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Sir Billy Connolly steps out for a stroll near his Florida home

I wish I'd liked her. .

Billy Connolly: It's Been a Pleasure

Also in 1972, Nat Joseph produced Connolly's first solo album, *Billy Connolly Live!* We used to go to places like Saturday Late or the Montrose Street Glasgow Folk Club. The Big Yin turns 78 today and we couldn't be more proud of what Glasgow's favourite son has achieved over the years, sharing that Glaswegian patter across the globe.

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I'd seen him on television and I thought 'That's what I want to do.'

Billy's Thoughts

In late 1973, Joseph produced the breakthrough album that propelled Connolly to British stardom. He became a delivery-van driver with Bilslands' Bakery until he was sixteen, when he was deemed overqualified due to his J1 and J2 certificates to become an engineer. One of my proudest claims is that we introduced him to mainstream television in Britain and also in Australia when we took him Down Under.

The Big Yin

Connolly is among the artists featured on *Banjoman*, a tribute to American folk musician , released in 2002. It makes me feel good, it makes me feel jolly — tea is the substance. His arch-enemy was Geordie Sinclair, who lived around the corner.

Nine of Billy Connolly's funniest moments

Today, leading artists and entertainers say that must change as they support our campaign for a statue to the potty-mouthed, banana-boot-wearing, banjo-picking, iconoclastic genius in Glasgow, the city where he was born and his rare talent was forged.

CAMPAIGN: A statue for Billy Connolly

All over: Connolly will draw the curtains on an illustrious, decades-spanning stand-up career in new one-off ITV special *Billy Connolly: It's Been A Pleasure* on Monday evening pictured onstage in the 1980s. Appearing from his home in Florida, he will be joined by guests including Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Elton John, Sir Lenny Henry, Dustin Hoffman and Russell Brand. This update of the classic novel by Jonathan Swift starred Jack Black, Emily Blunt and Jason Segel. Sufferers are known to have diminished supplies of dopamine because nerve cells that make it have died.

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