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The bust of the Diana Dors mannequin that appeared on the cover of The Beatles' *Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band* album cover.

The cover was an artistic collaboration between artists Peter Blake and Jann Haworth with photographer Michael Cooper. The array of celebrities in the image were mostly cutouts, but a few mannequins were used, namely of The Beatles themselves, and the likeness of Diana Dors that stood to the right of George Harrison. The mannequins that appear in the image were loaned from Madame Tussauds wax museum.

The head and torso are from the original blond-haired mannequin used on the album cover. The arms and base were reassigned to other displays.

Dors is quoted as saying she was "the only sex symbol Britain has produced since Lady Godiva." She began her film career at the age of 15 and by 1956 was the highest paid film star in Britain. Her career in 1967 was not as successful. Her prominent inclusion in the photograph was said to be because of her influence on The Beatles in their youth.

The iconic photograph was taken on March 30, 1967. The album cover won in the category of Best Album Cover at the 10th annual GRAMMY Awards in 1968. Accompanied by a red pedestal.

Bust, 24 inches; Pedestal, 12 inches

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