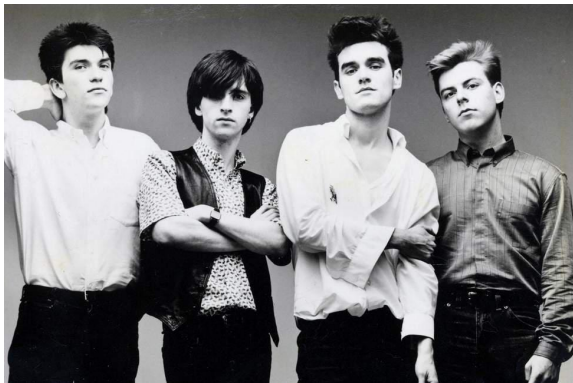


## The musicscene of Manchester

Manchester is especially known for its music scene. One of the famous bands in Manchester is „**Joy Division**“. Joy Division was a British Postpunk-band and was only active from 1978 - 1980. The band was considered as one of the pioneers of the Post-Punk. Their famous song is „**Love will tear us apart**“



Another important band was „**The Smiths**“. They were a British Indie-Rock Band and had a lot of influence on the Britpop movement. The Smiths were active for five years, from 1982 - 1987. Their most famous song is „**There is a Light That Never goes Out**“ which has about 813.000 receivers!



A band which also had a lot of influence on the Manchester music scene is named „**Oasis**“.

Oasis was a British band from Manchester, founded 1991. The band sold 50 million sound carriers till today! One of their famous songs is „Wonderwall“ from 1995 or „**Stop Crying Your Heart Out**“ which was released in 2002.



## **The History of the music scene in Manchester:**

Manchester was the first industrialized city, which was especially due to the textile manufacture and had a real push during the industrial revolution. The city owns one of the most visited concert halls of the world.

In the early 90th the press began to name the Manchester music scene with the name Madchester. In this time the music scene was a mixture of rock and electric dance music. Famous bands of the Manchester genre are the Stone Roses and Happy Mondays.

## **Musicians:**

Manchester was the place of birth of various international successful bands and musicians - for example the Osias, Take That, the Bee Gees and Simply Red. The city was also the center point of the Punk and New Wave scene in the 70th and 80th. Famous bands are the Joy Division and the Smiths.

## **Important places of the music scene:**

The legendary Hacienda was the most famous event place in the city of the 80th. Over the years famous bands like the Happy Mondays, the Stone Roses and Inspiral Carpets occurred here. Unfortunately the Hacienda closed in the late 90th but the Museum of Science and Industry still exhibit today pieces from the music history of the bands.

The Roadhouse is another famous place for live concerts. Every evening there are concerts from local newcomers.

The festival Night & Day takes place in the Oldham Street. Nearly every evening there is great music from different bands. It's an important place to go under the liveclubs in Manchester.

The „Band on the Wall“ is a legendary location for Jazz and world music. It is located at the edge of the trend quarter „Northern Quarter“. There are regular international stars like Björk and Simply Red. Ten years ago the location was renovated. It's well worth a visit!

## **Events today:**

The Parklife Festival is held every year in June in the city centre of Manchester. In the last years also Ice Cube and The Chemical Brothers have occurred. Only one hour away by train of Manchester the Leeds is located, where every August the huge Leeds festival takes place. Artists like Nirvana, Eminem, the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Muse were there in the last years.