



MADAME TUSSAUDS HOLLYWOOD FUN FACTS

DID YOU KNOW...

- ★ During An average celebrity sitting, **250 measurements** are taken of the head and body from every angle. In addition, **180 photographs** are also taken with different lenses and lighting to ensure accuracy of the figure
- ★ The most notable U.S. figure to have a sitting with Madame Tussaud was **Benjamin Franklin** in 1783 when he was serving as the U.S. envoy to France
- ★ It takes **6 weeks** to sculpt a head for a figure in clay, before it is molded, to replicate every detail in order to create a perfect likeness
- ★ It takes **330 pounds of clay** to sculpt a standard figure. Madame Tussauds sculptors used **over 1000 pounds of clay** to create the Halo Master Chief figure.
- ★ Madonna has been sculpted the most times (**five**); second is Marilyn Monroe (**four**); followed by Brad Pitt (**three**) and Bill Clinton (**two**)
- ★ It takes approximately **17 million flowers** to produce enough honey to make one pound of beeswax, the most environmentally friendly renewable source of wax
- ★ Approximately **10 pounds of wax** is used for a head portrait and **4 pounds of wax** is used for a pair of hands
- ★ Wax is heated to **170°F** before being poured into the head mold
- ★ There are approximately **100,000 hairs** on the average human head but these numbers vary depending on the subject's natural color. Blondes have more hairs than redheads or brunettes
- ★ It takes **140 hours** to insert the hair on an average wax head including eyebrows. Madame Tussauds artists individually insert each strand of perfectly matched hair
- ★ **Oil paints** are used to build up layers of color on the face to give a translucency to the skin tones and a realistic texture and color