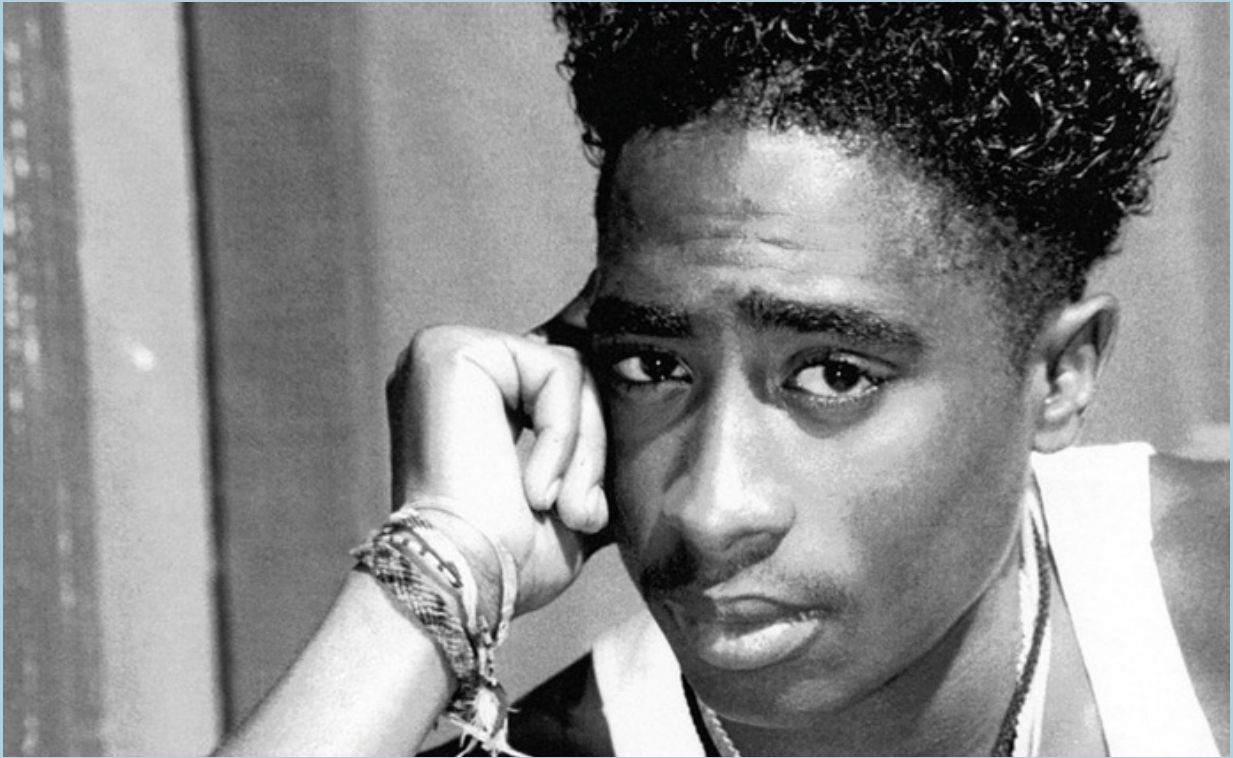


TUPAC SHAKUR



Tupac Shakur at age 17 from Marin Magazine.

Tupac Shakur was an American rapper and actor. He sold more than 75 million records and is one of the best-selling artists of all time. Shakur was often misunderstood due to his gangsta rap lyrics. He was posthumously inducted into the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame in 2017. Ultimately, Shakur's life has been studied in universities such as Harvard, the University of Washington, and UC Berkeley, and his legacy continues to influence 20 years later.

Shakur moved to the Bay Area as a teen and claimed Oakland as his home. He made his rap debut on-stage with Digital Underground in "Same Song." He studied poetry and theatre and published a collection of poetry written between the ages of 18 and 20-years-old called "The Rose That Grew From Concrete." Shakur famously personified a rose, and the crack in the concrete was compared to a tough environment. To finish this metaphor, Shakur wrote that "it learned to walk without having feet" and that "the seed must grow regardless of the fact that it's planted in stone." In this, Shakur expressed that despite the circumstances, the rose found a will to sprout and mature.

Despite many controversial issues, Tupac personified the historical oppression, generational trauma, what it meant to be born black in America, and the manifestation of righteous indignation. June 16th is official Tupac Shakur Day in Oakland.



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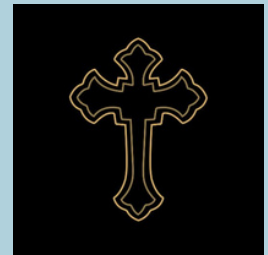
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