

Chester Charles Bennington is an American musician. He is currently Linkin Park's lead vocalist and frontman.

Chester's biography

Chester Bennington was born on 20. March 1976 in United States, in Pheonix, Arizona. He took interest in music at a young age, citing Depeche Mode and Stone Temple Pilots as early inspirations. But he had a difficult childhood. His parents were very unkind with him. His father was sexual abusing him, for many years. His mum was hiting him, and his parents were doing the same thing to Chester's brothers and sisters too. At age 11 he made the discovery that his parents and siblings were not in fact his blood relatives. He was very shocked. This difficult reality was to be compounded over the next seven years. Becuse of that, his father was very angry on him, so he was his victim on everything. In his teen years, he had good friends and he also run away from home once. Accutally, he comit that he and his friends were drinking when they were teenagers, but he never said, that they were taking drugs.

Then suddenly, several of his friends died. He became very lonely, he didn't want to talk, to eat, accutally, he did not want to live.

Because of that, he started to take drugs. Soon he became adiccted to heroin and alcohol. One day, he took too much heroin and he almost died.

Then he decided to live on his own way. He worked at a Burger King restaurant before starting his career as a professional musician.

Before joining Linkin Park, Chester was a vocalist in Grey Daze, a grunge band from Phoenix, Arizona. He left Grey Daze in 1998, but struggled to find another band to play in. After nearly quitting his musical career altogether, Jeff Blue, offered Bennington an audition with the future members of Linkin Park. Bennington quit his day job, and took his family to California, where he had a successful audition with Linkin Park, who were then called "Hybrid Theory." Bennington and Mike Shinoda, the band's other vocalist, made significant progress together, but failed to find a record deal. After facing numerous rejections, Jeff Blue, now a vice president of A&R at Warner Bros., intervened again to help the band sign with Warner Bros. Records.

Despite having prodigious success in the early 2000s, Bennington has had medical issues outside of the limelight. He suffered a severe bite from a recluse spider while touring with the OzzFest in 2001, which caused his arm to swell. Bennington was plagued with poor health during the making of *Meteora*, and struggled to attend some of the album's record sessions. He fell ill during the summer of 2003, and eventually underwent surgery. Bennington sustained a wrist injury in October 2007 while attempting to jump off a platform during a show in Melbourne, Australia. Despite the injury, he continued to perform, and went to the emergency room after the show.