

DESMOND CHILD History / Facts / Awards

Personal History

- Born John Charles Barrett October 28th, 1953
- Graduated Miami Beach High School 1972
- AA of Art from Miami Dade Community College 1974
- BA in Music Education from New York University 1976

Artist History

- First signed to Capitol Records with group Desmond Child & Rouge 1978
- Released first self-titled album, "Desmond Child & Rouge" 1979
- First U.S. Tour including legendary performances at The Bottom Line in NYC and The Whisky a Go Go in LA 1979
- Musical guest on Saturday Night Live (original cast) Xmas show of 1979
- 1st Top 40 hit "Our Love Is Insane" spring of 1979
- Released "Discipline" through Elektra Records 1990
- The single "Love on a Rooftop" charts Top 40 1990

Billboard #1 Hits

- 1st International #1 "I Was Made For Lovin' You" KISS 1979
- 1st Billboard #1 "You Give Love A Bad Name" Bon Jovi 1986
- 2nd Billboard # 1 "Livin' On A Prayer" Bon Jovi 1987
- 3rd Billboard # 1 Bad Medicine Bon Jovi 1988
- 4th Billboard # 1 Livin' La Vida Loca" 1999

Honors & Awards

- El Premio Award - Song Of The Year "La Copa De La Vida" / "The Cup Of Life" Official World Cup Song 1998
- El Premio Award - Song Of The Year "Livin' La Vida Loca" 1999
- Honored with Key Of The City of Miami Beach 1999
- Grammy Nomination – Song of the Year "Livin' La Vida Loca" 2000
- Grammy Nomination – Record of the Year "Livin' La Vida Loca" 2000
- Grammy Nomination – Best Pop Album, Ricky Martin 2000
- NARAS Florida Chapter Heroes Award 2000
- Latin Grammy Award - Rock Album of the Year Alejandra Guzman 2001
- Emmy Award nomination for "Everyone Matters" The Muppets 2003
- TAXI Lifetime Achievement Award 2004
- Miami Beach High Wall Of Fame (alongside Barbara Walters, Mickey Rourke, Andy Garcia)
- Songwriters Hall of Fame Nomination 2007

Positions Held

- President of Desmobile Inc. 1982 - Present
- President of Deston Songs Music Publishing 1996 - Present
- NARAS Board of Governors Florida Chapter 2000-2002
- Founder and President of Songwriters In The Round, Miami Beach Florida 1996-2001

Songs Recorded By

Aerosmith, Christina Aguilera, Clay Aiken, Animotion, Baha Men, Jimmy Barnes, Robin Beck, Beggars & Thieves, Stephanie Bentley, Petra Berger, Bif Naked, Blackhawk, Michael Bolton, Bon Jovi, Bonfire, Boyzone, Flavio Cesar, Bill Champlin, Chayanne, Judy Cheeks, Cher, Chicago, Kelly Clarkson, Clarence Clemons, Alice Cooper, Carlos Cuevos, Paul Dean, Diana DeGarmo, Desmond Child & Rouge, Dudes of Wrath, Dream Theater, Hilary Duff, Evil Stig, FM, Ellen Foley, Ace Frehley, The Gufs, Haddaway, Hall & Oates, Hanson, Chesney Hawkes, Ty Herndon, INXS, Joan Jett, Cletus T. Judd, KISS, Patti La Belle, Nikki Leonti, La Ley, Dan Lucas, Cyndi Lauper, Mitch Malloy, Amanda Marshall, Ricky Martin, Jesse McCartney, Stephanie McIntosh, Meatloaf, Megadeth, Mika, Millie, Billie Myers, Alannah Myles, Vince Neil, Ru Paul, Chynna Phillips, Phoenix Down, Iggy Pop, Jason Raize, RATT, LeeAnn Rimes, Kane Roberts, Rosco, Roxette, Jennifer Rush, Richie Sambora, Saraya, The Scorpions, Shakira, Sisqo, Southgang, Billy Squier, Paul Stanley, Swirl 360, 3rd Faze, Bonnie Tyler, Kris Tyler, Carrie Underwood, Steve Vai, Maria Vidal, Anna Vissi, John Waite, Tim Weisberg, Robbie Williams, Peter Wolf, Trisha Yearwood, Ace Young