

Famous People with Mental Illness

- Erin Brokovich shares her stories as a recovering Anorexic
- Rosie O'Donnell, has suffered from depression for over 20 years
- 60 minutes correspondent Mike Wallace suffers from depression, as does astronaut Buzz Aldrin
- Abraham Lincoln suffered from severe, incapacitating and occasionally suicidal depressions
- Ms. Kansas 1999, became clinically depressed in her sophomore year of college
- Lionel Aldridge, a defensive end for Vince Lombardi's legendary Green Bay Packers of the '60s, played in two Super Bowls, but suffered from schizophrenia in the '70s
- Peter Green, guitarist for Fleetwood Mac, as well as Syd Barrett of Pink Floyd suffered from schizophrenia
- Entrepreneur Ted Turner and Academy Award-winning actress Patty Duke both suffered from bipolar depression
- Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Elton John, and Janet Jackson all suffer from depression, as have actors Jim Carrey, Anthony Hopkins, and Harrison Ford
 Ludwig von Beethoven, the brilliant composer, experienced bipolar depression, as did artist Vincent Van Gogh and author Edgar Allan Poe
- Writers Ernest Hemingway, and Charles Dickens both suffered from clinical depression
- Winston Churchill: "Had he been a stable and equable man, he could never have inspired the nation. In 1940, when all the odds were against Britain, a leader of sober judgment might well have concluded that we were finished," wrote Anthony Storr of Churchill's bipolar depression

You can live a happier, fuller life and enjoy your creativity even more if you get help. You shouldn't have to spend a lifetime suffering.

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Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression)

These individuals have publicly stated that they have experienced manic depression in their lives.

- Buzz Aldrin, astronaut
- Shelley Beattie, athlete (bodybuilding, sailing), artist
- Ned Beatty, actor
- Maurice Benard, actor
- Danny Bonaduce, radio personality, actor, writer
- Robert Boorstin, writer, special assistant to Pres. Clinton, State Department
- Art Buchwald, writer, humorist
- Alohe Jean Burke (Ghafoor), musician, vocalist
- Tim Burton, artist, movie director
- Robert Campeau, financier (Canada)
- Lisa Nicole Carson, actor
- · Dick Cavett, writer, media personality
- · C.E. Chaffin, writer, poet
- Gamet Coleman, legislator (Texas)
- Francis Ford Coppola, director
- Patricia Comwell, writer
- John Daly, athlete (golf)
- Ray Davies, musician
- Lenny Dee, musician
- Eric Douglas, actor
- Robert Downey, Jr., actor
- Kitty Dukakis, former First Lady of Massachusetts
- Patty Duke (Anna Duke Pearce), actor, writer
- Thomas Eagleton, lawyer, former U.S. Senator
- · Margot Early, writer
- Robert Evans, film producer
- · Carrie Fisher, writer, actor
- Larry Flynt, magazine publisher
- Connie Francis, actor, musician
- Stephen Fry, actor, author, comedian
- Kaye Gibbons, writer
- Kit Gingrich, Newt's Mom
- Stuart Goddard (Adam Ant), musician
- Shecky Greene, comedian, actor
- Linda Hamilton, actor
- Kristin Hersh, musician
- Jack Irons, musician
- Kay Redfield Jamison, psychologist, writer
- Daniel Johnston, musician
- Margot Kidder, actor
- Peter Nolan Lawrence, writer (England)
- Rika Lesser, writer, translator
- Bill Lichtenstein, producer (TV & radio)
- Sue Lyon, actress
- Jay Marvin, radio personality, writer
- Kevin McDonald, comedian, actor

- Kristy McNichol, actor
- Dimitri Mihalas, scientist
- Kate Millett, writer, artist
- John Mulheren, financier (U.S.)
- Robert Munsch, writer
- Ilie Nastase, athlete (tennis), politician
- Tony Orlando, musician
- Margo Orum, writer
- Nicola Pagett, actor
- Susan Panico (Susan Dime-Meenan), business executive
- Jimmie Piersall, athlete (baseball), sports announcer
- · Charley Pride, musician
- Mac Rebennack (Dr. John), musician
- Jeannie C. Riley, musician
- Lynn Rivers, U.S. Congress
- Alys Robi, vocalist (Canada)
- Axl Rose, musician
- Francesco Scavullo, artist, photographer
- · Lori Schiller, writer, educator
- Frances Sherwood, writer
- Scott Simmie, writer, journalist
- Earl Simmons (DMX), musician, actor
- Alonzo Spellman, athlete (football)
- Muffin Spencer-Devlin, athlete (pro golf)
- Darryl Strawberry, athlete (baseball)
- Ben Stiller, actor, comedian
- Gordon Sumner (Sting), musician, composer
- Lili Taylor, actor
- Dimitrius Underwood, athlete (football)
- Jean-Claude Van Damme, athlete (martial arts), actor
- Mark Vonnegut, doctor, writer
- Sol Wachtler, judge, writer
- Tom Waits, musician, composer
- Brian Wilson, musician, composer, arranger
- Jonathan Winters, comedian, actor, writer, artist
- Luther Wright, athlete (basketball)



Unipolar Disorder (Depression)

These individuals have publicly stated that they have experienced depression in their lives.

- Marvin Lee Aday (Meat Loaf), musician, actor
- Louie Anderson, comedian, actor
- Fiona Apple, musician
- Oksana Baiul, athlete (skating)

- Rona Barrett, entertainment reporter, author
- · Halle Berry, actor
- Kjell Magne Bondevik, Prime Minister, Norway
- Marlon Brando, actor
- Willie Burton, athlete (basketball)
- Delta Burke, actor
- Barbara Bush, former First Lady (U.S.)
- Helen Caldicott, activist, writer
- Drew Carey, actor, comedian
- Jim Carrey, actor, comedian
- Melanie Chisholm, singer
- Margaret Cho, actor, comedian
- Sandra Cisneros, writer
- Dick Clark, television personality (American Bandstand)
- John Cleese, comedian, actor, writer
- Leonard Cohen, musician, writer
- Paula Cole, actor
- Judy Collins, musician, writer
- Shawn Colvin, musician
- Jeff Conaway, actor
- Pat Conroy, writer
- Billy Corgan, musician
- Kathy Cronkite, writer
- Sheryl Crow, musician
- Bill Dana, comedian
- Rodney Dangerfield, comedian, actor
- Jonathan Davis, musician, composer
- · Sandra Dee, actor
- Ellen DeGeneres, comedienne, actor
- Paolo DiCanio, athlete (soccer)
- Scott Donie, Olympic athlete (diving)
- Tony Dow, actor, producer, director
- Queen Elizabeth
- Jules Feiffer, playwright, screenwriter, cartoonist
- Tim Finn, musician, composer
- Eddie Fisher, singer
- Harrison Ford, actor
- Albert French, writer
- Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York
- · John Kenneth Galbraith, economist, educator, author
- James Garner, actor
- Paul Gascoigne, athlete (soccer)
- Kendall Gill, athlete (basketball)
- Dwight Gooden, athlete (baseball)
- Tipper Gore, activist
- Pete Harnisch, athlete (baseball)
- Mariette Hartley, actor
- Juliana Hatfield, musician
- Anthony Hopkins, actor
- Janet Jackson, musician
- Billy Joel, musician, composer

- Elton John, musician, composer
- · Daniel Johns, musician
- Ashley Judd, actor
- Gelsey Kirkland, dancer
- Joey Kramer, musician
- Julie Krone, athlete (horse racing)
- Pat LaFontaine, athlete (hockey)
- Jessica Lange, actor
- Jacob Lawrence, artist
- · Allie Light, director
- Rick London, cartoonist
- Greg Louganis, Olympic athlete (diving)
- Courtney Love, musician, actor
- · Camryn Manheim, actor
- Martha Manning, psychologist, writer
- Dave Matthews, musician, composer
- Gary McDonald, actor (Australia)
- A.J. McLean, musician
- Robert McFarlane, former National Security Advisor (U.S.)
- Rod McKuen, writer, poet, producer
- Paul Merton, comedian (U.K.)
- Alanis Morissette, musician, composer
- S.P. Morrissey, musician
- Les Murray, poet (Australia)
- V.S. Naipaul, writer, Nobel Laureate
- Stevie Nicks, musician
- Deborah Norville, television journalist
- Sinead O'Connor, musician
- Rosie O'Donnell, actor, talk show host
- Ozzy Osboume, musician
- Donny Osmond, musician
- Marie Osmond, musician
- · Dolly Parton, musician, arranger, writer
- Charley Pell, former coach, Univ of Florida
- Teddy Pendergrass, musician
- Alma Powell, wife of Gen. Colin Powell
- Susan Powter, motivational speaker
- Freddie Prinze, Jr., actor
- Bonnie Raitt, musician
- Lou Reed, musician
- Trent Reznor, musician
- Joan Rivers, comedienne, talk show host
- Robbie Rist, actor
- · Roseanne, actor, writer, comedienne
- Martin Rossiter, musician
- Winona Ryder, actor
- Yves Saint Laurent, fashion designer
- Monica Seles, athlete (tennis)
- Linda Sexton, writer
- Neil Simon, writer, playwright
- Paul Simon, composer, musician

- Lauren Slater, writer
- Jose Solano, actor
- Phil Spector, producer (music)
- · Rick Springfield, musician, actor
- · George Stephanopoulos, political advisor, educator
- Teresa Stratas, musician (opera)
- Darryl Strawberry, athlete (baseball)
- William Styron, writer
- · James Taylor, musician
- Kate Taylor, musician
- Livingston Taylor, musician
- Tracy Thompson, writer, reporter
- Hunter Tylo, actor
- Kurt Vonnegut, writer
- Mike Wallace, journalist, TV news (CBS)
- · Damon Wayans, comedian, actor, writer, director, producer
- Dar Williams, musician
- · Tom Wolfe, writer
- Elizabeth Wurtzel, writer
- Boris Yeltsin, former President, Russia



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