



My Drift

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I got the idea to write about Carrie Underwood by watching Sunday Night Football. Each week Underwood sings the introduction song before the game. I think she does a great job! She performs a new song each week based on who is playing that night. This season (2023-2024) Underwood will earn \$18 million dollars doing this – one million dollars for each song for the 18 weeks.



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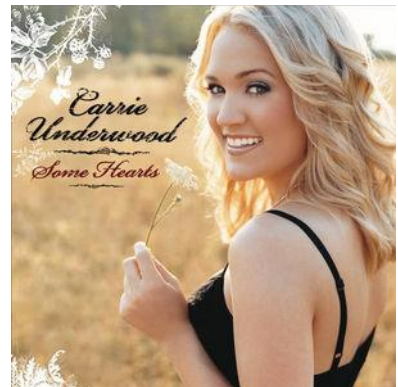
Carrie Marie Underwood was born on March 10, 1983, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She is a country music performer who parlayed her victory in the television singing competition American Idol into a successful recording career.

Underwood grew up in Oklahoma on her family's farm in Checotah. She started singing at a young age, initially at church and later in school

plays and talent shows. In 2002 she entered Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, with intentions to pursue a career in broadcast journalism. Two years later she interrupted her studies to audition for the fourth season of American Idol. Underwood made the cut and ultimately won the competition in 2005. She received the top prize of a recording contract with 19 Recordings/Arista Records, and the resulting album, *Some Hearts* (2005), was a massive commercial hit, eventually selling more than seven million copies and cementing Underwood's status as one of American Idol's most successful alumni.

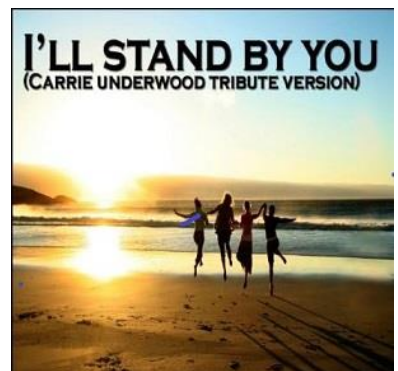


She supported the album with a 150-show tour in 2006, sharing bills with Kenny Chesney and Brad Paisley in addition to headlining her own dates. Underwood made time to return to school, however, and that same year she graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in mass communications from Northeastern State University. In 2007 she won Grammy Awards for best new artist and best female country vocal performance.



Underwood returned to American Idol in 2007, performing a cover of the Pretenders' "I'll Stand by You." Made available as a single on Apple's iTunes service, the song was downloaded more than 300,000 times and became the first digital-only release to crack the top 10 of the Billboard singles chart.

At the 2007 Country Music Association (CMA) Awards, Underwood claimed single-of-the-year



honors for the feisty revenge song “Before He Cheats.” Her second album, *Carnival Ride* (2007), sold more than half a million copies in its first week of release, and in early 2008 she was inducted as a member of the Grand Ole Opry, joining the ranks of top country music artists such as Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, and Martina McBride. Later that year Underwood won her third consecutive CMA Award for female vocalist of the year. In 2009 she collected her fourth Grammy Award, taking home the trophy for best female country vocal performance.



With the album *Play On* (2009), Underwood continued to demonstrate her wide appeal. In 2010 she won the Grammy Award for best country collaboration for “I Told You So,” a cover version of a Randy Travis song that had originally appeared on *Carnival Ride* and that she rerecorded as a duet with Travis. Also, that year Underwood was named entertainer of the year by the Academy of Country Music for the second year in a row. She returned in 2012 with *Blown Away*, a polished collection of songs that showcased her vocal versatility. It was her third release to top the Billboard album chart, and in 2013 its title track earned her another Grammy Award.



The following year Underwood released a greatest-hits compilation that was a huge seller. Her success continued with *Storyteller* (2015). It was her fifth studio album and her sixth consecutive release to debut at number one on the country album chart. With *Cry Pretty* (2018), Underwood became the first woman to have four country music albums top the Billboard chart.



She subsequently released the Christmas album *My Gift* (2020) and the gospel themed *My Savior* (2021), both of which debuted at number one on the country album chart.

In 2014 Underwood debuted Calia, a line of fitness apparel. She later released the self-help book *Find Your Path: Honor Your Body, Fuel Your Soul, and Get Strong with the Fit52 Life* (2020).



Marriage and Children

Underwood began dating NHL player Mike Fisher after they met at one of her concerts in late 2008, and they became engaged in December 2009. According to the Canadian press, Fisher proposed in Ottawa on December 20, 2009. Underwood's engagement ring features a yellow diamond and was valued at \$150,000. On July 10, 2010, Underwood and Fisher wed at the Ritz-Carlton Lodge in Greensboro, Georgia, with more than 250 people in attendance. The couple's first son was born on February 27, 2015. Their second son was born on January 21, 2019.



Carrie Underwood and Mike Fisher

Personal interests

Underwood is a practicing Evangelical Christian.

She is also an animal lover and a vegan. She stopped eating meat at the age of 13 because she could not stand the thought of eating one of her own animals. She was voted "World's Sexiest Vegetarian" by PETA.

Underwood has a great interest in sports. She has participated in the annual City of Hope Celebrity Softball tournament for charity for many years. The event takes place in Nashville, Tennessee, and benefits research for life-threatening diseases.

In 2005, she performed the "Star-Spangled Banner" at Game 4 of the NBA Finals between the San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons, and in 2006 at the NBA All-Star Game. She performed at halftime of the 2006 Thanksgiving Day football game at Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas, and was friends with Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo. She also performed the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the NFC Championship Game between the Seattle Seahawks and Carolina Panthers in 2006, as well as at the 2006 edition of NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600, the MLB All Star Game in Pittsburgh, and at Game 3 of the 2007 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and Colorado Rockies. On February 7, 2010, Underwood performed the National Anthem for Super Bowl XLIV.



Super Bowl 44 between the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints

Underwood has performed the opening theme song for NBC Sunday Night Football since 2013. Faith Hill, whom Underwood replaced, later expressed full support for Underwood, congratulating her via Twitter and stating that it was "an awesome choice" by NBC/SNF and that Underwood "will rock it".

She sang the National Anthem for the Nashville Predators prior to their victory over the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 3 of the first round of the 2017 Stanley Cup Playoffs and prior to their victory over the Winnipeg Jets in Game 2 of the second round of the 2018 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Some Interesting Facts

- **Underwood admits to being a neat freak. In fact, everything at her home is neatly placed, and all the stuff in her refrigerator is well labeled.**
- **Underwood is very vocal about the extremely healthy lifestyle she lives. The country star has revealed she's trying to be completely vegan, and eggs are one of the food items she got rid of in her diet.**

- Her beautiful, healthy smile was not always the way it looks now. In fact, she had to wear braces twice to achieve that stunning well-arranged pearly white.
- She's a fan of horror movies. Her all-time favorites include Sinister and Nightmare on Elm Street.
- She was once a beauty queen. In 2003, Underwood joined a university beauty pageant and finished as a runner-up.
- Every Child Needs a Pet. When most of us think of our childhood pets we think of a dog or a cat, but not Carrie Underwood. She had a pet duck named Drake. Drake's favorite food was hotdogs!
- She had never been on a plane prior to American Idol. Now, Underwood travels across the country and around the world for concerts, award shows, and other appearances.
- Underwood can play the guitar, piano, harmonica, and the drums.



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