

# TOP GIRL FEMALE VOCALISTS

TIME AFTER TIME, THESE ARE THE LADIES WHO HAVE STOLEN THE SHOW. BEAUTIFUL, TALENTED, AND RECORD-SETTING, THESE GIRLS ARE THE BEST VOCALISTS AROUND. LET'S SEE AMERICAN IDOL TRY TO TOP THAT!

Christina Aguilera

Whitney Houston

Mariah Carey

Patti Labelle

Tina Turner

Alicia Keys

Celine Dion

Mary J. Blige

Jennifer Hudson

Beyonce Knowles



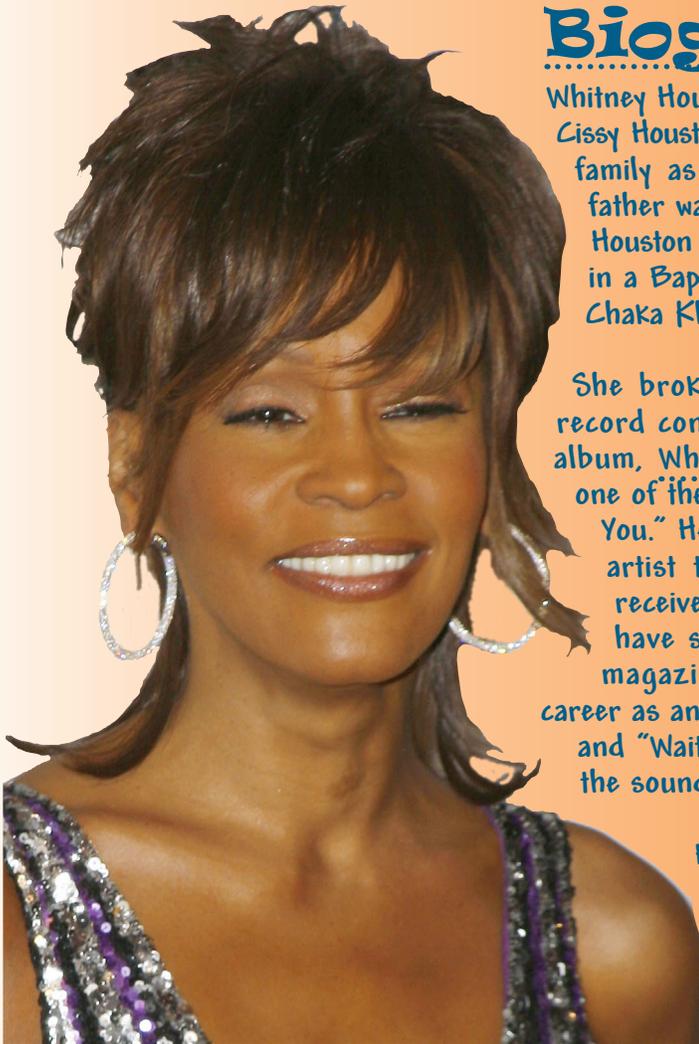
# Whitney Houston

## Biography

Whitney Houston was the youngest of three children born to John and Cissy Houston in East Orange, New Jersey. She was born into a musical family as her mother was a successful R&B backup singer, her father was Cissy's agent, and her cousin was Dionne Warwick. (John Houston later became Whitney's agent.) Houston first began singing in a Baptist church; as a teen she sang backup for Lou Rawls and Chaka Khan and worked as a model.

She broke into the music industry in 1985 when she signed a record contract with Arista Records and produced her self-titled album, *Whitney Houston*. She received her first Grammy Award for one of the number one songs on the album, "Saving All My Love for You." Her second album, *Whitney* was the first album by a female artist to enter the charts at number one. Houston has since received numerous Grammys, and became the first performer to have seven consecutive number one singles on the Billboard magazine pop-music charts. She has also enjoyed a successful career as an actress in lead roles for such movies as "The Bodyguard" and "Waiting To Exhale". She has performed most of the music for the soundtracks in these films.

Houston is involved with such humanitarian organizations as the United Negro College Fund, the Children's Diabetes Fund, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. She established The Whitney Houston Foundation for Children, Inc., a nonprofit organization assisting homeless children and children with cancer and AIDS.



**Birth Name:**  
Whitney Elizabeth  
Houston

**Date of Birth:**  
9 August 1963  
East Orange, NJ

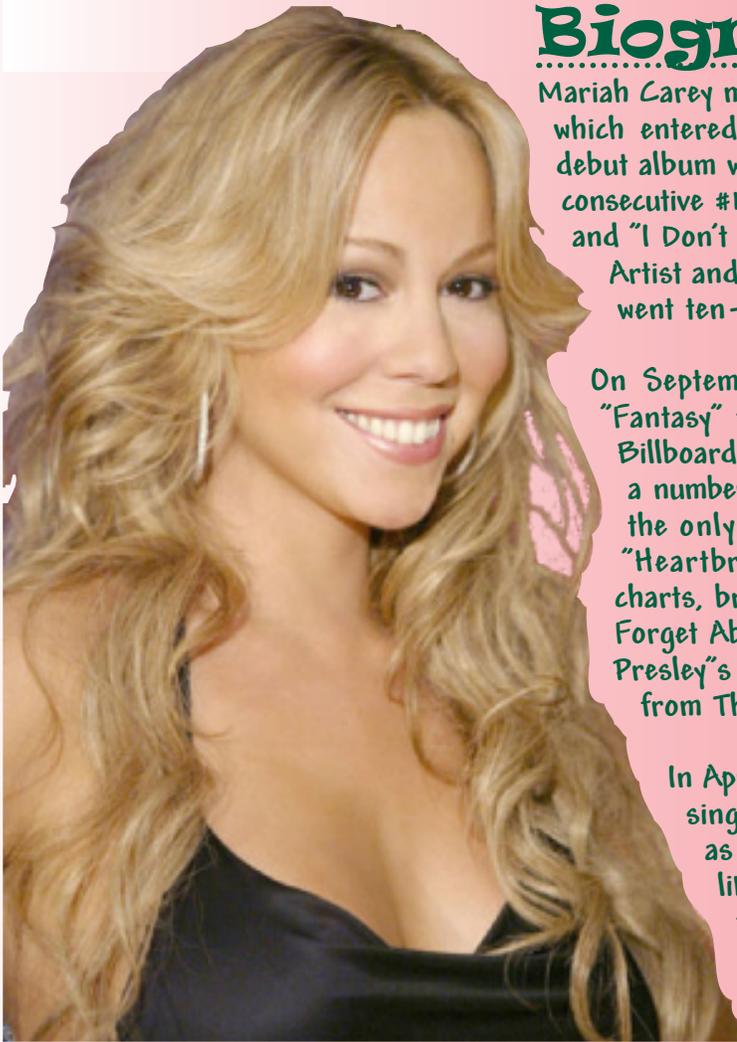
**Nicknames:**  
Nippy  
The Prom Queen of Soul

**Height:**  
5' 8"

## Discography



# MARIAH CAREY



## Biography

Mariah Carey made her first debut with Mariah Carey in June of 1990, which entered at #73, but quickly reached #1. Her 1990 self-titled debut album went multi-platinum and spawned an extraordinary four consecutive #1 singles: "Vision of Love," "Love Takes Time," "Someday" and "I Don't Wanna Cry," and led to Grammy Awards for Best New Artist and Best Female Vocalist. Her 1993 album titled Music Box went ten-times platinum.

On September 30th 1995, she made music history. Her single "Fantasy" from her 1995 album Daydream debuted at #1 on the Billboard Hot 100, making her the first female artist to accomplish a number one debut in the U.S. With "Heartbreaker", she became the only artist to top the charts in each year of the 1990s. "Heartbreaker" spent 60 consecutive weeks atop the Billboard's charts, breaking The Beatles' 59-week record. The single "Don't Forget About Us" became her 17th #1 single, tying her with Elvis Presley's 17 #1 singles. Three more Grammy Awards were gained from The Emancipation of Mimi album.

In April 2008, the single "Touch My Body" became her 18th #1 single. Now she is the only artist since The Beatles to have as many number one singles and the only singer alive likely to succeed them. She is the most successful selling female artist in music history and holds the record for straight #1 singles and albums each year. Along with numerous awards and an incredible vocal range spanning five octaves, she also composes all of her own material.

**Birth Name:**  
Mariah Angela Carey

**Date of Birth:**  
27 March 1969  
Huntington, NY

**Nicknames:**  
MC  
Mimi  
Songbird

**Height:**  
5' 9"

## Discography

