

Biography of Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga was born Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta in New York City on March 28, 1986, the eldest child of Joseph and Cynthia Germanotta. She learned to play piano from the age of four, went on to write her first piano ballad at 13 and began performing at open mike nights by age 14. Gaga attended Convent of the Sacred Heart, a private school on Manhattan's Upper East Side and she performed in various high school musicals.

At the age of 17, Gaga gained early admission to the New York University's Tisch School of the Arts but she dropped out in her second year to focus on her music career. She soon signed with Streamline Records, an imprint of Interscope Records. During her early time at Interscope, she worked as a songwriter for fellow label artists and captured the attention of Akon, who recognised her vocal abilities, and signed her to his own label, Kon Live Distribution.

Gaga came to prominence following the release of her debut studio album *The Fame* (2008), which was a commercial success and achieved international popularity with the singles "Just Dance" and "Poker Face". The album reached number one on the record charts of six countries.

Achieving similar worldwide success, her follow-up album *The Fame Monster* (2009), an extension of her debut, produced a further two global chart-topping singles "Bad Romance" and "Telephone" and allowed her to embark on a second global headlining concert tour, *The Monster Ball Tour*, just months after having finished her first, *The Fame Ball Tour*.

Gaga's second full-length album *Born This Way* (2011) explored electronic rock and techno-pop. Gaga experimented with EDM on her third studio album *Artpop* (2013), which reached number one in the US and included the single "Applause". Her collaborative jazz album with Tony Bennett, titled *Cheek to Cheek*, and her soft rock-influenced fifth studio album, *Joanne* (2016), also topped the US charts. During this period, Gaga ventured into acting, playing leading roles in the miniseries *American Horror Story: Hotel* (2015–2016), for which she received a Golden Globe Award, and the critically acclaimed musical romantic drama *A Star Is Born* (2018). She also contributed to the latter's soundtrack, which made her the only woman to achieve five US number one albums in the 2010s. Its lead single "Shallow"