

BIOGRAPHY: Paul G. Allen, Co-Founder

Investor and philanthropist Paul G. Allen creates and advances world-class projects and high-impact initiatives that change and improve the way people live, learn, work and experience the world through arts, education, entertainment, sports, business and technology.

He co-founded Microsoft with Bill Gates in 1975, remained the company's chief technologist until he left Microsoft in 1983, and is the founder and chairman of Vulcan Inc. and chairman of Charter Communications. In addition, Allen's multibillion dollar investment portfolio includes large stakes in, Digeo, Plains All American, real estate holdings and technology, media and content companies.

In 2004 Allen funded SpaceShipOne, the first privately-funded effort to successfully put a civilian in suborbital space and winner of the Ansari X-Prize competition. Allen also owns the Seattle Seahawks of the National Football League, the Portland Trail Blazers of the National Basketball Association, and is part of the primary ownership group for the Seattle Sounders FC, Seattle's new Major League Soccer team.

With lifetime giving totaling nearly \$1 billion, Allen has been named one of the top philanthropists in America. Allen gives back to the community through the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, whose goal is to transform individual lives and strengthen communities by supporting arts and culture, youth engagement, community development and social change, and scientific and technological innovation throughout the Pacific Northwest. In 2003, Allen announced a commitment of \$100 million in seed money dedicated to brain research and unveiled the creation of the Allen Institute for Brain Science in Seattle. In 2006 the Allen Institute completed its inaugural project, the Allen Mouse Brain Atlas. The Atlas is a Web-based, three-dimensional map of gene expression in the mouse brain which is free and available online. Detailing more than 20,000 genes at the cellular level, the atlas continues to help lead scientists to new insights and propel the field of neuroscience forward dramatically.

Allen is also founder of Experience Music Project, Seattle's critically acclaimed interactive music museum; the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame; The Flying Heritage Collection, based in Everett, Wash., an assembly of rare World War II aircraft restored to flying condition; and Vulcan Productions, the independent film production company behind the award-winning feature *Hard Candy*, *Where God Left His Shoes*, the *Evolution* series on PBS, *Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial*, *The Blues*, executive produced by Martin Scorsese in conjunction with Allen and Jody Patton, and the six-part series, *Rx for Survival - A Global Health Challenge*.

Learn more about Allen online at www.paulallen.com.