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Music ArtistActressComposerKaty Perry was born Kathryn Elizabeth Hudson on October 25, 1984 in Santa Barbara, California to Mary Christine Hudson (ne Perry) & Maurice Keith Hudson. She has a big sister named Angela & a little brother named David, and has English, Portuguese, German, Irish, and Scottish ancestry. Her mother's half-brother was directorFrank Perry.Raised in a deeply religious family, Perry's first experience ofperforming was singing in church. A passion for music grew and at theage of 15, Perry began visiting Nashville, gaining experience of songwriting and recording demos.She signed to a Christian record label, Red Hill, and recorded analbum, under her birth name of Katy Hudson. The album was not asuccess. At age 17 she moved to Los Angeles and collaborated withproducer Glen Ballard, but was not able tosecure a lasting record deal. Perry did sign to Columbia Records in2004, but again this did not prove a success, and she was dropped.An executive at Columbia recommended Perry to the chairman of VirginRecords, Jason Flom, which resulted in hersigning for Capitol Music Group. She recorded her second album, "One ofthe Boys" and in the Spring of 2008 released the lead single, thecontroversial "I Kissed a Girl". The song proved a smash, hitting thenumber one slot in several countries. Other hit singles followed andthe album was a commercial success. Perry was now established as a pop superstar and cemented her positionwith the release of her next album "Teenage Dreams", which spawned morehuge hits including "California Gurls" and "Firework". Many awards andmusic industry records followed. In 2012 Perry made the move intomovies, releasing the documentary feature filmKaty Perry: Part of Me (2012). Katy has started her own record label called "Metamorphosis Music" andhas signed her very first artist Ferras, who was signed to CapitolRecords back in 2007 with Katy Perry. He had released an EP the same day that the record label news was released to the public. There isalso a duet with Katy on his new EP; they are expected to be on tourtogether in North America June 22 in Raleigh, North Carolina–October 11in Houston, Texas.You have no recently viewed pages1984-presentAmerican pop singer Katy Perry initially attempted to break into the music business with a gospel album. Her image radically changed by the time of her 2008 smash single "I Kissed a Girl," from One of the Boys, and she went on to top the charts with the follow-up albums Teenage Dream, Prism and Witness. Perry is also known for her performance during the 2015 Super Bowl halftime show, her marriage to comedian Russell Brand and her selection as a judge for American Idol.Early Life and Musical AspirationsKaty Perry was born Kathryn Elizabeth Hudson was born on October 25, 1984, in Santa Barbara, California. Fans might be surprised to learn that the singer who writes about sexual exploration in "I Kissed a Girl" grew up in a very conservative family. Both of her parents are pastors, and they refused to let her listen to any rock or popular music. "The only things I was allowed to listen to were the Sister Act 1 and 2 soundtracks," Perry told Entertainment Weekly. She and her two siblings were also not permitted to watch such cable channels as MTV and VH1.Perry started taking singing lessons around the age of 9 and learned to play guitar when she was 13. Around this time, she began rebelling against her strict upbringing by piercing her own nose. She soon became interested in pursuing a career in music. With her mother, Perry made several trips to Nashville to record a gospel album, Katy Hudson, which was released in 2001. "It reached literally maybe 100 people, and then the label went bankrupt," Perry explained to Entertainment Weekly.As a teenager, Perry was exposed to other musical influences. One friend introduced her to the music of Queen, which remains one of her favorite groups. "I'm very inspired by Freddie Mercury and how flamboyant and theatrical he was," she told fashion magazine WWD.In high school, she strove to be her own person, choosing not to limit herself to one social group. "I was a hop-around. I hung out with the rockably crew, the guys who were trying to be rappers, the funny kids," she told Seventeen magazine. Focused on her music, Perry got her GED and moved to Los Angeles to work with producer and songwriter Glen Ballard, who had collaborated with such artists as Christina Aguilera and Alanis Morissette. She was only 17 years old at the time, and being on her own proved tough. "It was five years of living in L.A. with no money, writing bad checks, selling my clothes to make rent, [and] borrowing money," she told Seventeen. Perry also experienced a string of disappointments before getting her big break. She and Ballard were unable to find a record company willing to take them on, and her 2004 collaboration with music producers-turned-performers The Matrix was scrapped shortly before the project was to be released. After having three record deals fall apart, Perry finally signed with Capitol Records in 2007.Albums and SongsOne of the BoysFollowing the November 2007 release of the single "Ur So Gay," which caught the attention of Madonna, Perry saw her career take off with her next effort, "I Kissed a Girl." The song hit the top of the charts in the summer of 2008, propelling Perry's album, One of the Boys, into the Billboard Top 10. A follow-up single, "Hot n Cold," also charted highly.Along with earning a Best Female Pop Vocal Performance Grammy nomination, Perry became famous for her theatricality. On the Warped Tour, she performed "I Kissed a Girl" with a giant tube of lip balm, referencing a line in the song. Perry has also jumped into a larger-than-life cake and appeared in a number of wild outfits while onstage. Describing her style as "Lucille Ball meets Bob Mackie," she told Esquire, "It's about innuendo. I want everybody to get the joke, but I want them to think about it for a minute."In 2009, Perry appeared in her own acoustic special on MTV. The soundtrack from the show, Katy Perry: MTV Unplugged, was released around the same time."Teenage Dream" Picking up where she left off, Perry released a new single with Snoop Dogg, "California Gurls," in May 2010. The single shot to the top of the charts, paving the way for its accompanying studio album, Teenage Dream, to do the same. Perry's follow-up singles, "Teenage Dream," "Firework," "E.T." and "Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)" all followed the path of "California Gurls," making Perry just the second artist, after Michael Jackson, to have five No. 1 hits from a single album.In 2012, she released a new edition of her hit album, called Teenage Dream: The Complete Confection. The record had several new tracks, including the successful singles "Part of Me" and "Wide Awake." "Prism"Perry continued to dominate the music charts with 2013's Prism. The album's lead single, "Roar," climbed to No. 1, and "Dark Horse," her collaboration with Juicy J, also spent several weeks in the top spot, pushing Perry past Mariah Carey for most total weeks with a No. 1 hit (46). The album's fifth and final single, "This Is How We Do," featuring Riff Raff, also performed well. Witness'A few months after the release of "Chained to the Rhythm," with Skip Marley, Perry dropped her latest studio effort, Witness, in June 2017. Witness debuted in the top spot, giving the artist her third straight No. 1 album. Despite the announcement of the supporting Witness: The Tour, scheduled to run from September 2017 to August 2018, the album's sales dropped in the following weeks; after her previous three albums racked up a combined 17 million in sales, Witness was at a relatively modest total of 840,000 as of January 2018.The artist was back with new music by 2019, beginning with her collaboration with Zedd on "365." She then teamed with Daddy Yankee and Snow for a remix of "Con Calma," before unveiling her new solo single, "Never Really Over," in May.'American Idol' JudgeIn May 2017, Perry was announced as the first judge selected for the reboot of American Idol. She was later joined by country star Luke Bryan and R&B and pop singer Lionel Richie, with Ryan Seacrest also agreeing to return as host.Perry had previously served as a guest judge on Idol in 2009, temporarily replacing Paula Abdul. Since then, she had turned down offers to appear on other singing competition shows, like The X Factor.The pop star immediately made waves for her behavior during the two-part premiere of season 16 in March 2018: At one point she fell while dancing on stage in high heels, and at another moment she smooched a shy contestant who said he was saving his first kiss for someone special, drawing the ire of many on social media. Perry later returned with Bryan, Richie and Seacrest for seasons 17 and 18.Super Bowl Halftime ShowOn February 1, 2015, Perry was the featured performer during the Super Bowl XLIX halftime show. Along with appearances by guest artists Lenny Kravitz and Missy Elliott, the show was remembered for the seeming mismatched choreography of two dancers in shark costumes while Perry belted out "Teenage Dream." Overall, the performance drew a reported 118.5 million viewers, making it the most-watched Super Bowl halftime show to date.Photo: Pascal Le Segretain/Getty ImagesKaty Perry attends the Chanel Haute Couture Fall/Winter 2017-2018 show as part of Haute Couture Paris Fashion Week in Paris, France.'Dark Horse' Copyright InfringementIn 2014, songwriters Marcus Gray, Emanuel Lambert and Chike Ojukwu filed a lawsuit alleging that Perry's hit "Dark Horse" copied the trio's Christian rap song "Joyful Noise," released in 2009 under Gray's stage name, Flame.In July 2019, a federal jury in a Los Angeles ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, with Perry, her five credited co-writers and the four corporations that released and distributed "Dark Horse" all found liable for copyright infringement. The following month, Perry and her collaborators were ordered to pay \$2.78 million in compensation.However, the verdict was overturned upon appeal in March 2020, with a federal judge determining that the disputed portion of "Dark Horse" an eight-note ostinato that runs through much of the song was not distinctive enough to be protected by copyright laws.Movies and Other EndeavorsThe artist was the subject of the autobiographical documentary Katy Perry: Part of Me (2012), which featured behind-the-scenes footage and clips of young Perry along with her dazzling concert performances. She also voiced the character of Smurfette for The Smurfs (2011) and The Smurfs 2 (2013) and made a cameo as herself in Zoolander 2 (2016). In 2014, Perry also launched her own music label, Metamorphosis Music, as a subsidiary of Capitol. The label changed its name to Unsub Records in 2016.After visiting Madagascar on behalf of UNICEF in April 2013, Perry became a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador late in the year. In February 2020, she was named an ambassador of the British Asian Trust by Britain's Prince Charles.Personal LifeIn 2009, Perry made tabloid headlines for her relationship with British comedian Russell Brand. They were engaged over the New Year's holiday while on a trip to India, and on October 23, 2010, the couple married in India in a traditional Hindu ceremony. According to The Times of India, the wedding featured a procession of camels, elephants and horses, plus fire jugglers, snake charmers, dancers and musicians. Their union, however, did not last long, as Brand filed for divorce in December 2011.Perry has also been romantically linked to musicians John Mayer and Diplo, as well as actor Orlando Bloom. On February 15, 2019, she announced her engagement to Bloom with an Instagram photo that showed her flower-shaped ring. Just after midnight on March 5, Perry delivered another surprise announcement by revealing a baby bump at the end of her new video for "Never Worn White."Feud With Taylor SwiftPerry and Taylor Swift, who both dated John Mayer, ended their friendship after Perry allegedly tried to poach some of Swift's tour dancers. Perry's song "Swish Swish" is apparently about the feud. I think it's a great anthem for people to use when someone's trying to hold you down, or bully you, Perry said. "I think Swish is a liberation from all the negative that doesn't serve you.On May 8, 2018, Perry put an end to their feud by extending an olive branch literally, she sent Swift an actual olive branch with a note that said, "I've been doing some reflecting on past miscommunication and hurt feelings between us." Name: Katy Perry Birth date: October 25, 1984Birth State: CaliforniaBirth City: Santa Barbara Astrological Sign: ScorpioSchool: Dos Pueblos High SchoolFact Check: We strive for accuracy and fairness. If you see something that doesnt look right, contact us! The only things I was allowed to listen to were the 'Sister Act' 1 and 2 soundtracks.Ultimately I want Katy Perry to be as much of a household name as Madonna.Biography.com EditorsStaff Editorial Team and ContributorsThe Biography.com staff is a team of people-obsessed and news-hungry editors with decades of collective experience. We have worked as daily newspaper reporters, major national magazine editors, and as editors-in-chief of regional media publications. Among our ranks are book authors and award-winning journalists. Our staff also works with freelance writers, researchers, and other contributors to produce the smart, compelling profiles and articles you see on our site. To meet the team, visit our About Us page: Perry and Orlando Bloom split after nine years togetherKaty Perry and Orlando Bloom have ended their engagement after nine years together, People confirmed, following an initial report by TMZ.Hollywood power couple Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom, who'd been sparking speculation about their yearslong romance in recent weeks, has broken up now. Representatives for Perry and Bloom, who have been engaged for six years, confirmed their separation in a statement to USA TODAY on July 3."Due to the abundance of recent interest and nterest surrounding Orlando Bloom and Katy Perry's relationship, representatives have confirmed that Orlando and Katy have been shifting their relationship over the past many months to focus on co-parenting," the statement read. They will continue to be seen together as a family, as their shared priority is and always will be raising their daughter with love, stability, and mutual respect," the statement from their representatives continued.Us Weekly says Perry and Bloom began dating in 2016, previously postponing their wedding amid the Teenage Dream singers pregnancy and the coronavirus pandemic. They first began dating in 2016, before breaking up a year later. By 2018 they had rekindled their romance and got engaged on Valentines Day in 2019.Perry announced her pregnancy in March 2020 in her music video for Never Worn White. Amid the pregnancy and COVID-19 pandemic, they postponed their wedding plans. I tried to do it this year, and it poo-pooed on me, so ask me again in another year! I went through the whole freakin process, Perry told People in 2020. Right now, were just so focused on this [pregnancy], which is exciting. Lets hope (2021) is different than 20. Every time we try to make a plan, it switches. Its really all about going with the flow these days!The couple welcomed their daughter in August 2020. Bloom is also father to 14-year-old son Flynn with ex-wife Miranda Kerr.Back in February 2023, Bloom got candid about some challenges he and Perry have faced in their relationship.Were in two very different pools, he told Flaunt magazine. Her pool is not a pool that I necessarily understand, and I think my pool is not a pool that she necessarily understands.Adding, Sometimes things are really, really, really, challenging. I wont lie.Bloom, however, has also expressed how supportive they are of each other, especially after he risked his life in his Peacock series Orlando Bloom: To the Edge, where he threw himself into extreme sports like wingsuiting, free diving and rock climbing.Despite Perry expressing concern and worry for the big risks involved in the show, Bloom told TODAY in an April 2024 appearance, Shes super supportive. We both are of each other. Most recently, Perry has been on tour, while Bloom was spotted attending Jeff Bezos and Lauren Schnez BezosLiz Calvario Shell cry about it later. Katy Perry attempted to keep her composure while performing a breakup ballad during her Inglewood, Calif., concert Tuesday. The Grammy nominee, 40, usually lets her fans choose a song for her to sing each concert. However, this time, she questioned those who voted for her to sing Not Like the Movies at the Kia Forum, according to People. Katy Perry told concertgoers she would try not to cry singing a breakup song Tuesday. Getty Images for Katy Perry Fans voted for the Grammy nominee to perform Not Like the Movies, spinningwithjackson/Tiktok Youre gonna make me sing this song in this time in my life? she asked, referencing her and ex-fianc Orlando Blooms recent split. Perry said, OK, well do it! Because you voted for it. Im gonna try not to cry. Dont worry. I wont cry. The singer told her fans that the 2010 release dated back to her first divorce from ex-husband Russell Brand. Youre gonna make me sing this song in this time in my life? she asked attendees. Getty Images for Katy Perry She joked about trying to hold [her] composure. Kevin Mazur/Getty Images for Katy Perry The former couple ended their marriage in 2011 after just one year. Perry told fans, who also voted for her to perform The One That Got Away, that she would try and hold [her] composure while sing[ing] it a week before [her] period. Earlier this month, news broke of the songwriter and Bloom, 48, calling it quits while she was on her still-running Lifetimes tour. The song, notably, is about Perrys ex-husband, Russell Brand. Getty Images for Balenciaga She is currently navigating her split from ex-fianc Orlando Bloom. katyperry/Instagram However, their relationship was long done as Page Six reported in June that the duo was over. Perry and the Lord of the Rings star have been together on and off since 2016 and share a 4-year-old daughter named Daisy. They called the little one their main focus while confirming their breakup via their reps earlier this month. The duo have remained amicable co-parenting daughter Daisy. Instagram/orlandobloom They reunited in Italy for a family vacation earlier this month. BACKGRID They will continue to be seen together as a family, as their shared priority is and always will be raising their daughter with love, stability and mutual respect, the joint statement read. Perry and Bloom have since shown off their amicable co-parenting dynamic, going on vacation together in Italy last week. The Pirates of the Caribbean star even included a cozy family photo in a recent Instagram dump, which also included his and ex-wife Miranda Kerrs 14-year-old son, Flynn. 07/18/2025Chase CenterSan FranciscoBUY VIP07/22/2025Climate Pledge ArenaSeattleBUY VIP07/22/2025Rogers ArenaVancouverBUY VIP07/24/2025Rogers PlaceEdmontonBUY VIP07/26/2025Canada Life CentreWinnipegBUY VIP07/29/2025Canadian Tire CentreOttawaBUY VIP07/30/2025Bell CentreMontrealBUY VIP08/01/2025Centre VideotronQuebec CityBUY VIP08/03/2025Little Caesars ArenaDetroitBUY VIP08/05/2025Scotiabank ArenaTorontoBUY VIP08/06/2025Scotiabank ArenaTorontoBUY VIP08/08/2025STD GardenBostonBUY VIP08/09/2025Wells Fargo CentrePhiladelphiaBUY VIP08/11/2025Madison Square GardenNew YorkBUY VIP08/14/2025SPrudential CenterNewarkBUY VIP08/15/2025SCFG Bank ArenaBaltimoreBUY VIP08/17/2025Lenovo CenterRaleighBUY VIP08/19/2025Bridgestone ArenaNashvilleBUY VIP08/20/2025SState Farm ArenaAtlantaBUY VIP08/22/2025Amalie ArenaTampaBUY VIP08/23/2025Kaseya CenterMiamiBUY VIP09/06/2025Estadio Bicentenario La FloridaSantiagoBUY VIP09/09/2025Movistar ArenaBuenos AiresBUY VIP09/10/2025Movistar ArenaBuenos AiresBUY VIP09/14/2025The Town 2025Sao PauloBUY09/16/2025Ligga ArenaCuritibaON SALE JUNE 6TH VIP09/19/2025Arena BRB Mane GarrinchaBrasiliaON SALE JUNE 6th VIP10/04/2025SSE ArenaBelfastBUY VIP10/05/2025SSE ArenaBelfastBUY VIP10/07/2025OVO HydroGlasgowBUY VIP10/08/2025AO ArenaManchesterBUY VIP10/10/2025Utilita ArenaSheffieldBUY VIP10/11/2025Utilita ArenaBirminghamBUY VIP10/13/2025The O2LondonBUY VIP10/14/2025The O2LondonBUY VIP10/16/2025SportpaleisAntwerpBUY VIP10/17/2025ZAG ArenaHannoverBUY VIP10/19/2025Royal ArenaCopenhagenBUY VIP10/21/2025Uber ArenaBerlinBUY VIP10/23/2025Lanxess ArenaCologneBUY VIP10/24/2025Accor ArenaParisBUY VIP10/27/2025MVM DomeBudapestBUY VIP10/28/2025Tauron ArenaKrakowBUY VIP10/30/2025O2 ArenaPragueBUY VIP10/31/2025OlympiahalleMunichBUY VIP11/02/2025Unipol ArenaBolognaBUY VIP11/04/2025Accor ArenaParisBUY VIP11/05/2025Accor ArenaParisBUY VIP11/07/2025DLCL ArenaLyonBUY VIP11/09/2025Palau Sant JordiBarcelonaBUY VIP11/11/2025Movistar ArenaMadridBUY VIP11/21/2025Olympic Sports Centre GymnasiumHangzhouBUY11/22/2025Olympic Sports Centre GymnasiumHangzhouBUY11/24/2025Mercedes Benz ArenaShanghaiNFO11/25/2025Mercedes Benz ArenaShanghaiNFO11/26/2025Mercedes Benz ArenaShanghaiBUY12/03/2025Saltama Super ArenaTokyoBUY12/04/2025Saltama Super ArenaTokyoBUY12/07/2025Abu Dhabi Grand PrixAbu DhabiBUY Entertainment & Pop Culture Music, Contemporary Genres Pop Music Katy Perry (born October 25, 1984, Santa Barbara, California, U.S.) is an American pop singer who gained fame for a string of anthemic and often sexually suggestive hit songs, as well as for a playfully cartoonish sense of style. Her popular singles include I Kissed a Girl, Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.), Roar, and Rise. Katy Hudson was raised in southern California, the middle child of two itinerant born-again Christian ministers. Nonreligious music was forbidden in the Hudson household, and she grew up singing church hymns and gospel tunes. As a teenager, she learned to play the guitar and sought a musical career in Nashville with a Christian record label, but her debut album, the gospel-influenced Katy Hudson (2001), sold poorly. By then, however, Hudson had found new musical models in such rock artists as Freddie Mercury and Alanis Morissette, whom she had discovered through friends. She soon moved to Los Angeles to pursue success in the secular music realm, adopting her mothers maiden name, Perry, to avoid confusion with the actress Kate Hudson. Perrys initial efforts at mainstream stardom were fruitless, with two separate record labels signing and subsequently dropping her before any material was released. In 2007, however, Capitol Records put out Perrys EP Ur So Gay, which attracted modest attention for its cheerfully flippanct title track. She made a greater splash several months later with the single I Kissed a Girl, an assertive ode to sexual curiosity backed by a hard-edged electro-pop beat. The song quickly stirred controversy, as some critics derided it for promoting same-sex relations and others charged that the racy scenario it depicted catered to male fantasies of female sexuality. Nevertheless, the combination of titillation and polished melodicism helped I Kissed a Girl become a number one hit in multiple countries, powering sales for her album One of the Boys (2008). With its bouncy, sharp-tongued second single, Hot N Cold, also proving popular, the albummuch of which Perry wrote herselfeventually registered sales of more than three million copies in the United States. 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