



Presents SELENA GOMEZ

Selena Marie Gomez (born July 22, 1992) is an American actress and singer best known for her portrayal of Alex Russo on the Disney Channel series, *Wizards of Waverly Place*. She has starred in the television movies, *Another Cinderella Story* and *Princess Protection Program*.



Before Disney, she had one of the kid roles on *Barney & Friends*. In 2008, she signed a record deal with Hollywood Records and contributed to the *Tinker Bell*, *Another Cinderella Story* and *Wizards of Waverly Place* soundtracks. Her band, *Selena Gomez & The Scene*, released their debut studio album *Kiss & Tell* on September 29, 2009.



Gomez, an only child, was born in Grand Prairie, Texas to Ricardo Gomez and Mandy Teefy (née Cornett), a former stage actress who was 16 when she gave birth to Gomez. Her birth parents separated when she was five years old; her mother remarried in 2006 to Brian Teefy. Gomez was named after singer Selena. Her father is Mexican and her mother is of Italian descent.

Gomez began her acting career at age seven, playing Gianna on *Barney & Friends*. She said that she learned “everything” about how to act while on the show. Season 7 of *Barney & Friends*, when Selena Gomez was on the show, was held up for some time. Because of this, the episodes featuring Gomez did not air until she was in 5th grade. This resulted in some mild controversy/confusion as to whether she was on *Barney* in the 5th grade or the 1st grade. She later had minor roles in *Game Over* and the TV film *Walker, Texas Ranger: Trial By Fire*.

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