

Tupac Makes Forbescom's Dead Rich List

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Tupac Shakur

A Forbes.com spokesman said: "The earning power of most deceased people, even famous ones, slows considerably or stops altogether when they die.

"But for a select few, the pay cheques keep coming and some draw even bigger pay-days than when they were alive."

John Lennon is fourth in the list with an estimated annual income of \$21m (£11m).

He is joined by fellow Beatle George Harrison - who died in 2001 - whose earnings reached \$7m (£4m).

Musical success

Other top earners include screen icon Marilyn Monroe, with \$8m, and actor James Dean, who died in a car crash in 1955 at the age of 24.

Murdered rapper **Tupac Shakur**, who was killed in a drive-by shooting in 1996, is valued at \$5m (£2.7m), putting him equal with legendary crooner Frank Sinatra.

Flamboyant Queen frontman Freddie Mercury makes the list for the first time, also with \$5m.

His earnings have been boosted by the success of the musical We Will Rock You, which has been filling theatres from Australia and Russia to Spain and Paris.

1. **Elvis Presley** \$40m (£22m)
2. **Charles Schulz** \$35m (£19m)
3. **JRR Tolkien** \$23m (£12.5m)
4. **John Lennon** \$21m (£11m)
5. **Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel** \$18m (£10m)
6. **Marilyn Monroe** \$8m (£4.3m)
7. **George Harrison** \$7m (£3.8m)
- =7. **Irving Berlin** \$7m

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- =7. **Bob Marley** \$7m
- 10. **Richard Rodgers** \$6.5m
- 11. **George and Ira Gershwin** \$6m
- =11. **Jimi Hendrix** \$6m
- =11. **Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe** \$6m
- =11. **Cole Porter** \$6m
- 15. **James Dean** \$5m (£2.7m)
- =15. **Dale Earnhardt Sr** \$5m
- =15. **Jerry Garcia** \$5m
- =15. **Freddie Mercury** \$5m
- =15. **Tupac Shakur** \$5m
- =15. **Frank Sinatra** \$5m

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