

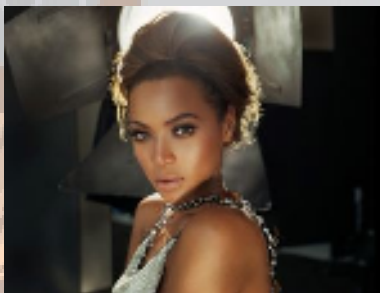
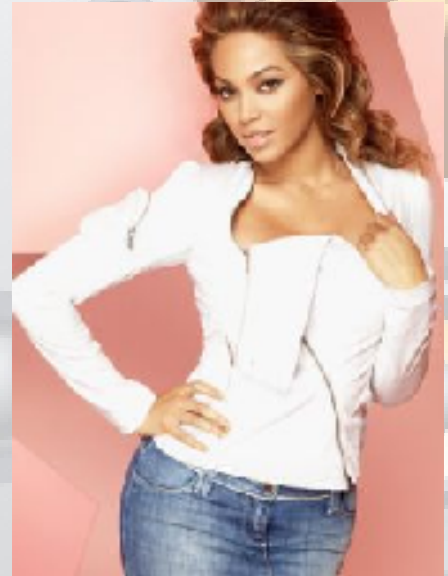


# Presents BEYONCÉ

Beyoncé Giselle Knowles (born September 4, 1981), often referred to mononymously as Beyoncé, is an American R&B singer, songwriter, record producer, actress and model. Born and raised in Houston, Texas. On December 11, 2009, Billboard listed Knowles as the top female artist of the 2000s decade. In February 2010, the RIAA listed her as the top certified and best-selling overall artist of the decade. NRJ Music Awards also awarded her with an Artist of the Decade award. She is one of the most influential artists of the century with record sales surpassing 130 million when combined with Destiny's Child.

During the hiatus of Destiny's Child in 2003, Knowles released her debut solo album, *Dangerously in Love*, which became one of the most successful albums of that year, and signaled her viability as a solo artist. The disbanding of Destiny's Child in 2005 facilitated her continued success: her sophomore solo album *B'Day*, released in 2006, debuted at number one on the Billboard charts. Her third solo album, *I Am... Sasha Fierce*, was released in November 2008, and in 2009 she received 10 Grammy Awards nominations. On January 31, 2010 Beyoncé won 6 Grammy Awards, breaking the record for most Grammy awards won by a female artist in one night; she previously held the record of five awards with 5 other artists.

Knowles began her acting career in 2001, appearing in the musical film *Carmen: A Hip Hopera*. In 2006, she starred in the lead role in the film adaptation of the 1981 Broadway musical *Dreamgirls*, for which she earned two Golden Globe nominations. Knowles launched her family's fashion line, *House of Deréon*, in 2004, and has endorsed such brands as Pepsi, Tommy Hilfiger, Armani and L'Oréal. In 2009, *Forbes* listed Knowles fourth on its list of the 100 Most Powerful and Influential Celebrities in the world, third on its list of the top-grossing musicians, and number one on the list of top Best-Paid Celebs Under 30 with over \$87 million dollars in earnings between 2008 and 2009.



Knowles has attained five Hot 100 number one singles, becoming one of the two female artists—joint with Rihanna—with the most number ones attained within the 2000s, excluding her three Hot 100 number one singles with Destiny's Child. On December 11, 2009 Beyoncé was named Billboard's Top Female Artist of the Decade and 4th artist overall.

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