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On This Date

1939 – Legendary crooner Frank Sinatra recorded his first single, “From the Bottom of My Heart,” backed by



trumpeter Harry James. Although not a major hit at the time, it remains a notable milestone in Sinatra’s career.

1953 – The Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario, debuted its first season. Conceived by local resident Tom Patterson, the festival began under a big-top tent with a production of Shakespeare’s *Richard III* starring Alec Guinness.

1985 – The LiveAid benefit concert was held simultaneously at Wembley Stadium in London and JFK Stadium in Philadelphia to raise funds for famine relief in Ethiopia. It featured performances by iconic artists like Queen, U2, Madonna, and Elton John.

Stratford Spotlight

This season’s Stratford Festival lineup includes *Macbeth*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Annie*, *Anne of Green Gables*, and *A Winter’s Tale*.

Quote of the Day

“I have always been optimistic about humanity’s future. Always. Even at the most dismaying of times.”

~ *Sir Patrick Stewart*

Happy Birthday!

Sir Patrick Stewart, born in 1940 in Yorkshire, England, began his career as a Shakespearean actor on the most prestigious stages of London before landing the career-defining roles of Captain Jean-Luc Picard of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (1987–94) and its subsequent movies, and Professor Charles Xavier of the *X-Men* film franchise. In recent years, he reprised his role as Picard on the critically acclaimed TV show *Star Trek: Picard* (2020–2023). Beyond acting, Stewart is known for his



advocacy work, including supporting domestic violence charities and promoting animal welfare. He resides in England with his wife, accomplished singer-songwriter Sunny Ozell.