

# The pain beneath stardom

## Sad to be me

### - Michael Jackson

The man who held multiple Guinness World Records including 'Most Successful Entertainer of All Time' was finally laid to rest on 3rd of September evening at 'Forest Lawn Memorial Park' in Glendale, California. The very private ceremony which was held for only his family and closest friends was open to a selected number of Media channels that was told to stay at a distance. Amongst Michael's closest friends that arrived were Elizabeth Taylor, Macaulay Culkin, Chris Tucker, Quincy Jones, Lisa Marie Presley and many others while legendary singer Gladys Knight performed during the ceremony. Michael's brothers all wore a single sequined white glove which was a trademark of the King of Pop.

#### 12 burial sites for Michael

Michael was said to have laid to rest in his stage make-up, single white glove, and white socks and with love notes written by his children.

He was entombed in a golden casket that is worth US\$ 30,000 inside the Forest Lawn Mausoleum surrounded by world famous celebrities such as Walt Disney, Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and Sammy Davis Jr. Michael's burial site would be off limits to his fans because of his God-like extreme popularity and the family is said to have purchased 12 burial sites inside the cemetery possibly to cover and protect his actual plot.

The King of Pop is still the most successful singer of all time and his 1982 album "Thriller" is the biggest selling album of all time, with confirmed sales of over 47 million, and over an estimated 100 million copies worldwide.

Winner of 13 Grammy awards, 17 number one singles (including the four as a member of the Jackson 5), and estimated sales between 350 million and 750 million records worldwide Michael Jackson is the biggest entertainer in the

world even after his death. In January 1993 Jackson performed during the half time show at Super Bowl XXVII. It drew the largest viewing audience in the history of American television. His popularity is so enormous that many fans faints at the sight of Michael Jackson. He often held and embraced his adoring fans when they jumped on to the stage during his singing, giving them an experience to remember. At most instances Michael has to be rescued by his security officers and back up dancers from his hysterical fans.

#### Blushed during interview

Michael is well known for his gentle and awkward behaviour, speaking in a low voice he often blushes during interviews and shies

from loneliness and would sometimes vomit when he saw his father. In an interview with Martin Bashir, aired on February 3, 2003 as Living With Michael Jackson, he covered his face with his hands and began crying when talking about his childhood abuse. He recalled that Joseph sat in a chair with a belt in his hand as he and his siblings rehearsed, and that "if you didn't do it the right way, he would tear you up, really get you." (Jackson's biography) It is also said that many people abused his innocence and naivness, which later led to two child molestation accusations from which he was later acquitted, and financial problems despite his on-going success.

He even lost his much loved 'Neverland' ranch where he held his parties



Happy MJ

Paris Michael Katherine were born to Debbie Rowe while his third child Prince Michael II was born to an unknown surrogate mother. Although Michael insists his children were fathered by him using artificial insemination, there is now debates that he has used undisclosed friend's sperm. Sources say Michael was an amazing father, as Michael always wanted children, as mentioned by his daughter to the crowd during his memorial at the Staples Centre on 7th July.

"Ever since I was born, my Daddy was the best father you could ever imagine. I love him so much."

He is said to have cooked their meals, often throwing parties to their friends, teaching them good manners and trying his best to cover them from the media.

#### Anthropologist

Michael is a well-known humanitarian, donating over US\$ 300 million for charities. Through his 'Heal the World' foundation, he has sent millions of dollars around the globe to help children threatened by War and conflicts. He also actively supported AIDS research and helped Regan administration with the campaign against drug driving. With the success of 'We are the World' he supported the fight against hunger and poverty in Africa.

Michael Jackson's death is now officially labelled as 'Homicide' by the New York County coroner. They are withholding the results of his toxicology report in order to support on-going investigation.

The last man seen him alive, Dr. Conrad Murray, who administered the powerful anaesthetic called 'Propofol' seem to be a character with a 'past' with malpractice cases and many debts hanging over his character.

According to celebrity websites, such as 'TMZ', Dr. Conrad Murray had not called the paramedics immediately after Michael stopped breathing. Instead, there is a gap of over one hour since the time of his death and the 911 call was made. It is unclear what he was doing during that time and why he took such a long time.

When the paramedics arrived, they noticed that Jackson has been clearly dead for sometime and even if they wanted to pronounce him dead there, Dr. Murray has insisted that Michael was alive and he should be taken to the hospital. Therefore, Michael was pronounced dead at the hospital even though he had been dead before.

In a statement that was given to the police by Dr. Murray immediately after Michael's death, he had said that he had given a mild dose of Propofol to Jackson to help him sleep and by this time he had noticed that Jackson was addicted to pain killers, and was unable to sleep on his own.

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## ALONE -Heart

**Intro :**  
 Bm G A Bm A A7/G Bm G A F#  
 I hear the ticking of the clock, Ten lying here the room's pitch dark  
 Bm G A A A7/G Bm G A F#  
 I wonder where you are tonight, no answer on your telephone  
 G D/F# G/E D/F#  
 And the night goes by so very slow  
 G D/F# G/E Asus4 (A)  
 Oh I hope that it won't end so...  
 D  
 All alone  
 Em C G D  
 Till now, I always got by on my own  
 Em C G D  
 I never really cared until I met you  
 Em C G D  
 And now it chills me to the bone  
 G/B C D D7M  
 How do I get you alone  
 G/B C D  
 How do I get you alone  
 Bm G A A  
 You don't know how long I have waited,  
 A7/G Bm G A F#  
 to touch your lips and hold you tight.  
 Bm G A A  
 You don't know how long I have waited,  
 A7/G Bm G A F#  
 and I was gonna tell you tonight,  
 G D/F# Em(7) D  
 But the secret is still my own,  
 G D/F# Em(7) Asus4 (A)  
 And my love for you is still unknown  
 D  
 All alone  
 Break  
 Em C G D  
 Em C G D  
 Ohooooo...  
 Refrain Repeat



Michael Jackson with his three children.



Inside the Forest Lawn Mausoleum that he is going to spend eternity.

away from the camera. Friends who are closest to him believe Michael's very child-like mentality is a direct result of the abuse he took in the hands of his father.

Michael first spoke openly about his childhood abuse in an interview with Oprah Winfrey broadcast on February 10, 1993. He said that he had often cried

and kept his exotic animals trying to live like fairy tale character 'Peter Pan' the forever child. At the end of the saga Michael was left broke and owing more than US\$ 300 million and led his life in seclusion with his children.

#### Michael, the father

Michael's first two children Prince Michael and



## Jermaine records album in India

Mumbai, INDIA: Jermaine Jackson, elder brother of late 'King of Pop' Michael Jackson (R) interacts with Pakistani song-writer and musician Adnan Sami (L) on his arrival at the international airport in Mumbai on October 2, 2009. Michael Jackson's brother Jermaine, arrived in India to record an album with Mumbai based Pakistani song-writer and musician Adnan Sami. AFP Photo/Indranil Mukherjee



## Legends to perform Kaffirina on Oct. 16 at BMICH

Living serious thought about his health condition after undergoing surgery, event organizer and presenter Rajiv Sebastian has come back in full force to bring Sri Lankan Kaffirina genre to full swing with "The Legends of Sri Lankan Kaffirina" where all superstars will perform on one stage. The show will be held on October 16 at 7:00 pm at the BMICH. Rajiv said, he was to do

an act with Sunil Perera of Gypsies, by bringing a car on stage but he was advised not to take that sort of risk with his life by the doctors. This compelled me to bring in "The Legends of Sri Lankan Kaffirina"

It will feature artists such as Desmond de Silva (who had a very successful concert last July at BMICH), Sunil Perera, Nihal Nelson, Mariazelle Goonathilleke, Indrani Perera, Luke Henriques, Paul Fernando, Somasiri Fernando, Kingston Fernando and Anton Jones. It is also planned to bring back memories through original voice tracks of the

legendary Wally Bastian, M.S. Fernando, Claude De Soya, Maxwell Mendis and Maxi Leonard by way of choreography as a tribute.

Rajiv announced that the music loving public who purchased tickets for "5 Star Explosion" could either exchange their tickets to be a part of "Legends of Sri Lankan Kaffirina" or they can collect their refunds on October 7. **CHW**

## Memories of '60s, '70s, '80s

### Sundown Musical Evening with Spirit Lucky Deva and Shiraz

Good music is a source of inspiration, thus Spirit members say they have realized and understood that. They said it was on this basis they have organized the musical evening Golden Memories for the pleasure of everyone to entertain the young and old on an equal footing. The show is for those who appreciate good music. The Golden Memories will feature popular songs of '60s, '70s, '80s.

It will be held on October 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Hotel Ramnal, Moratuwa.

Devshan (Batterly) and



Viranjan



Devshan

(Bathurst of Mirage, Lankika and Shanaka of Golden Chimes, Eranjan and Viranjan of Super Pink n' Purple, Amuradha and Shenya,



Eranjan



Spirit

Christmal Warnasuriya (compere) will join hands with Lucky Deva, Shiraz, Lakmal Disana and Kamal of Spirit to perform at the show.

The object is to give first preference to good music

rather than 'money', the organizers said.

Tickets are priced at Rs. 300 inclusive of a free snack and a welcome drink.

There will be an entrance ticket draw to give away prizes.

The show is set to bring back the memories of evergreen English songs by Beatles, Frank Sinatra, Lulu, John Denver, Tom Jones, Bee Gees, Clarence, Chitra Somapala, Neville and more.

Actress Nehara Peiris will be the chief guest. The proceeds of the show will go to benefit underprivileged children at Sevana preschool of Moratuwa. **CHW**



Sheni



Melantha