If I was an atheist I 'd just write songs about not believing in God ? but I don 't know what I am . "

In 2008 , it was announced that Gallagher would sell his home in Ibiza located near fellow musician James Blunt 's , saying while in Los Angeles on the Russell Brand BBC Radio 2 show that he " can 't stand living there in the knowledge that Blunt is nearby making terrible music " .

He was reportedly asked by Simon Cowell to be a judge on The X Factor after Dannii Minogue , Cheryl Cole and Cowell himself declined to participate in series 8 , which Gallagher subsequently declined as well .

= = Songwriting and musicianship = =

Gallagher was the primary songwriter in Oasis , and on the group 's first few albums he was the sole songwriting contributor . He is often criticised for the praise he gives to his own songs . He points out " If you 'd written ' Live Forever ' , you 'd be walking to a different tune the next day too . " Gallagher has often been accused by critics of plagiarising the music of his heroes , but he has maintained outright homages in his music are his intention . In a 1996 Guitar World interview , he described himself as " a fan who writes songs " and stated , " I 'm not saying , ' I 'm the greatest songwriter in the world . Listen to me . ' Usually , I 'm saying , ' These are the greatest songwriters in the world . And I 'm gonna put them all in this song " ' . His response to critics about the topic of " blatantly pinching riffs " was , " No , I don 't feel guilty . But you feel pissed off because you didn 't do it first . "

Though naturally left @-@ handed , Gallagher plays guitar right @-@ handed , which he claims is the only thing he can do with his non @-@ dominant hand . Gallagher has said he sometimes does not understand his own lyrics , commenting in 2005 that " when I 'm halfway through ' Don 't Look Back in Anger ' I say to myself . ' I still don 't know what these words mean ! ' " Gallagher has declared to be dyslexic , which slows down the process of his songwriting , nor can he read or write music .

= = = Changing band dynamic = = =

Gallagher 's role as chief songwriter for Oasis changed over time as he allowed a greater level of lyrical input from the other band members . Standing on the Shoulder of Giants included Oasis ' first ever album track written by his brother Liam . Heathen Chemistry included a further three tracks by Liam (including the single " Songbird ") , one by Archer and one by Andy Bell . Don 't Believe the Truth featured another three tracks by Liam (though one of them , " Love Like a Bomb " was co @-@ written with Archer) , one from Archer , and two from Bell . The latter two albums have been greeted with increasing critical and commercial success in the UK , particularly Don 't Believe the Truth . Yet the second single from Don 't Believe the Truth , " The Importance of Being Idle " became the second Oasis track sung by Gallagher to top the UK charts and was named 2005 's finest track by Q magazine , as well as being nominated for the NME 's " Best Song of 2005 " award .

However , on the last Oasis albums , his increasing role as lead singer , apparently to compensate for his diminished role as songwriter , caused some tension with Liam .

Zak Starkey , son of former Beatles drummer Ringo Starr and previous drummer for Gallagher 's heroes The Who and Johnny Marr , replaced long @-@ time drummer Alan White during the recording sessions for Don 't Believe the Truth . The loss of White prompted Gallagher to comment in a 2005 interview , that he puts Oasis ' trouble with drummers , in part , to the fact that he is himself a talented drummer , saying " I get a lot of stick for it , but I 'm the best drummer in the group

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= = Controversy = =

Gallagher is well known for his controversial , outspoken statements in the press ; he acknowledged his tendency for faux pas in the song " My Big Mouth " on the album Be Here Now . Yet Gallagher has defended himself , saying " people think [I 'm] controversial for the answers [I] give to silly questions in interviews , but ... I 'm not thinking about insulting ... people ; I say what I genuinely feel is in my heart . My conscience is clean , d 'you know what I mean ? Y 'know , I 'm true to myself ? fuck everybody else . "

= = = Damon Albarn and Blur = = =

The most infamous of Gallagher 's controversial statements was in a 1995 interview with The Observer , where he expressed a wish for Damon Albarn and Alex James of rivals Blur to " catch AIDS and die " , a comment which he quickly apologised publicly for , and stated that " AIDS is no laughing matter " . This statement was preceded by the success of (What 's the Story) Morning Glory ? , which led to a well @-@ documented feud with fellow Britpop band Blur . The differing styles of the bands , coupled with their prominence within the Britpop movement , led the British media to seize upon the rivalry between the bands . Both factions played along , with the Gallaghers taunting Blur at the 1996 BRIT Awards by singing a rendition of " Parklife " when they collected their " Best British Band " award (with Liam changing the lyrics to " Shite @-@ life ") .

Gallagher maintains that the rivalry was conceived by the magazine NME and members of Blur 's entourage as a ploy to raise their respective profiles , and that since this point he has had no respect for either party . However , Albarn has suggested the roots of the feud were much more personal . By 2007 , the tension between the two had cooled , and in an NME interview , Gallagher said " I 've got a lot of respect for Damon , I really do mean it . Because I 'm indifferent to Damon he thinks that I think he 's a cunt . Our Liam will talk to him , I won 't because he 's just another singer in a band to me , but I don 't think he 's a cunt . Good luck to him ! " On 23 March 2013 , Gallagher , Damon , Graham Coxon and Paul Weller performed the Blur hit " Tender " at the Teenage Cancer Trust .

= = = Liam Gallagher = = =

The Gallagher brothers famously share a turbulent relationship ; one of their arguments was even released on a 1995 bootleg single entitled Wibbling Rivalry . Although in recent years their relationship had stabilised , during the band 's early career there were a handful of incidents where the two have actually come to blows . In an L.A. show during their first American tour in 1994 , Liam took to changing the words of the songs so that they were offensive to both Americans and Gallagher . A confrontation after the show which led to a chair being thrown and a brawl caused him to leave the tour and head for Las Vegas ; Gallagher later claimed he had " visions of Fear and Loathing flashing in [his] eyes " . During recording sessions for the second Oasis album , (What 's the Story) Morning Glory ? , the brothers had a violent fight involving a cricket bat , when Liam invited everyone from a local pub back into the studio while he was trying to work . In 1995 , Noel was obliged to sing " Wonderwall " on Later ... with Jools Holland when Liam failed to turn up .

In 1996 , he provided lead vocals at a performance for MTV Unplugged when Liam backed out minutes before the set was due to start . Liam claimed to have been struck down with a " sore throat " ; the band later found out that Liam did not like performing acoustically . Gallagher was further angered when Liam proceeded to heckle him from the balcony and nurse his " sore throat " with beer and cigarettes while the band performed . Just before the band were about to board a plane to the United States for their important make @-@ or @-@ break US tour , Liam left the airport , claiming he had to find a house for his then @-@ wife Patsy Kensit . He later joined the band for their last few gigs and the infamous MTV Awards performance ; the remaining dates were scrapped

. The band 's future was daily tabloid news .

While on tour in Barcelona in 2000 , Oasis were forced to cancel a gig when Alan White 's arm seized up , and the band spent the night drinking instead . Liam made a derogatory comment about Gallagher 's then @-@ wife Meg Mathews , and attempted to cast doubt over the legitimacy of his daughter Anais , causing Gallagher to head @-@ butt Liam . Following this , he declared he was quitting overseas touring , but returned for an Oasis gig in Dublin on 8 July 2000 . During the performance , the two brothers shook hands at the end of " Acquiesce " .

However , the relationship between the two brothers had become strained throughout 2009 , leading eventually to a last @-@ minute cancellation of an Oasis concert scheduled to take place on 28 August 2009 in Paris , due to an " altercation within the group . " Later that evening , Gallagher confirmed he had left Oasis as he " simply could not go on working with Liam a day longer . " Through the Oasis website , he said " It 's with some sadness and great relief to tell you that I quit Oasis tonight " . On 29 August , Gallagher expanded further on his blog , stating " the level of verbal and violent intimidation towards me , my family , friends and comrades has become intolerable . And the lack of support and understanding from my management and band mates has left me with no other option than to get me cape and seek pastures new . "

When asked in 2012 about his brother and an Oasis reunion Gallagher said " I last texted Liam at Christmas after the City match . I don 't think it 's gonna happen . It would be great for everyone else except me . It 'd be mega for the millions and millions and everybody else it would be brilliant but I wouldn 't be very happy about it . I guess you don 't know what you 're gonna feel like in 20 @-@ odd years but right now , I mean I was in Oasis for nearly 20 years . I 've been doing this what I 'm doing now for one year and I 'd like to see what it 's like to do it for longer . I don 't think anyone is pushing for a reunion either . Nobody ever brings it up in any seriousness ? I mean Liam does publicly but he says a lot of things publicly . I wouldn 't take anything he says seriously " . After their performance of Wonderwall at the London Olympics Closing Ceremony (which Gallagher had originally turned down) , he referred to Liam 's band Beady Eye as ' Stratford 's finest Oasis tribute band ' .

= = = Jay @-@ Z and Glastonbury = = =

Gallagher reportedly blasted the organisers of the 2008 Glastonbury Festival for scheduling US hip @-@ hop artist Jay @-@ Z as a headliner for the traditionally guitar @-@ driven festival : " If it ain 't broke don 't fix it . If you start to break it then people aren 't going to go . I 'm sorry , but Jay @-@ Z ? No chance . Glastonbury has a tradition of guitar music and even when they throw the odd curve ball in on a Sunday night you go ' Kylie Minogue ? ' I don 't know about it . But I 'm not having hip @-@ hop at Glastonbury . It 's wrong . "

Emily Eavis , the organiser of the festival , said she was honoured Jay @-@ Z was headlining the event saying : " He is absolutely the right act for our festival , " she said . " There is no reason why we should not have the greatest living hip @-@ hop artist on at Glastonbury . " Eavis also cited that Jay @-@ Z was far from the first hip @-@ hop artist to appear at Glastonbury. the Roots , Cypress Hill , and De La Soul had all previously performed at the Glastonbury Festival .

In response , Jay @-@ Z said , " We don 't play guitars , Noel , but hip @-@ hop has put in its work like any other form of music . This headline show is just a natural progression . Rap music is still evolving . From Afrika Bambaataa DJ @-@ ing in the Bronx and Run DMC going platinum , to Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince winning the first rap Grammy , I 'm just next in the line . We have to respect each other 's genre of music and move forward . "

Jay @-@ Z opened his set at Glastonbury 2008 with a cover of Oasis ' song " Wonderwall " . When Gallagher was asked about the incident he replied , " The way it 's played itself out is that I said Jay @-@ Z had no right to play Glastonbury , which is a crock of horseshit . I got off a plane and someone asked me about the fact that Glastonbury hadn 't sold out for the first time in years , and if it was because of Jay @-@ Z. From there it grew into this crap that I was standing on an orange crate at Speakers ' Corner saying , ' Gather round , brothers and sisters . Have you heard what 's happening at Glastonbury this year ? ' I have a certain turn of phrase . So if I say , " Chicken

sandwiches in McDonald 's are just plain fucking wrong , " it doesn 't mean I 'm attacking all chickens or all sandwiches . I 've hung out with Jay @-@ Z in Tokyo . I 've seen his show . It 's not my bag , but it 's all right . We have a mutual friend in Chris Martin . So I am a guy who doesn 't like hip @-@ hop ? shock , horror . I don 't dislike rappers or hip @-@ hop or people who like it . I went to the Def Jam tour in Manchester in the ' 80s when rap was inspirational . Public Enemy were awesome . But it 's all about status and bling now , and it doesn 't say anything to me . " When Jay @-@ Z was asked about Gallagher 's comments he said " I haven 't spoken to him [Gallagher] , I heard he was reaching out . I don 't bear any grudge , it 's all good . I just believe in good music and bad music , I 've always said that . You look at any interview from the beginning of time , I 've always stated that I don 't believe in the lines and classifications that people put music in so they can easily define it " . When asked who he would be interested in collaborating with in the future , the rapper said , " Anyone . Oasis as well ? it doesn 't matter to me . "

= = = Political views = = =

Gallagher has spoken about his political views on several occasions , most notably when he visited Tony Blair at No. 10 Downing Street in 1997 . In an interview in 1997 when he was asked about why he visited Blair he replied , " I 've taken a lot of flack for going to No. 10 Downing Street but the thing about that is , I never considered myself a rebel anyway . I wasn 't going there representing the ' Indie community ' . I wasn 't representing anyone . I was going there for me . You have to understand that from when I went to school and from when I was born all we ever knew was conservative , Tory , right @-@ wing government . What people don 't mention is , they say ' He went to meet Tony Blair . ' No . I went to meet the Labour prime minister . Our parents always drummed into us that the Labour Party was for the people and the Tory Party was not . I went to meet the Labour prime minister . "

Gallagher has been quoted : " Politics is like football for me . Labour is my team and even if you don 't like a striker you don 't give up supporting the team . " Prior to the 2005 general election , Gallagher stated that he was still supporting the Labour government partly because of his concern that " Phil Collins is threatening to come back and live here . And let 's face it , none of us want that " .

In an interview in 2007 when asked about politics he said , " I 'd been unemployed all my life . It was a big deal for me when they (Labour) got in . Now David Cameron is no different from Tony Blair and Gordon Brown is no different from David Cameron . They 're all cut from the same cloth and it annoys me that the biggest political icon in the last 30 years has been Margaret Thatcher . Someone who tried to destroy the working class . It freaks me out . So I don 't really think there 's anything left to vote for . I believe that I , as a person , can only change things once every 5 years and that 's by voting , and my point is that even casting that vote means that the same guy gets in , the only difference is one has a red tie and the other has a blue one . "

Gallagher was passionate in his support for Barack Obama 's successful bid for US President , calling his acceptance speech to the 2008 Democratic National Convention " spellbinding " .

In 1997 , he played a 5 song set at the Tibetan Freedom Concert in New York City . As a result , Oasis were deemed " unsuitable " by the Chinese government , forcing a planned tour of the country in 2009 to be cancelled .

Gallagher has also been very vocal about knife crime . In 2008 he was quoted : " The scumbags are taking over the streets . I don 't know what David Cameron and Gordon Brown are going to do about it . It all goes back to the Thatcher years . It sounds like a cliché but that 's when the rot set in . " When the interviewer suggested it was for status he replied , " In my day status was about trying to be somebody , not trying to kill somebody , so how 's that all changed ? "

In October 2011 , Gallagher told Newsnight he believed the then Labour leader Ed Miliband was " utterly uninspiring and dull " , and said he had no idea what he stood for .

Speaking out about the August 2011 riots that took place in England , Gallagher stated , " Last August I was on tour in Europe and people were asking me about the riots . All over the world , Syria and Egypt , people were rioting for freedom . And these kids in England are rioting for

tracksuits . It 's embarrassing . " Gallagher claimed that violent video games and violent television shows which children were being exposed to were partially to blame for social problems .

In February 2012 , he implied that the UK under the Premiership of Margaret Thatcher was a more fertile ground for dissent in the arts : " Under Thatcher , who ruled us with an iron rod , great art was made . Amazing designers and musicians . Acid house was born . Very colourful and progressive . Now , no one 's got anything to say . ' Write a song ? No thanks , I 'll say it on Twitter ' . It 's a sad state when more people retweet than buy records . "

In a February 2015 interview with The Quietus , Gallagher elaborated on his disillusion with current politicians and how they 'll do anything to say they 're just regular people :

And now the Conservatives are just ... I mean [...] David Cameron , he 's trying to be your mate . " Oh , I really like The Jam . "

Gallagher then went on to say that Thatcher was brutal but more direct , and " You can kind of respect that "

In 2016 , Gallagher stated that while he remained left @-@ wing , he opposed Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn , deeming him to be a communist . He said that " The Tories don 't care about the vulnerable , and the communists don 't care about the aspirational " .

= = Musical equipment = =

Throughout his career , Gallagher has used a wide range of different guitars , effect pedals and amplifiers from his large collection . Most of it emerged from the Standing on the Shoulder of Giants sessions , where he decided to drop the equipment used in the three previous albums and instead buy " loads of really weird pedals , old guitars , and small amps " , as the lack of deadline to deliver the album allowed Gallagher to " take quite a few days just messing around . "

= = = Guitars = = =

Electric guitars

Epiphone Les Paul ? Gallagher played a cherry sunburst model in the early years of Oasis .

Gibson Les Paul

Fender Telecaster ? Gallagher uses several , one of which , a ' 60s model , was given to Noel by Johnny Depp as a birthday present .

Epiphone Casino

Gibson ES @-@ 355 Vintage Model ? Since 2001 , this has become Gallagher 's main stage guitar .

= = = Effect pedals = = =

In the early days of Oasis , Gallagher did not use pedals : " I used to just turn up the amps as full as I could get them " . Since then , he has begun using a large number of effects , but singled out the Ibanez Tube Screamer .

= = = Amplification = = =

Gallagher has said that he used only 100 @-@ watt Marshalls early in his career . After Definitely Maybe , he began using smaller amps , singling out Fenders (Princeton and Bandmaster) , and also a combo made by Clark Amplification , which builds amplifiers based on vintage Fender and Marshall amps .

= = Discography = =

= = = Albums = = =

2009 : The Dreams We Have as Children ? Live at the Royal Albert Hall
 2011 : Noel Gallagher 's High Flying Birds
 2015 : Chasing Yesterday
 Also featured on :
 1995 : Stanley Road by Paul Weller , acoustic guitar on " I Walk on Gilded Splinters "
 1997 : Dig Your Own Hole by the Chemical Brothers , vocals on " Setting Sun "
 1998 : Saturnz Return by Goldie , guitar on " Temper Temper "
 1998 : The X @-@ Files : The Album , the track " Teotihuacan "
 1998 : More Than Us E.P. by Travis , the track " All I Want To Do Is Rock (Live Version) "
 1999 : Surrender by the Chemical Brothers , vocals on " Let Forever Be "
 2000 : Tailgunner by Tailgunner , drums
 2000 : The Same Old Blues by Proud Mary , production , plus additional vocals , guitars , bass and percussion
 2002 : Illumination by Paul Weller , drums , percussion & bass on " One X One "
 2003 : Live at the Royal Albert Hall by the Who , guitar , backing vocals on " Won 't Get Fooled Again "
 2004 : Solarized by Ian Brown : collaboration on the song " Keep What Ya Got " .
 2004 : All Years Leaving by the Stands , guitar on " Some Weekend Night "
 2008 : 22 Dreams by Paul Weller , bass , piano , mellotron and wurlitzer on " Echoes Round The Sun "
 2011 : Colour of the Trap by Miles Kane , backing vocals on " My Fantasy "
 2015 : A Head Full Of Dreams by Coldplay , guitar on " Up & Up "

= = = High Flying Birds = = =

= = = Other charted songs = = =

= = = As featured artist = = =

= = = Other = = =

2004 : " Free Love , Freeway " ? Ricky Gervais ft . Noel Gallagher ; credited as ' a special guest ' on backing vocals for the ' Office Christmas Special DVD ' , on which the video of the recording session featuring Noel & Ricky is available

2011 : Well ... All Right ! ? compilation album compiled by Gallagher , released covermount into Mojo magazine