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AVICII

Early life and career:

A Swedish DJ, record producer and songwriter Tim Bergling is also known by his stage name Avicii. Born September 8, 1989 in Stockholm. Bergling started mixing songs in his bedroom at the age of 8 and making music at the age of 16. He began showcasing his distinctive deep house style of music. When Bergling rose to fame with the single "Levels" during his EDM boom in the early 2010s, he made a huge impact on modern music. The producer and DJ was one of the first artists to cross genre boundaries and find mainstream success.

His debut studio album True (2013), a masterful blend of elements of electronic music and multiple genres, charted in the top 10 in over 15 countries, as did the lead single 'Wake Me Up' which topped the international dance charts, topped most music markets in Europe, and in the United States, reaching number four. Bergling received Grammy nominations for his "Sunshine" with David Guetta in 2012 and "Levels" in 2013.

Musical style:

He was the only DJ who could mix country-western style with EDM, and not only did he get away with it, but hit a smashing success. He was very into melodies and defined exactly what he wanted to do with each track. In creating the album, Bergling wanted to fuse electronic music genres with soul, funk, blues, folk and country, rather than focusing on "dirty drops".



Health:

In January 2012, Bergling was hospitalized for 11 days in New York City with acute pancreatitis from excessive alcohol consumption. During this course, Bergling was prescribed opioids for the pain caused by his pancreatitis, including OxyContin and Vicodin, to which he developed an addiction. In 2014, Bergling underwent surgery to get his appendix and gallbladder removed. In 2016, Bergling's declining health forced him to retire from performing live. Despite his rapid success, the self-described introvert struggled with anxiety and addiction. The chaos, pressure and spotlight took a toll on Bergling's health, both mentally and physically, and he retired from touring in 2016.

Gone too soon:

On April 20, 2018, Bergling took his own life, where he was found dead in Muscat, Oman. On 26 April, his family released an open letter stating:

“Our beloved Tim was a seeker, a fragile artistic soul searching for answers to existential questions. An over-achieving perfectionist who travelled and worked hard at a pace that led to extreme stress.

When he stopped touring, he wanted to find a balance in life to be able to be happy and to do what he loved most – music.

He really struggled with thoughts about Meaning, Life, Happiness.

He could not go on any longer.

He wanted to find peace. Tim was not made for the business machine he found himself in; he was a sensitive guy who loved his fans but shunned the spotlight.

Tim, you will forever be loved and sadly missed.

The person you were and your music will keep your memory alive.

We love you,

The Tim Bergling Family”



The Tim Bergling Foundation:

Bergling's family launched a foundation for the prevention of mental illness and suicide, named the Tim Bergling Foundation after the late DJ. This foundation was established to promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention to prevent other families from experiencing similar events.

The museum “Avicii Experience”:

The interactive museum “Avicii Experience” was opened to public in Stockholm to explore Bergling’s life and his artistic work. It is a great destination for fans and the public to celebrate the memory of music creator. This exhibition gives audience a chance to take a closer look at the life of the artist Avicii and the person, Tim Bergling.

Avicii remained the greatest artist of all time in the electronic music industry. Although his absence from dance community is still felt today, you can be sure that his music and influence will endure and will forever be recognized and celebrated. Avicii created music that connected people with timeless memories from around the world. He left too soon, but his music will live forever in our hearts.

