

Famous People Diagnosed with an AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Amanda Baggs (1980 -)

Brief Bio: Amanda Baggs is an autism rights activist. In January 2007 she published a video on YouTube describing her experience as an autistic person entitled In My Language.

Diagnosis: Autism Spectrum Disorder

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2007/HEALTH/02/21/autism.amanda/index.html>

Bram Cohen (1975 -)

Brief Bio: Bram Cohen is an American computer programmer, best known as the author of the peer-to-peer (P2P) BitTorrent protocol, as well as the first file sharing program to use the protocol, also known as BitTorrent. He is also the co-founder of CodeCon.

Diagnosis: Asperger Syndrome

Source: http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/08_43/b4105046863317.htm

Dan Aykroyd (July 1, 1952 -)

Brief Bio: Dan Aykroyd is a comedian, actor and producer who got his start with the Second City Stage Troupe in Toronto before moving to Saturday Night Live in New York. He is well known for his roles in such movies as "Ghostbusters" and "Ghostbusters II."

Diagnosis: Asperger Syndrome

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000101/bio>

Donna Williams (1963 -)

Brief Bio: Donna Williams was diagnosed by educational psychologist Dr Lawrie Bartak, one of Australia's leading autism experts, at Monash University. She is a world renowned advocate, author and artist.

Diagnosis: High Functioning Autism

Source: <http://www.donnawilliams.net/autisminsideout.0.html>

Gary Numan (March 8, 1958 -)

Brief Bio: Gary Numan is an English singer, composer, and musician. He is considered to be one of the pioneers of commercial electronic music and has been described as the "King of synthpop."

Diagnosis: Asperger Syndrome

Source: <http://www.trackitdown.net/news/show/928.html>

Jim Sinclair (unknown -)

Brief Bio: Jim Sinclair is an autism rights activist who, together with fellow autistics, Kathy Lissner Grant and Donna Williams, formed Autism Network International in 1992.

Diagnosis: High Functioning Autism

Source: <http://www.edmonds-institute.org/dontmour.html>

Satoshi Tajiri (August 28, 1965 -)

Brief Bio: Satoshi Tajiri says that the idea for Pokémon from his childhood memories of collecting insects. Pokémon began as a GameBoy game in 1995 and in 1997 it became a cartoon series..

Diagnosis: Asperger Syndrome

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0846969/bio>

Stephen Spielberg (December 18, 1946 -)

Brief Bio: Stephen Spielberg is an Oscar winning Jewish American film director and producer. He is responsible for a number of movies from the lighter fare movies such as "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" and the Indiana Jones series of movies to serious historical movies such as "Munich" and "Schindler's List."

Diagnosis: Asperger Syndrome

Source: http://www.solarnavigator.net/films_movies_actors/steven_spielberg.htm

Temple Grandin (August 29, 1947 -)

Brief Bio: Temple Grandin is a Doctor of Animal Science at Colorado State University, bestselling author, and consultant to the livestock industry in animal behaviour.

Cause of Death: High Functioning Autism

Source: <http://cme.medscape.com/viewarticle/498153>

Tim Page (October 11, 1954 -)

Brief Bio: Tim Page is a Pulitzer Prize-winning music critic for the Washington Post. A book of his memoirs "Parallel Play: Growing Up With Undiagnosed Asperger's" were published by Doubleday in September 2009.

Diagnosis: Asperger Syndrome

Source: http://cell2soul.typepad.com/cell2soul_blog/2007/09/aspergers-syindr.html

Vernon L. Smith (January 1, 1927 -)

Brief Bio: .Vernon L. Smith is professor of economics and law at George Mason University, a research scholar in the Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science, and a Fellow of the Mercatus Center all in Arlington, Virginia. He won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2002.

Diagnosis: Asperger Syndrome

Source: http://academickids.com/encyclopedia/index.php/Vernon_L._Smith

William (Bill) Henry Gates III (October 28, 1955 -)

Brief Bio: While at Harvard, Gates developed a version of the programming language BASIC for the first microcomputer, the MITS Altair. He left after his first year to found Microsoft.

Diagnosis: Asperger Syndrome.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0309540/bio>