Famous Lesbian Women, Gay Men, and Bisexual People **

**Actors**
Sir John Gielgud (1904-2000), British actor  
Rock Hudson (1925-1985), USA actor  
George Takei (b. 1937), USA actor  
Ian McKellen (b. 1939), British actor  
Sandra Bernhard (b. 1955), USA comedian, actress  
Ellen DeGeneres (b. 1958), USA comedian, actress  
Rupert Everett (b. 1959), British actor  
Margaret Cho (b. 1968), USA comedian, actress  

**Composers/Singers/Musicians**
Piotr Ilich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), Russian composer  
Cole Porter (1891-1964), USA composer  
Johnny Mathis (b. 1935), USA singer  
Janis Joplin (1943-1970), USA singer  
Pete Townshend (b. 1945), British songwriter/singer  
Freddie Mercury (1946-1991), British songwriter/singer  
David Bowie (b. 1947), British songwriter/singer  
Elton John (b. 1947), British songwriter/singer  
Morrissey (b. 1959), British songwriter/singer  
Michael Stipe (b. 1960), USA songwriter/singer  
Melissa Etheridge (b. 1961), USA songwriter/singer  
Boy George (b. 1961), British songwriter/singer  
k. d. lang (b. 1961), Canadian singer  
Bob Mould (b. 1961), USA songwriter/singer  

**Authors/Playwrights/Poets**
Sappho (c. 600 BCE), Greek poet  
Euripides (480-406 BCE), Greek playwright  
John Milton (1608-1674), British author  
Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875), Danish author  
Walt Whitman (1819-1892), USA poet  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), British playwright  
Marcel Proust (1871-1922), French author  
Willa Cather (1873-1947), USA novelist  
Gertrude Stein (1874-1946), USA author  
Alice B. Toklas (1877-1967), USA author, chef  
Virginia Woolf (1882-1941), British author  
T. E. Lawrence (1888-1935), British soldier, author  
Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950), USA poet  
Tennessee Williams (1912-1983), USA playwright  
James Baldwin (1924-1987), USA author  
Truman Capote (1924-1984), USA author  
Kate Millett (b. 1934), USA author  
Dan Savage (b. 1964), USA sex advice columnist, author, editor
Philosophers
Sophocles (496-406 BCE), Greek philosopher
Socrates (470-399 BCE), Greek philosopher
Aristotle (384-322 BCE), Greek philosopher

Painters/Sculptors
Donatello (1386-1466), Italian sculptor
Sandro Botticelli (1444-1510), Italian painter
Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), Italian painter, scientist, inventor
Michelangelo (1475-1564), Italian sculptor and painter
Caravaggio (1571-1610), Italian painter
Charles Demuth (1883-1935), USA painter
Francis Bacon (1909-1992), British painter
Andy Warhol (1928-1987), USA painter
David Hockney (b. 1937), British painter
Keith Haring (1958-1990), USA painter

Politicians & Monarchs
Alexander the Great (356-323 BCE), Macedonian king
Julius Caesar (100-44 BCE), Roman emperor
Richard the Lion-hearted (1157-1199), British king
James I (1566-1625), British king
Peter the Great (1672-1725), Russian czar
William III (1689-1702), English king
Catherine II the Great (1762-1796), Russian empress
Harvey Milk (1930-1978) San Francisco City Supervisor
Barney Frank, USA Member of Congress
Tammy Baldwin, USA Member of Congress
Jim Kolbe, USA Member of Congress

Academics/Scientists
Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), Italian painter, scientist, inventor
John Maynard Keynes (1883-1946), British economist
Alan Turing (1912-1954), English mathematician and computer science pioneer

Athletes
Billy Bean, USA professional baseball player, San Diego Padres outfielder
Glenn Burke, USA professional baseball player (Los Angeles Dodgers)
Rudy Galindo, USA figure skating champion
Billie Jean King, USA tennis champion
David Kopay, USA professional football player
Greg Louganis, USA Olympic diving gold medalist
Martina Navratilova, Czechoslovakia/USA tennis champion
Sheryl Swoopes, USA professional women’s basketball player/MVP
Bill Tilden (1893-1953), USA tennis champion
Esera Tuaolo, USA pro football player, Minnesota Vikings defensive lineman

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