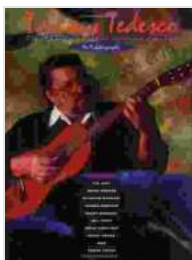


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Born in Niagara Falls, New York, in 1930, Tedesco began playing guitar at an early age. He moved to Los Angeles in 1950 and quickly established himself as a top session player. His first major break came in 1952 when he was hired to play on the soundtrack for the film "*Singin' in the Rain*".

Over the next three decades, Tedesco would go on to play on countless film and television soundtracks, including some of the most iconic films of all time. He was a close friend and collaborator of Quincy Jones, and the

two of them worked together on many of Tedesco's most famous recordings.

Tedesco's playing style was characterized by its versatility and precision. He was equally adept at playing jazz, rock, pop, and country, and his ability to adapt to any style of music made him one of the most sought-after session players in Hollywood.

In addition to his work in film and television, Tedesco also released several solo albums. His most famous album, "The Guitarist", was released in 1967 and featured a collection of his favorite songs. The album was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to establish Tedesco as one of the leading guitarists of his generation.

Tedesco continued to perform and record until his death in 1997. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2003, and his legacy as one of the greatest guitarists of all time continues to inspire musicians today.

Early Life

Tommy Tedesco was born on July 3, 1930, in Niagara Falls, New York. His father, Tony Tedesco, was a Sicilian immigrant who worked as a barber. His mother, Rose Tedesco, was a housewife. Tedesco had two older sisters, Mary and Josephine.

Tedesco began playing guitar at an early age. He was inspired by the music of Django Reinhardt and Charlie Christian, and he quickly developed a reputation as a talented guitarist. In 1947, Tedesco won a talent contest

at a local theater, and he soon began performing professionally in local clubs.

Move to Los Angeles

In 1950, Tedesco moved to Los Angeles to pursue his dream of becoming a professional musician. He quickly found work as a session player, and he soon became one of the most sought-after guitarists in Hollywood.

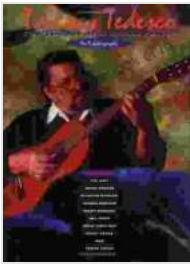
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Career Highlights

Over the next three decades, Tedesco would go on to play on countless film and television soundtracks, including some of the most iconic films of all time. He worked with some of the biggest names in Hollywood, including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., and Barbra Streisand.

Tedesco's most famous recordings include the soundtracks for *The Godfather*, *Taxi Driver*, and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. He also played on the soundtracks for many other classic films, including *The Graduate*, *The Sting*, and *Forrest Gump*.

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