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Charles Aznavour

Singer - Actor

His real name is Shahnourh Varinag Aznavourian. He was born in Paris on the 22nd May 1924. His parents were Armenian.

His career was launched when he met Edith Piaf in 1946. He started to write songs for her and for other artists. Then he decided to sing himself. He became soon successful despite the fact he was the butt of jokes because of his high-pitched voice and his small height. Aznavour is also an actor, and he featured in almost 60 films.

He's been very popular since. He wrote more than 800 songs, he recorded more than 1200 songs in 8 different languages. He sold more than 180 millions records all over the world.



He fought for the recognition of the Armenian genocide and several of his songs deal with immigration and exile.

He wrote a song, "Pour toi Arménie" and took the initiative of a huge national fund-raising to help Armenia when this country was stricken by a tragic earthquake.

He won many rewards and received distinctions to honour his whole career. In 2009, he was appointed Ambassador of Armenia in Switzerland, where he lives now.

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