

### New York Dolls' Icon David Johansen Passes Away at 75

#### **Description**

#### David Johansen, Last Member of the New York Dolls, Passes Away at 75

David Johansen, the distinctive singer renowned for his gravelly voice and eccentric persona, Buster Poindexter, has died at the age of 75. Johansen was the last surviving member of the iconic glam and protopunk band, the New York Dolls. He passed away at his residence in New York City, where he was battling stage IV cancer and a brain tumor, as disclosed by family spokesperson Jeff Kilgour.

The New York Dolls were pivotal in the genesis of punk music, influencing a generation with their flamboyant style characterized by teased hair, extravagant attire, and heavy makeup. This aesthetic laid the groundwork for the glam movement that permeated 1980s heavy metal through bands such as Mötley Crüe and Faster Pussycat. Guitarist Steve Stevens poignantly remarked that the Dolls embodied the raw essence of urban life, capturing the gritty ambiance of New York's underground scene.

Although the Dolls never attained mainstream commercial success, their innovative fusion of rock 'n' roll and theatricality earned them a place in music history. Critics praised their audacious sound and Johansen's charismatic performances. In 2004, under the persuasion of Morrissey, the band reunited for a festival in England, resulting in the release of three additional studio albums.

Amid his musical endeavors, Johansen ventured into acting, notably appearing in films like "Scrooged" and enjoying a successful solo career as Buster Poindexter, famous for his hit "Hot, Hot, Hot." His striking persona was celebrated in the documentary "Personality Crisis: One Night Only," directed by Martin Scorsese, in which Johansen reflected on the complexities of his artistic journey.

Survived by his wife, Mara Hennessey, and stepdaughter Leah Hennessey, Johansen's legacy as a pioneering figure in music will undoubtedly endure.

# **Vocabulary List:**

- 1. Pivotal /'pɪv.ə.təl/ (adjective): Of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something.
- 2. **Genesis** /'dʒɛn.ə.sɪs/ (noun): The origin or mode of formation of something.
- 3. **Aesthetic** /i:s'θεt.ik/ (adjective): Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty.
- 4. Innovative /'in.ə.vei.tiv/ (adjective): Featuring new methods; advanced and original.
- 5. **Charismatic** /,kær.ɪz'mæt.ɪk/ (adjective): Exercising a compelling charm that inspires devotion in others.
- 6. Theatricality /θɪəˈtrɪk.əl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The quality of being exaggerated in behavior or speech for effect.

## Vocabulary quizzes



#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the term used for the practice of obtaining something especially money through force or threats?

Option: Blackmail Option: Negotiation Option: Compromise Option: Donation

2. Which word refers to the origin or beginning of something?

Option: Apex

Option: Cliffhanger Option: Inception Option: Aftermath

3. What does the word "venerated" mean?

Option: Despised Option: Revered Option: Disrespected Option: Dishonored

NS.COM 4. What term is used to describe the act of presenting a play concert or other form of entertainment?

Option: Fortitude Option: Demeanor Option: Execution Option: Eventuality

5. What is the term for enthusiastic praise or approval?

Option: Censure Option: Adulation Option: Detraction Option: Condemnation

6. Which word means the quality of being believable or trustworthy?

Option: Dubiousness Option: Incredulity Option: Authenticity Option: Validity

7. What are assertions made without proof?

Option: Facts Option: Claims

**Option: Corroborations** 



| Option: | Verifications |
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8. Which term best describes introducing new ideas or methods?

Option: Traditional
Option: Routine
Option: Conservative
Option: Creative

9. What term is used for critical observation or examination?

Option: Ignorance Option: Exploration Option: Inspection Option: Perception

10. What is the term for a person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy?

Option: Opponent Option: Adversary Option: Proponent Option: Dissenter

#### Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

| 11                                       | intent is characterized by a desire to ca | ause narm or suffering to someone.      |
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| 12. A                                    | _ is a secret plan by a group to do som   | ething unlawful or harmful.             |
| 13                                       | occurs when there is too much of some     | ething leading to a decline in value or |
| effectiveness.                           |   |   |
| 14. A process of                         | involves thinking again ab                | out a decision or position previously   |
| made.                                    |   |   |
| 15. An                                   | performance is notably excellent or       | exceptional.                            |
| 16. An                                   | cast refers to a group of actors who      | perform together in a production.       |
| 17. The                                  | waters made sailing difficult for the     | e small boat.                           |
| 18. The award ceremony will announce the |   | for various categories.                 |



| 19. His personality attracted people to him wherever he went.                              |  |  |
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| 20. The artist focused on the aspects of the painting rather than its subject              |  |  |
| matter.  |  |  |
| Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. ) |  |  |
| 21. The confession was obtained through force or threat.                                   |  |  |
| 22. The key decision made at the meeting determined the course of action for the project.  |  |  |
| 23. The exaggerated gestures and dramatic flair added to the overall performance.          |  |  |
| 24. His contributions to the field were recognized and praised by experts.                 |  |  |
| 25. These teams are in strong competition for the championship title this season.          |  |  |
| 26. The evidence was deemed unacceptable and could not be used in court.                   |  |  |
| 27. The originality and genuineness of the artifact were confirmed by experts.             |  |  |
| 28. The novel had a deep and meaningful impact on the readers.                             |  |  |
| 29. The movie received high praise and recognition from critics.                           |  |  |
| 30. The financial records were carefully examined for any irregularities.                  |  |  |

### **Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Blackmail 2. Inception 3. Revered 4. Execution 5. Adulation 6. Authenticity 7. Claims 8. Creative 9. Inspection 10. Proponent

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Malicious 12. Conspiracy 13. Oversaturation 14. Reconsideration 15. Outstanding 16. Ensemble 17. Turbulent 18. Nominations 19. Charismatic 20. Aesthetic

**Matching sentence:** 1. Coerced 2. Pivotal 3. Theatricality 4. Acknowledged 5. Contenders 6. Inadmissible 7. Authenticity 8. Profound 9. Acclaimed 10. Scrutiny

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