

The life of Keith Flint:

Keith Flint, a vocalist from the Prodigy, sadly passed away on Monday 4th March 2019 at age 49, he has influenced and helped many thanks to his music. He started out his career as a dancer and then became a vocalist and front man of the group. He also owned a motorcycle racing team and they won three 'isle of man TT' races and competed in the 'British Supersport Championship'. Keith brought a pub near his house, The Leather Bottle and became a hands-on landlord, the pub featured a log fire and the customers often made Firestarter jokes, and he even started a special joke jar to combat this. He was extremely proud of his pub and was often found drinking with the customers.



During my time researching Keith, I noticed everyone had a huge amount of respect for him and he was a much-loved character, to show this I have interviewed a number of people asking them the effect Keith's music had on them.

How did the Prodigy's music affect/influence you?

Matt Bosworth- 'It introduced me to drum and bass music, when Fat of the Land came out I loved that album'.

Mr. James- 'Well back then I was quite into dance tunes, I was around when CDs came out and I had a Prodigy disk'.

Miss. Aston- 'It was in the 90s when I was listening to them and that was my big partying time so that is where I would mainly hear it'.

Miss. O'Reilly- It was a completely different type of music, it was rock and electric sound, it was energizing and made you want to get up.

Miss. Partridge- 'I started listening to the Prodigy as a teenager and have continued to enjoy them as a band into adulthood. I love their style of music, where you can close your eyes, immerse yourself in the music and let go'.

How did you feel when you found out that Keith had died?

Matt Bosworth- 'I was extremely sad, he was an influence on me and my music, and everyone who knew him spoke very highly of him'.

Mr. James- 'I think it made me realise how popular the Prodigy was from all the messages on social media he was receiving'.

Miss. O'Reilly- Me and my friends were talking on Facebook and saying it was the end of an era and it made us feel we were not young anymore, as artists we like have died and it just made us feel really sad.

Miss. Partridge- 'Really sad, I remember the first time I saw him was in the video for "Firestarter". Although Punk was around some time before Prodigy, it was really unusual to see someone with such an alternative look in the 90s so I found him a really interesting person. I never saw them perform live which I'm not quite gutted about'.

When did you start listening to the Prodigy?

Matt Bosworth- `When I was a teenager and I used to listen to it with my younger brother`.

Mr. James- `I was 13, but I listen to that cd over and over again, they went through my hole youth`.

Miss. O`Reilly- 1995

Miss. Partridge- `I think Firestarter was the first song I heard, it was released in 1996. After hearing that I became interested in their music and stated working my way back through their earlier work such as "Music for the jilted generation" and "Experience"`.

What do you know about the prodigy?

Matt Bosworth- `I know they were are ground-breaking group and they brought drum and bass style and rock to the masses`.

Miss. O`Reilly- I know that it was a new type of music and all the artist had a different look, the way they presented themselves made it seem it ok to be different.

Miss. Partridge- `The particular songs that I favour of theirs I would describe as alternative rock, but Wikipedia describes their musical genre as Electronica, Big Beat, Alternative dance, electronic rock, techno and rave. I don't really know the band particularly well as I was more interested in their songs but I know that they are British (Liam Howlett is from Essex and Keith Flint from London) and that Keith was a motorcycle enthusiast!`.

Do you know anything particularly about Keith?

Matt Bosworth- `Only that everyone always speaks extremely highly of him, even in his early days everyone would say what a nice champ he was. He owned a pub and, in the winter, when he used to start the fire everyone would say, I am the fire starter, the twisted fire starter and he would charge them when they said it. He also brought an old age people's home, so his grandma didn't have to pay`.

As you can see from the interview everyone loved and respected Keith, he will be missed.