
 September Musician of the Month 

Sir Elton John

English singer, pianist and composer.



Key Facts

Born in London in 1948.

His real name is Reginald Dwight.

He played his grandmother's piano as a young boy, playing "by ear" melodies that he heard on the radio.

Age 11, he won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music.

He works closely with the lyricist Bernie Taupin who writes the words to Elton's melodies.

Elton is famous for his flamboyant costumes and energetic performances.

He composed music for The Lion King and Billy Elliot the Musical.

"Candle in the Wind" was sung by Elton at the funeral of Princess Diana in 1997 and is the best-selling chart single of all time.

He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for services to music and charitable services in 1998.

