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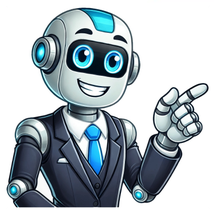

Entertainment & Pop Culture Music, Contemporary Genres Pop Music Katy Perry (born October 25, 1984, Santa Barbara, California, U.S.) is an American pop singer who gained fame for a string of anthemic and often sexually suggestive hit songs, as well as for a playfully cartoonish sense of style. Her popular singles include I Kissed a Girl, Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.), Roar, and Rise. Katy Hudson was raised in southern California, the middle child of two itinerant born-again Christian ministers. Nonreligious music was forbidden in the Hudson household, and she grew up singing church hymns and gospel tunes. As a teenager, she learned to play the guitar and sought a musical career in Nashville with a Christian record label, but her debut album, the gospel-influenced Katy Hudson (2001), sold poorly. By then, however, Hudson had found new musical models in such rock artists as Freddie Mercury and Alanis Morissette, whom she had discovered through friends. She soon moved to Los Angeles to pursue success in the secular music realm, adopting her mothers maiden name, Perry, to avoid confusion with the actress Kate Hudson. Perrys initial efforts at mainstream stardom were fruitless, with two separate record labels signing and subsequently dropping her before any material was released. In 2007, however, Capitol Records put out Perrys EP Ur So Gay, which attracted modest attention for its cheerfully flippant title track. She made a greater splash several months later with the single I Kissed a Girl, an assertive ode to sexual curiosity backed by a hard-edged electro-pop beat. The song quickly stirred controversy, as some critics derided it for promoting same-sex relations and others charged that the racy scenario it depicted catered to male fantasies of female sexuality. Nevertheless, the combination of titillation and polished melodicism helped I Kissed a Girl become a number one hit in multiple countries, powering sales for her album One of the Boys (2008). With its bouncy, sharp-tongued second single, Hot N Cold, also proving popular, the albummuch of which Perry wrote herselfeventually registered sales of more than three million copies in the United States. By late 2009 Perry had become frequent tabloid fodder, largely because of her quirky, vividly colored fashionswhich borrowed variously from 1940s pinup models, burlesque performers, and the kawaii (cute) cultural aesthetic of Japanas well as her high-profile relationship with English comedian Russell Brand, to whom she was briefly married (201012). After recording the stripped-down live album MTV Unplugged (2009), Perry returned to the studio. The resulting release, Teenage Dream (2010), which provided a broader showcase for her full-throated voice, was even more commercially successful than One of the Boys, spawning such hits as the warm-weather frivolity California Gurls (featuring rapper Snoop Dogg) and the inspirational Firework. When Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.) reached the top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart in mid-2011, Perry tied Michael Jacksons record of five number one songs from a single album. Perry maintained her grip on the mainstream with her next release, Prism (2013), which produced, among other hits, the anthemic Roar. Her 2016 single Rise was featured in television coverage of that years Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Perrys fifth studio album, Witness (2017), more introspective than her earlier work, was less well received. She returned to mainstream pop with the empowerment-oriented Smile (2020). Perry later released 143(2024), which was notable for its negative reviews. While critics often disparaged Perrys songs as vapid, the music industry was generally kinder, rewarding her with several Grammy Award nominations, including album of the year for Teenage Dream. In 2011 she made her big-screen acting debut, providing the voice of Smurfette in the film The Smurfs, and she reprised the role for a 2013 sequel. She was also the subject of the 3-D concert-tour documentary Katy Perry: Part of Me (2012). From 2018 to 2024 Perry was one of the judges on the new incarnation of the singing competition TV show American Idol. In April 2025 Perry was one of six passengers on an all-female commercial spaceflight on Amazon founder Jeff Bezoss Blue Origin rocket. During the 11-minute flight, Perry sang Louis Armstrongs classic What a Wonderful World to her fellow space tourists, which included journalist Gayle King and former National Aeronautics and Space Administration rocket scientist Aisha Bowe. Following her marriage (201012) to Russell Brand, Perry became engaged to actor Orlando Bloom in 2018. Two years later, they had a daughter. John M. Cunningham The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica It appears that rumors of Orlando Bloom attending the wedding of Jeff Bezos and Lauren Snchez without a date this weekend could be true: The actor and fiance Katy Perry have reportedly called off their engagement and broken up, People confirmed. The two began dating in 2016 after meeting at that years Golden Globes (notably sharing a vape pen and sparking rumors as well as that cart), got engaged in 2019, and share a daughter, Daisy, born in 2020.Vanity Fair has reached out to reps for Bloom and Perry for confirmation.The relationship has taken the two, together and apart, to some pretty fantastical places. They had a private audience with the Pope once. Perry went to space. Perry came back from space. They went to the DNC together in 2016. Disneyland! And there was the whole nude paddleboardingthing. Even with a one-year-ish breakup early on, you cant deny that Bloom and Perry had quite the run.In 2020, the two had been set for a summer wedding in Japan, but the COVID-19 pandemic foiled their plans. Perry, who was pregnant with Daisy at the time, did not walk down the aisle as a third-trimester bride as shed hoped, but was the recipient of one of Taylor Swifts infamous baby gifts, in the form of a hand-embroidered blanket, which is almost as memorable.An unnamed source told Us Weekly this week that the former couple are still very much in touch and co-parenting Daisy together, with Bloom traveling to Australia to be with Perry and their daughter before he reportedly heads to Venice for the Bezos wedding extravaganza.Its not messy between them, the source continued. They arent making drastic changes for Daisys sake. They will keep their lives in Montecito. They are prioritizing stability and consistency for Daisy.Their prior breakup, too, appeared amicable, with the exes often spending time together at public events. Both had been married and divorced previously: Bloom to model Miranda Kerr, and Perry to Russell Brand. Theyre hot, then theyre cold. Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom have reportedly ended their longtime engagement following rumors their relationship was on the rocks. Katy and Orlando have split but are amicable, a source close to the former couple toldUs Weekly on Wednesday, June 25. Its not contentious at the moment. Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom have reportedly ended their engagement. Getty Images The insider claimed the breakup wasa long time coming, noting things between them have been tense for months. While they say Perry is of course upset, the source said shes relieved to not have to go through another divorce, as that was the worst time in her life. The pop star was married to comedian Russell Brand from 2010 to 2012. The insider shared that Perry has been keeping busy with her Lifetimestour and is distracted amid the breakup. They also claim shes beenrenting out the estate she won in her court war against veteran Carl Westcott in Montecito, Calif. But her and Orlando have always lived in their other Montecito home as their primary residence, the source shared, adding the duo were planning on making the Westcott home their family home but plans have changed. The pair were first linked in 2016 and briefly split in 2017. Kevin Mazur/Getty Images for MTV Orlando Bloom popped the question to Katy Perry on Valentines Day 2019. katyperry/Instagram They noted that Perry and Orlando have been living apart since Katy has been on tour. However, the actor was just spotted Down Under over the weekend with their four-year-old daughter, Daisy Dove. Hes also set to attend Jeff Bezos and Lauren Sanchezs multimillion-dollar wedding ceremony solo. The Post reached out to their reps for comment. Earlier this month, sourcestold Page Sixthat Perry and Bloom were waiting till her tour is over before they split. The pop star and actor share one child, four-year-old daughter Daisy Dove. Getty Images The Fireworks hitmaker has been on tour since April 23 and is scheduled to end in December. Other sources also noted problems between the two, claiming their relationship started unraveling with Perrys poorly received 143 album when it was released in September. Katy was deeply frustrated following the reception of her new album,a sourcetold People this month. It made her very stressed. Orlando was understanding, but it did cause some tension. Katy and Orlando have split but are amicable. Its not contentious at the moment, the insider spilled. katyperry/Instagram Their relationship reportedly started to unravel with Perrys poorly received 143 album when it was released in September. orlandobloom/Instagram She was also disappointed in some of the tour reviews, they added. Its put stress on their relationship. Insiders pointed out that the I Kissed a Girl pop star and The Lord of the Rings actor hadnt set a wedding date despite being engaged for 6 years. [Perry and Bloom] never set a date for the wedding or got around to planning anything and Orlando is over it, a source told Us Weekly. Sources also shared that Bloom was over it, noting the duo never set a wedding date. Getty Images The pair were first linked in 2016. After a brief split in March 2017, they rekindled their romance in February 2018. Bloom popped the question on Valentines Day in February 2019, with the couple announcing they were expecting their first child in March 2020. Perry gave birth to Daisy months later, on August 26. Orlando Bloom was recently spotted in Australia with their daughter. Instagram In 2024, the Grammy-nominated artist got candid about their 2017 breakup on Alex Coopers Call Her Daddy podcast. We werent really in it from day one, Perry admitted. He was in a way because he had just done a time of celibacy and he had set intentions. I was fresh out of a relationship, she added, and I was just like, I cant do this anymore. I need to swim in a different pond. Perry wasnt the only one in the relationship who went through a divorce. Bloom married Australian supermodel Miranda Kerr in 2010. The pair divorced in 2013 and share one child, son Flynn, 13. THE RUNDOWNKaty Perry and Orlando Bloom have broken up after six years engaged and seven years dating.Sources explained the breakup was a long time coming and that the couple has been spending time apart during Perrys Lifetimes Tour.Perry and Bloom share one child, 4-year-old Daisy, and are amicable as they navigate their new relationship as co-parents.Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom have split after seven years together, Us Weekly reports. The couple got engaged in 2019 and welcomed their daughter, 4-year-old Daisy Dove, in 2020. A source close to them told Us Weekly, Katy and Orlando have split but are amicable. Its not contentious at the moment. Katy is of course upset but is relieved to not have to go through another divorce, as that was the worst time in her life.The breakup was a long time coming. [Things] have been tense for months, the source said, adding, [They] have been living apart since Katy has been on tour.A second source explained distance contributed to their issues: Katy has been very busy working, and they are apart often. That has caused tension. The insider noted that despite their years-long engagement, they never set a date for the wedding or got around to planning anything, and Orlando is over it.They are prioritizing their daughter now, a source close to them told the outlet. They are still very much in touch and co-parenting Daisy together, the insider explained. Orlando brought Daisy to meet Katy on tour before heading to the Bezos wedding. Its not messy between them.They are figuring out their familys new normal as they end their romantic partnership, the source said. As they do that, they arent making drastic changes for Daisys sake. They will keep their lives in Montecito, [California, where they live]. They are prioritizing stability and consistency for Daisy.On June 13, a source told People that their relationship was pretty much done, adding that the former couple does not really see them[selves] being able to turn things around here.The issues had been there for quite some time, the source shared: Its been breaking down the last couple of months and isnt looking good.A few days earlier, several sources told the publication that tension rose during the release of her latest album, 143.Katy was deeply frustrated following the reception of her new album, one source said. It made her very stressed. Orlando was understanding, but it did cause some tension.A second insider said of Perry, She was also disappointed in some of the tour reviews. Its put stress on their relationship. The former couples last public outing was in March 2025 at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party. During the weekend of June 21 and 22, Bloom was seen with Daisy in Perth, Australia, where Perry was touring. The couple wasnt photographed together.Kevin Mazur/VF25//Getty ImagesThey have broken up before, taking time apart in 2017. In September 2024, Perry shared during her Call Her Daddy interview, We werent really in it from day one. He was because he had just done a huge time of celibacy, and he had set intentions. I was fresh out of a relationship, and I was like, I cant do this anymore. I need to swim in a different pond, but I had to do a lot real work.She added of her mentality versus his, He wasnt playing that cat-mouse game anymore. I was like, This is boring. Im moving on. I was so used to this push-pull. Because once you have it. I was playing games.She then shared that she and Bloom attended couples therapy to help maintain their relationship. We want to evolve....Why were in our relationship is to become better humans so we can raise this beautiful human being, [Daisy Dove], she said. Its been different layers. The more we do the work, the more we find the next level. And sometimes we get stuck, and were like, OK, lets go in to do the work and this is going to be annoying, and I dont want to do it. We dont have the time. Im tired. But were gonna do it. And we find the next level. Thats why were continuing in the relationship. Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom, who hit up the Vanity Fair Oscars party in March, have parted ways. Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom have ended their relationship after more than nine years together, according to reports. So much for Legolas-ting love?The news was confirmed by outlets left and right, with People quoting a source who said a couple of weeks ago that the relationship was pretty much done after breaking down the last couple of months. Maybe Perry needed more space. Alas, representatives for both parties did not respond immediately to The Times requests for an official stamp of authenticity on the split. The two have been together since early 2016, when they started spending more and more time together, on the heels of Perrys relationship with John Mayer. Bloom and Miranda Kerr had divorced amicably a few years earlier, and he and the Roar singer were spotted together at events one after another after another. Dating ensued.Bloom, 48, and Perry, 40, split up for about a year starting in 2017, but got engaged in 2019. Daughter Daisy Dove was born the next summer. We are floating with love and wonder from the safe and healthy arrival of our daughter, the couple said on social media at the time. They made headlines in mid-2020 and again in late 2023 over a Montecito mansion Perry bought from a man in his 80s who later tried to snuff the deal and get the house back, saying he hadnt been in his right mind when he agreed to the sale. The singer got her way in court after a judge decided the evidence indicated the man, who founded 1-800-Flowers, was well enough to sign on the dotted line.Perry, whose current tour is in support of her 143 album, jaunted into space in mid-April on a Jeff Bezos rocket ship. While in the sky, the singer warbled What a Wonderful World and flashed a daisy shed brought along, then kissed the Earth when she and her all-female flightmates landed. Some earthlings were less than impressed. Backlash ensued. Perry said she felt like a human pinata. Sympathy was slim. Bloom and Perry are in touch and coparenting, according to an Us Weekly source, and will continue living in the Montecito area so their daughter has stability. The outlet reported that the two split up in April, before Perrys Lifetimes Tour kicked off.Then on Thursday, TMZ spotted the Lord of the Rings actor alone in Venice, chatting up some Kardashians and other guests ahead of billionaire Bezos wedding to Lauren Sanchez. Looks like he got custody of the invitation. A source connected to Perry told Us Weekly recently that the singer, whose marriage to Russell Brand ended in 2011, was upset but relieved to not have to go through another divorce, as that was the worst time in her life.In addition to Daisy, Bloom has a son, Flynn, with ex-wife and model Kerr.Times staff writer Alexandra Del Rosario contributed to this article. Page 2 Singer Katy Perry and actor Orlando Bloom have welcomed a baby girl named Daisy. Katy Perry and fianc Orlando Bloom are blooming with goodwill over the birth of their daughter, Daisy Dove Bloom.We are floating with love and wonder from the safe and healthy arrival of our daughter, the Smile singer and actor said on Wednesday, first making their birth announcement on UNICEFs Instagram account. (The couple reposted the announcement on their pages too.)The news was accompanied by a touching black-and-white photo of Bloom and Perry whose manicure featured a daisy flower grasping Daisys tiny hand.Daisy is the first child for Perry, 35, and the second for Bloom, 43. The Lord of the Rings actor has a son named Flynn with ex-wife Miranda Kerr. View this post on Instagram Welcome to the world, Daisy Dove Bloom! We are honoured to introduce Goodwill Ambassadors @KatyPerry and @OrlandoBlooms new bundle of joy. We are floating with love and wonder from the safe and healthy arrival of our daughter, Katy and Orlando told us. But we know were the lucky ones and not everyone can have a birthing experience as peaceful as ours was. Communities around the world are still experiencing a shortage of healthcare workers and every eleven seconds a pregnant woman or newborn dies, mostly from preventable causes. Since COVID-19 many more newborn lives are at risk because of the increased lack of access to water, soap, vaccines and medicines that prevent diseases. As parents to a newborn, this breaks our hearts, as we empathize with struggling parents now more than ever. As UNICEF Goodwill Ambassadors, we know UNICEF is there, on the ground, doing whatever it takes to make sure every expecting mother has access to a trained health worker and access to quality healthcare. In celebration of the heart we know our daughter already has, we have set up a donation page to celebrate DDBs arrival. By supporting them, you are supporting a safe start to life and reimagining a healthier world for every child. We hope your can bloom with generosity. Gratefully- Katy & Orlando. Please tap the link in our bio to support the most precious gift: a healthy child. A post shared by UNICEF (@unicef) on Aug 26, 2020 at 8:36pm PDT The American Idol judge was appointed a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in 2013 with a focus on engaging young people in the agencys work to improve the lives of the worlds most vulnerable children and adolescents. Bloom was appointed in 2009. On Wednesday, they used their elevated platforms and their daughters arrival to further highlight the organizations work during the COVID-19 pandemic.We know were the lucky ones and not everyone can have a birthing experience as peaceful as ours was. Communities around the world are still experiencing a shortage of healthcare workers and every eleven seconds a pregnant woman or newborn dies, mostly from preventable causes, their announcement added. The couple, who have dated on and off since 2016, also said that the pandemic has put many more newborn lives at risk because of the increased lack of access to water, soap, vaccines and medicines that prevent diseases. As parents to a newborn, this breaks our hearts, as we empathize with struggling parents now more than ever, they said. As UNICEF Goodwill Ambassadors, we know UNICEF is there, on the ground, doing whatever it takes to make sure every expecting mother has access to a trained health worker and access to quality healthcare.The couple also set up a donation page to celebrate Daisys arrival to support a safe start to life and reimagining a healthier world for every child.The California-bred Perry has continued to work while pregnant during the pandemic. She recently told The Times that she filmed music videos and other promotional material for her forthcoming album, Smile, with a 10-person crew that is continuously tested for COVID-19.That musical baby arrives Friday. Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom met in 2016 and began dating shortly afterThe "California Gurls" singer and the Pirates of the Caribbean actor got engaged in February 2019 and welcomed a daughter in August 2020On June 26, a source confirmed to PEOPLE that they had called it quits, weeks after another source said their relationship was "breaking down" After nearly nine years together, Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom have called off their engagement. The "Teenage Dream" singer and the Pirates of the Caribbean actor went public with their relationship in 2016 and got engaged in February 2019. On June 26, PEOPLE confirmed that they had called it quits, just weeks after a source said their relationship had been "breaking down the last couple of months and isn't looking good." They're pretty much done," the source told PEOPLE, adding that they "dont really see them being able to turn things around here." Throughout their relationship, Perry and Bloom were open about experiencing ups and downs, including a temporary split in February 2017. But during an April 2024 appearance onToday With Hoda & Jenna, Bloom shared that they made a "daily" choice to stay together. "I think we kind of just demand that we get up every day, and she challenges me, I challenge her," Bloom said, adding, "'I choose you, today, tomorrow, or whatever, or you choose me.' But it's a daily thing." So, why did Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom split? Here's what to know about why the Grammy-winning singer and Hollywood actor ended their engagement. Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom at the 10th Annual Breakthrough Prize Ceremony on April 13, 2024, in Los Angeles. While one source told PEOPLE that their relationship had been "breaking down" for months, another insider gave more details into whatled to them calling it quits. "The split is amicable," the source said. "They got to a point where they feel there is no going back to a healthy relationship and that its better to live separate lives. Katy doesnt take the split lightly. Shes still doing great though." Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom attend the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures Opening Gala on Sept. 25, 2021, in Los Angeles. Perry and Bloom becameInstagram officialin May 2016 after meeting at a Golden Globes afterpartyand fighting over an In-N-Out burger in January of that year. "I met my boyfriend over In-N-Out. We were at theGolden Globesand we weren't together," she said during a March 2019 episode ofAmerican Idol. "So I had my security guard grab 10 In-N-Outs and all of a sudden I see my boyfriend's hand he wasn't even sitting at our table he just swoops in and he grabs it and I was like, 'Hey that's my burger!' " The pair got engaged on Valentine's Day in 2019. During an appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live! that month, Perry shared details about the proposal, which she described as "very sweet." "It was Valentine's Day ... we went to dinner and I thought we were going to go see some art after dinner but we pulled up to a helicopter," she said. "We landed on a rooftop [in Los Angeles] my whole family was there, and all my friends. He did so well." A source then told PEOPLE that Bloom had it planned "for a while" and "wanted it all to be special." Katys family knew he was proposing. He talked to her parents about it before, the source said, adding that Perry was "very surprised and shaking with happiness." In August 2020, they started a family of their own when they welcomed their first child together, daughter Daisy Dove. Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom attend Variety's Power of Women on Sept. 30, 2021, in Beverly Hills, Calif.Emma McIntyre/Getty Though Perry and Bloom were together for nearly nine years, the former couple experienced ups and downs and temporarily split in February 2017. During a conversation with Elle that April, Bloom said they remained "friends" and that their relationship was "good." "We're all grown-up. She happens to be someone who is very visible, but I don't think anybody cares what I'm up to. Nor should they," he said. "It's between us. It's better to set an example for kids and show that [break-ups] don't have to be about hate.' " Nearly one year after their split, a source told PEOPLE that Perry and Bloom were spending time together, though they weren't "putting a label on it." "They are not girlfriend and boyfriend," the insider said. "They do seem very happy together though. Orlando always had the nicest things to say about Katy. He loves spending time with her." By September 2018, the pair made their red carpet debut as a reunited couple, and moved in together by March 2019. More recently, Perry opened up about their temporary split and reconciliation during a September 2024 appearance on Alex Cooper's Call Her Daddy podcast. "We werent, like,reallyin it from day one," she said. "I mean, he was in a way, because he had just done a huge time of celibacy, and he had set intentions. I was fresh out of a relationship, and I was just like, I can't do this anymore. I need to go swim in a different pond, but I had yet to do a lot of real work." The singer explained that Bloom embarked on a one-week retreat to the Hoffman Institute in California, where attendees "rewire all the bad habits" and "your neutral pathways through different physical activities." When he returned home, Perry recalled that he was no longer "playing this cat-mouse game" with her anymore, though she was "used to the push-pull" of their relationship. "I was like, 'This is boring. I'm moving on,' " she said. The Grammy-winning artist shared that they only "kind of" spoke during the breakup, but after going on her own retreat at the Hoffman Institute later that year, "everything started changing" and she initiated a meet-up. "I was doing a show that was close to where he was on vacation, and I was like, Ill pop over! I had promised I was gonna do the Hoffman Process, but I literally was in a bad state," she said. Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom at Kering's 3rd Annual Caring For Women Dinner on Sept. 9, 2024, in New York City.Stephanie Augello/Variety via Getty In March 2020, a source told PEOPLE that Perry and Bloom were set to tie the knot in Japan in early summer. "It was all set for Japan with 150 guests. Katy was actually really excited about walking down the aisle pregnant," the insider said. "They were both so elated that all the wedding details were finally coming together, but they are hitting pause because of coronavirus." However, with the COVID-19 pandemic beginning to spread at the time, the pair decided to postpone their celebration. In February 2022, three years after their engagement, Perry appeared on the Kyle & Jackie Oradio show and revealed that they were still looking for a wedding venue and the pandemic wasn't exactly going away. "It's adestination locationthat like, you know, we're still trying for it to work out," Perry said on theKyle & Jackie Oradio show. "But every couple of months it's like, 'New variant! New variant! New variant!' " Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom attend the premiere of 'The Cut' during the 2024 Toronto International Film Festival on Sept. 5, 2024, in Toronto. Since news of their split broke, neither Perry nor Bloom have spoken about their breakup. Perry is currently on the road for The Lifetimes Tour and is focused on giving her fans "the best show," a source told PEOPLE on June 13. "She's happy and just focused on her tour," the insider said. Meanwhile, Bloom was spotted hanging out with Kim and Khlo Kardashian in Venice, Italy, on June 26, during Jeff Bezos and Lauren Sanchez's wedding-week extravaganza. He was also seen spending time with Tom Brady on a boat.American singer (born 1984)This article is about the American singer. For the Israeli civil servant, see Katy Perry (prison commissioner). For the Australian fashion designer, see Katie Perry."Katy Hudson" redirects here. For the album, see Katy Hudson (album). Katy PerryPerry in 2024BornKatheryn Elizabeth Hudson (1984-10-25) October 25, 1984 (age40)Santa Barbara, California, U.S.OthernamesKaty HudsonKatheryn PerryOccupationsSingersongwriterTV personalityYearsactive2001presentWorksSongsdiscographyperformancesvideographySpouseRussell Brand (m.2010; div.2012)PartnerOrlando Bloom (20162025)Children1RelativesFrank Perry (uncle)AwardsFull listMusical careerGenresPopdancerockInstrumentsVocalsguitarLabelsRed HillJavaColumbiaCapitolFormerly ofThe MatrixMusical artistWebsitekatyperry.comSignatureKatheryn Elizabeth Hudson (born October 25, 1984), known professionally as Katy Perry, is an American singer, songwriter, and television personality. She is one of the best-selling music artists in history, having sold over 143 million records worldwide. Perry is known for her influence on pop music and her camp style, being dubbed the "Queen of Camp" by Vogue and Rolling Stone. The world's highest-paid female musician in 2015 and 2018, Billboard named her among the greatest pop stars of the 21st century.At 16, Perry released a gospel record titled Katy Hudson (2001) under Red Hill Records, which was commercially unsuccessful. She moved to Los Angeles at 17 to venture into secular music, and later adopted her stage name from her mother's maiden name. She recorded an album while signed to Columbia Records, but was dropped before signing to Capitol Records. Perry rose to fame with One of the Boys (2008), a pop rock record containing her debut single "I Kissed a Girl" and follow-up single "Hot n Cold", which reached number one and three on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 respectively.The disco-influenced pop album Teenage Dream (2010) spawned five U.S. number one singles"California Gurls", "Teenage Dream", "Firework", "E.T.", and "Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)" the only album by a female singer to do so. The album's reissue titled Teenage Dream: The Complete Confection (2012) produced the U.S. number one single "Part of Me". Her fourth album Prism (2013) had two U.S. number one singles, "Roar" and "Dark Horse". Both their respective music videos made her the first artist to have multiple videos reach one billion views on Vevo and YouTube. Afterwards, Perry released the albums Witness (2017), Smile (2020) and 143 (2024) to varying critical and commercial success.Perry has the second-most U.S. Diamond-certified singles for any female artist (six). She has received various accolades, including a Billboard Spotlight Award, four Guinness World Records, five Billboard Music Awards, five American Music Awards, a Brit Award, a Juno Award, and the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award. Outside of music, she released an autobiographical documentary titled Katy Perry: Part of Me in 2012, voiced Smurfette in The Smurfs film series (20112013), and launched her own shoe line Katy Perry Collections in 2017. Perry served as a judge on American Idol from the sixteenth season in 2018 to the twenty-second season in 2024. With an estimated net worth of $350 million, she is one of the world's wealthiest musicians.Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson was born on October 25, 1984, in Santa Barbara, California, to Pentecostal pastors Mary Christine (ne Perry) and Maurice Keith Hudson.[1][2] Both of her parents turned to religion after a "wild youth".[3] Perry has English, German, Irish, and Portuguese ancestry.[4] Through her mother, she is a niece of film director Frank Perry.[5] She has a younger brother named David, who is also a singer,[6] and an older sister, Angela.[7]From ages three to 11, Perry frequently moved across the country as her very strict parents set up churches before settling again in Santa Barbara. Growing up, she attended religious schools and camps, including Paradise Valley Christian School in Arizona and Santa Barbara Christian School in California during her elementary years.[2][8] The family struggled financially,[9] sometimes using food stamps and eating food from the food bank which also fed the congregation at her parents' church.[10]Growing up, Perry and her siblings were not allowed to eat the cereal Lucky Charms as the word "luck" reminded their mother of Lucifer, and were also required to call deviled eggs "angeled eggs".[11] Perry primarily listened to gospel music,[12] as secular music was generally discouraged in the family's home. She discovered popular music through CDs she smuggled home from her friends.[13] Perry later recalled a story about how a friend of hers played "You Oughta Know" by Alanis Morissette, which influenced her songwriting and singing.[14]While not strictly identifying as religious, she has stated, "I pray all the time for self-control, for humility."[15] Wanting to be like her sister Angela, Perry began singing by practicing with her sister's cassette tapes. She performed the tracks in front of her parents, who let her take vocal lessons like Angela was doing at the time. She began training at age nine;[16] she was also incorporated into her parents' ministry,[3] singing in church from ages nine to 17.[17] At 13, Perry was given her first guitar for her birthday,[3][18] and publicly performed songs she wrote.[9] She tried to "be a bit like the typical Californian girl" while growing up, and started rollerskating, skateboarding, and surfing as a teenager. Her brother David described her as a "tomboy" during her adolescence, which Perry talks about on her song "One of the Boys".[19] She took dancing lessons and learned how to swing, Lindy Hop, and jitterbug.[20] Perry completed her General Educational Development (GED) requirements early at age 15,[21] during her first year of high school,[22] and left Dos Pueblos High School to pursue a music career.[23]Perry briefly had vocal lessons with a woman named Agatha Danoff[24] in facilities rented from the Music Academy of the West.[25] Her singing caught the attention of rock artists Steve Thomas and Jennifer Knapp from Nashville, Tennessee, who brought her there to improve her writing skills.[23] In Nashville, she started recording demos and learned how to write songs and play guitar.[12] Perry signed with Red Hill Records and recorded her debut album, a contemporary Christian record titled Katy Hudson, which was released on March 6, 2001.[26] She also joined Earthsuit and V*Enna that year to perform as part of Phil Joel's Strangely Normal Tour[27][28] and embarked on other performances of her own in the United States.[29] Katy Hudson received mixed reviews from critics and was commercially unsuccessful, selling an estimated 200 copies before the label ceased operations in December.[30][31] Transitioning from gospel music to secular music, Perry started working with producer Glen Ballard,[32][33] and moved to Los Angeles at the age of 17.[34] She opted to work with Ballard due to his past work with Alanis Morissette, one of her major inspirations. In 2003, she briefly performed as Katheryn Perry, to avoid confusion with actress Kate Hudson, and later adopted the stage name "Katy Perry", using her mother's maiden name.[35] In 2010, she recalled that "Thinking of You" was one of the first songs she wrote after moving to Los Angeles.[36] Perry would also perform at the Hotel Caf, performing new music while she was between record labels.[37]In 2004, she signed to Ballard's label, Java Records, which was then affiliated with The Island Def Jam Music Group. Perry began work on a solo record due for release in March 2005, but the record was shelved after Java was dropped.[38] Ballard then introduced her to Tim Devine, an A&R executive at Columbia Records, and she was signed as a solo artist. By November 2006, Perry had finished writing and recording material for her Columbia debut titled Fingerprints (with some of the material from this time appearing on One of the Boys) which was planned for release in 2007.[39] Some of the material from Fingerprints that did not make it on One of the Boys was given to other artists, such as "I Do Not Hook Up" and "Long Shot" to Kelly Clarkson, and "Rock God" to Selena Gomez & the Scene.[40][41]Perry worked with songwriters including Desmond Child, Greg Wells, Butch Walker, Scott Cutler, Anne Preven, the Matrix, Kara DioGuardi, Max Martin, and Dr. Luke.[42][43] In addition, after Devine suggested that songwriting team the Matrix become a "real group", she recorded an album, The Matrix, with them.[44] This featured her and Adam Longlands as lead vocalists.[45] The Matrix was planned for release in 2004 but was cancelled due to creative differences. It was released in 2009 after the release of One of the Boys. Perry was dropped from Columbia in 2006 as Fingerprints neared completion. After the label dropped her, she worked at an independent A&R company, Taxi Music.[46]Perry had minor success prior to her breakthrough. One of the songs she had recorded for her album with Ballard, "Simple", was featured on the soundtrack to the 2005 film The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants.[47] Perry provided backing vocals on Mick Jagger's song "Old Habits Die Hard",[48] which was included on the soundtrack to the 2004 film Alfie.[49] In September 2004, Blender named her "The Next Big Thing".[47] She recorded background vocals on P.O.D.'s single "Goodbye for Now", was featured at the end of its music video in 2006, and performed it with them on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.[50] That year, Perry also appeared in the music video for "Learn to Fly" by Carbon Leaf, and played the love interest of her then-boyfriend, Gym Class Heroes lead singer Travie McCoy, in the band's music video for "Cupid's Chokehold".[51]After Columbia dropped Perry, Angelica Cob-Baehler, then a publicity executive at the label, brought Perry's demos to Virgin Records chairman Jason Flom. Flom was convinced that she could be a breakthrough star and she was signed to Capitol Records in April 2007. The label arranged for her to work with Dr. Luke to add an "undeniable smash" to her existing material.[52][53] Perry and Dr. Luke co-wrote the songs "I Kissed a Girl" and "Hot n Cold" for her second album One of the Boys. A campaign was started with the November 2007 release of the video to "Ur So Gay", a song aimed at introducing her to the music market.[54] A digital EP of the same name was also released that month.[55] Madonna helped publicize the song by praising it on the JohnJay & Rich radio show in April 2008,[56] stating "Ur So Gay" was her "favorite song" at the time.[57] In March 2008, Perry made a cameo appearance as a club singer in the Wildfire episode "Life's Too Short"[58] and appeared as herself during a photo shoot that June on The Young and the Restless for the show's magazine Restless Style.[59]Perry was part of the 2008 Warped Tour lineup.Perry released her first single with Capitol, "I Kissed a Girl", on April 28, 2008,[60] as the lead single from One of the Boys. The first station to pick up the song was WRVW in Nashville, who were inundated with enthusiastic calls the first three days they played it.[61] The track reached number one on the US Billboard Hot 100.[62] "I Kissed a Girl" created controversy among both religious and LGBT groups. The former criticized its homosexual theme, while the latter accused her of using bi-curiosity to sell records. In response to speculation that her parents opposed her music and career, Perry told MTV that they had no problems with her success.[63] One of the Boys, released on June 17, 2008, garnered mixed critical reviews and reached number nine on the US Billboard 200.[64][65] The album went on to sell 7 million copies worldwide.[66] "Hot n Cold" was released the following September[67] and became the album's second successful single, reaching number three on the Billboard Hot 100[68] while topping charts in Germany,[69] Canada,[70] the Netherlands[71] and Austria.[72] Later singles "Thinking of You" and "Waking Up in Vegas" were released in 2009[73][74] and reached the top 30 of the Hot 100.[68] The Matrix's self-titled debut album, which Perry had recorded with the band in 2004, was released onto iTunes on January 27, 2009, as a result of her solo success.[49][75]After finishing the 2008 Warped Tour,[76] Perry hosted the 2008 MTV Europe Music Awards in November 2008, where she won the award for Best New Act.[77] At the 2009 Brit Awards, she also won the award for International Female Solo Artist.[78] Perry embarked on her first headlining world tour, the Hello Katy Tour, from January to November 2009 to support One of the Boys.[79] On August 4, 2009, she performed as opening act for one date of No Doubt's 2009 Summer Tour.[80] Perry also hosted the 2009 MTV Europe Music Awards in November 2009, becoming the first person to host two consecutive ceremonies of the European awards.[81] On July 22, 2009, Perry recorded a live album titled MTV Unplugged, which featured acoustic performances of five tracks from One of the Boys as well as one new song, "Brick by Brick", and a cover of Fountains of Wayne's "Hackensack".[82] It was released on November 17, 2009.[83] Perry also appeared on two singles with other artists; she was featured on a remix of Colorado-based band 3OH!3's song "Starstrukk" in September 2009,[84] and on a duet with Timbaland entitled "If We Ever Meet Again", from his album Shock Value II, three months later.[85][86] The Guinness World Records recognized her in its 2010 edition as the "Best Start on the U.S. Digital Chart by a Female Artist", for digital single sales of over two million copies.[87]After Perry and Travie McCoy split up in December 2008,[88] they briefly reconciled before she ended their relationship in 2009.[89][90] Perry met her future husband Russell Brand in mid-2009 while filming a cameo appearance for his film Get Him to the Greek. Her scene, in which the two kiss, does not appear in the film.[91] She began dating Brand after meeting him again that September at the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards.[92] The couple became engaged on December 31, 2009, while vacationing in Rajasthan, India.[93]After serving as a guest judge on American Idol,[94] Perry released "California Gurls" featuring Snoop Dogg on May 7, 2010.[95] The song was the lead single from her third studio album, Teenage Dream, and reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 in June.[96] She also served as a guest judge on British The X Factor later that month[97] before releasing the album's second single, "Teenage Dream", in July.[98] "Teenage Dream" reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 in September.[99] Released on August 24, 2010,[100] Teenage Dream debuted at number one on the Billboard 200,[101] and received mixed reviews from music critics.[102] It has since sold 7 million copies worldwide.[103] Teenage Dream would go on to win the 2011 Juno Award for International Album of the Year.[104] In October, "Firework" was released as the album's third single.[105] It became the album's third consecutive number one on the Billboard Hot 100 on December 8, 2010.[106]"E.T." featuring Kanye West was released as the fourth single from Teenage Dream on February 16, 2011.[107] It topped the Billboard Hot 100 for five non-consecutive weeks, making Teenage Dream the ninth album in history to produce four number one singles on the chart.[108] "Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)" followed as the fifth single in June,[109] and Perry became the first female artist to achieve five number-one Billboard Hot 100 songs from one album when the single topped that chart on August 17, and the second artist after Michael Jackson with his album Bad.[110] For this record, she received an honorary American Music Award in November 2011[111] and a 2013 Guinness World Record.[112] On September 7, she set a new record by becoming the first artist to spend 69 consecutive weeks in the top ten of the Hot 100.[113] After "The One That Got Away" was released as the album's sixth single in October, Teenage Dream became the third album to spawn six top-five songs on the Billboard Hot 100 after Rhythm Nation 1814 by Janet Jackson and Faith by George Michael.[114][115] The song peaked at number three in the US[116] and number two in Canada.[70]On January 5, 2012, Perry was named the sixth best-selling digital artist in the United States, with sales of 37.6million units according to Nielsen SoundScan.[117] That month, she became the first artist to have four songs sell over 5 million digital units when "E.T." reached that mark along with "Firework", "California Gurls", and "Hot N Cold".[118] On February 13, Capitol released the lead single from Teenage Dream: The Complete Confection, "Part of Me", which debuted at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 and became Perry's seventh single overall to top the ch

Awards.[302] She performed during the 2024 Rock in Rio festival on the day of 143's release.[303] Eight days later, Perry headlined the pre-game entertainment at Australia's 2024 AFL Grand Final.[304] That December, she filmed a performance at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster for a special titled Katy Perry: Night of a Lifetime. Produced by Fremantle, it premiered on ITV in the United Kingdom on December 21.[305] A deluxe edition of 143, titled 1432, was released on December 20, 2024. It contains four additional tracks, and Perry called this "an early holiday gift" for her fans.[306]On April 14, 2025, she flew into space aboard Blue Origin NS-31, Blue Origin's eleventh crewed flight to space under the New Shepard program, along with Amanda Nguyen, Aisha Bowe, Kerianne Flynn, Gayle King, and Lauren Sanchez. It was the first all-female space flight since 1963.[307][308] The flight event was widely criticized for various reasons, including assertions that it was a media ploy or PR stunt for Amazon.[309][310] Later that month, Perry embarked on the Lifetimes Tour, which is scheduled to end the following December.[311] In June 2025, it was confirmed that Perry and Bloom had ended their relationship.[312][313][314]Alanis Morissette (left) and Freddie Mercury (right) both heavily influenced Perry and her music.Perry cites her sister Angela as the woman who has had the most influence on her.[274] During the early stages of her career, Perry's musical style gravitated towards gospel, and she aspired to be as successful as Amy Grant.[315] At age 15, she heard "Killer Queen" by Queen, which inspired her to pursue a music career.[316] She cites the band's frontman, Freddie Mercury, as her biggest influence and expressed how the "combination of his sarcastic approach to writing lyrics and his 'I don't give a fuck' attitude" inspired her music.[317] She paid homage to the band by naming her third fragrance Killer Queen.[198] Perry described the Beach Boys and their album Pet Sounds as having a considerable influence on her music: "Pet Sounds is one of my favorite records and it influenced pretty much all of my songwriting. All of the melody choices that I make are because of Pet Sounds."[318] The singer also holds the Beatles' album The Beatles in high esteem, and described these two albums as "the only things I listened to for probably two years straight."[319]Perry cites Alanis Morissette and her 1995 album Jagged Little Pill as a significant musical inspiration. In 2012, she stated: "Jagged Little Pill was the most perfect female record ever made. There's a song for anyone on that record; I relate to all those songs. They're still so timeless." Additionally, Perry borrows influence from Flaming Red by Patty Griffin and 10 Cent Wings by Jonatha Brooke.[320] Perry's autobiographical documentary Katy Perry: Part of Me was largely influenced by Madonna: Truth or Dare. She admires Madonna's ability to reinvent herself, saying "I want to evolve like Madonna".[321]Perry names Bjrk as an influence, particularly admiring her "willingness to always be taking chances".[320] Other artists who Perry has cited as influences include Stevie Nicks,[322] ABBA, the Cardigans,[323] Whitney Houston,[324] Cyndi Lauper,[325] Ace of Base, 3OH!3,[326] CeCe Peniston, C+C Music Factory, Black Box, Crystal Waters, Mariah Carey,[327] Heart, Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon, Imogen Heap, Rufus Wainwright,[328] Pink,[329] and Gwen Stefani.[320] "Firework" was inspired by a passage in the book On the Road by Jack Kerouac in which the author compares people who are full of life to fireworks that shoot across the sky and make people watch in awe.[330] Her second concert tour, the California Dreams Tour, was reminiscent of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.[331] She also credits the 1996 film The Craft for inspiring her song "Dark Horse",[332] and Eckhart Tolle's book The Power of Now for influencing Prism.[153]When I am in between records, sometimes I doubt myself. I'll be like "Did I just get lucky, or did I mass-manipulate the world into thinking that seven songs were worth a number-one position?" And then I go back into the studio and I start writing, and the true essential oil of who I am comes bubbling back up and reminds me that it's always been inside of me, that nobody can take this away no matter what comment anyone makes.Perry on her confidence as a songwriter[333]Although Perry's music incorporates elements of pop, rock, and disco, Katy Hudson contains gospel. Her subsequent releases, One of the Boys and Teenage Dream, involve themes of sex and love. One of the Boys is a pop rock record, while Teenage Dream features disco influences.[334][335] Perry's fourth album, Prism, is significantly influenced by dance and pop music. Lyrically, the album addresses relationships, self-reflection, and everyday life.[336] Her fifth studio effort Witness is an electropop album that she described as a "360-degree liberation" record, with themes including political liberation, sexual liberation, and liberation from negativity.[337][338] Many of her songs, particularly on Teenage Dream, reflect on love between teenagers; W magazine described the album's sexual innuendos as "irresistible hook-laden melodies".[34] Self-empowerment is a common theme in Perry's music.[339]Perry has described herself as a "singer-songwriter masquerading as a pop star"[340] and maintains that honest songwriting is very important to her. She told Marie Claire: "I feel like my secret magic trick that separates me from a lot of my peers is the bravery to be vulnerable and truthful and honest. I think you become more relatable when you're vulnerable."[15] Actress and comedian Kristen Wiig commented that "as easy, breezy, and infectious as Perry's songs can be, beneath the surface lurks a sea of mixed emotions, jumbled motives, and contradictory impulses complicated enough to fill a Carole King record."[319] According to Greg Kot of the Chicago Tribune, "being taken seriously may be Perry's greatest challenge yet."[341] In 2013, The New York Times labeled her "the most potent pop star of the day her hits are relatable with just a hint of experimentation".[342] Randall Roberts of the Los Angeles Times criticized her use of idioms and metaphors in her lyrics and for frequent "clichs".[343] Throughout her career, Perry has also co-written songs recorded by other artists, including Lesley Roy,[344] Kelly Clarkson,[345] Jessie James Decker,[346] Selena Gomez & the Scene,[347][348] Britney Spears,[349] Iggy Azalea, Rita Ora,[350] Nicki Minaj, and Ariana Grande.[351]Perry has a contralto vocal range.[352][353] Her singing has received both praise and criticism. Betty Clarke of The Guardian commented that her "powerful voice is hard-edged"[354] while Rob Sheffield from Rolling Stone described Perry's vocals on Teenage Dream as "processed staccato blips".[335] Darren Harvey of musicOMH compared Perry's vocals on One of the Boys to Alanis Morissette's, both possessing a "perky voice shifting octaves mid-syllable".[355] Alex Miller from NME felt that "Perry's problem is often her voice" on One of the Boys, stating that "somewhere along the line someone convinced her she was like, well, a ballsy rock chick".[356] Conversely, Bernadette McNulty from The Daily Telegraph praised her "rock chick voice" in a review of a concert promoting Prism.[357]Perry in her signature spinning peppermint swirl dress at the California Dreams Tour (2011)On social media, Perry surpassed Justin Bieber as the most followed person on Twitter in November 2013.[358] She won the 2015 Guinness World Record for most Twitter followers,[359] and became the first person to gain 100 million followers on the site in June 2017.[360] Keith Caulfield of Billboard stated that Perry is "the rare celebrity who seems to have enormous popularity but genuine ground-level interaction with her adoring KatyCats".[361] As of May 2025, she was the second-most followed woman on the site, with over 105 million Twitter followers, and the sixth most followed musician across social media with a combined total of over 381 million followers across Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.[362] In June 2017, Time magazine listed Perry among its "25 Most Influential People on the Internet" of the year, writing that her live-stream for Witness was "blazing a trail" for being "the closest any major entertainer has come to giving fans the kind of 'real' intimacy that social media purports to provide".[363]Perry has been described as a sex symbol; GQ labeled her a "full-on male fantasy",[9] while Elle wrote her body looked "as though sketched by a teenage boy".[22] Vice called her a "'serious' popstar/woman/sex symbol".[364] She was placed at number one on the Maxim Hot 100 in 2010 as the "most beautiful woman in the world", with editor Joe Levy describing her as a "triple no quadruple kind of hot".[365] Men's Health readers voted her the "sexiest woman of 2013".[366] In November 2010, Perry told Harper's Bazaar that she was proud of and satisfied with her figure.[367]Perry's fashion often incorporates humor, bright colors, and food-related themes[368] such as her characteristic spinning peppermint swirl dress.[369] Vogue described her as "never exactly one to shy away from the outrageous or the extreme in any realm", and called her the "Queen of Camp",[370][371] while Glamour named her the "queen of quirk".[372] In February 2009, Perry told Seventeen that her fashion style was "a bit of a concoction of different things" and stated she enjoyed humor in her clothing.[373] She has also described herself as having "multipersonality disorder" for fashion.[367] Perry lists Gwen Stefani, Shirley Manson, Chlo Sevigny, Daphne Guinness, Natalie Portman, and the fictional character Lolita as her style icons.[34][374] In 2022, Elle dubbed her as "the kitsch-loving pop star renowned for her uniquely experimental style", while Vogue described her style as "synonymous with outrageous, eye-catching ensembles that lean towards the theatrical".[375][376]During the 2017 launch of her shoe collection, Katy Perry Collections, she said about shoes: "When I first got to L.A., I cultivated my style on a budget, always shopping at thrift stores or vintage stores. ... Once, I found these flats that looked like Dalmatian dogs. They had ears that moved and a tongue that stuck out. They were such a conversation piece. That's what is so great about fashion. ... It's a form of communication. You don't have to start a smoking habit to start talking to someone. You can just wear cool shoes. It's an icebreaker."[377]In 2018, while serving as a judge on American Idol, Perry gave an unwanted kiss to a 19-year-old contestant, Benjamin Glaze. When Glaze admitted that he had never kissed a girl (a reference to Perry's song "I Kissed a Girl"), she gestured for him to come up to her for a kiss on the cheek but then kissed him on the lips. Her behavior was met with backlash, with some pointing out that if she had been a male judge who kissed a woman the same way, the reaction would have been different. Glaze later admitted that the experience made him feel uncomfortable, as it was his first kiss and he wanted it to be special, although he rejected the notion that he felt sexually harassed by Perry.[378]In August 2019, Josh Kloss, Perry's co-star in the "Teenage Dream" music video, accused her of sexual misconduct.[379] In an Instagram post, Kloss alleged that, during a party at a skating rink, Perry pulled on his sweatpants and underwear, exposing his penis to her male friends. He also said her management prevented him from speaking about his time with the singer. Johnny Wujek, the creative director of said party defended Perry, saying that she "would never do something like that" and accused Kloss of having an "ongoing obsession" with her.[380] After initially refraining from responding to this, believing it would have detracted from the MeToo movement, Perry has also denied Kloss's claims.[381]Several media outlets such as Billboard and Glamour have referred to her as the "Queen of Pop", while others like Vogue, Rolling Stone, and InStyle have dubbed Perry the "Queen of Camp".[388] Andrew Unterberger of Billboard described Teenage Dream "one of the defining LPs from a new golden age in mega-pop"[389] while Christopher Rosa of Glamour named her as an influence to the pop sound and style of the 2010s, adding that her singles are "some of the most recognizable, iconic, and impactful hits in pop history."[390] Perry was named "one of the last decade's most reliable and successful hitmakers" by the Official Charts Company in 2022.[391]Additionally, Perry was included in Glamour's "104 Women Who Defined the Decade in Pop Culture" list of the 2010s. It stated Perry "did more than just break chart records. She was one of the driving forces behind the sound of pop radio in the 2010s" for her tracks that were "glossy, booming, sugary-sweet, and undeniably catchy".[390][392] Variety included Perry in their Variety 500 list of the most influential business leaders, calling her a "global phenomenon" and a "dedicated artist and tireless self-promoter who has leveraged chart-topping hits, sold-out stadium shows, and staggering endorsement deals to become one of the richest and most influential pop stars alive."[393] A 2017 journal published by Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts studying structural patterns in the melodies of earworm songs compiled lists of catchiest tracks from 3,000 participants, in which Perry's "California Gurls" ranked number six.[394] She has been called a "gay icon" by Taylor Henderson of Out, noting how "I Kissed a Girl" helped fans explore their sexuality and how Perry openly embraced the LGBTQ+ community.[266]Perry's music has been described by Out as having a "lasting legacy", with American singers Fletcher sampling "I Kissed a Girl" and Olivia Rodrigo referencing Teenage Dream on "Brutal".[266] Additionally, other artists such as Halsey and Ariana Grande have praised Perry's work, with Halsey calling Teenage Dream the "perfect pop album" and Grande saying "The One That Got Away" is "one of the biggest and most perfectly written pop songs ever from one of the best pop albums of all time."[395][396]Perry became a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in December 2013.Perry has supported various charitable organizations and causes throughout her career. She has contributed to organizations aimed at improving the lives and welfare of children in particular. In April 2013, she joined UNICEF to assist children in Madagascar with education and nutrition.[397] On December 3, 2013, she was officially named a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, "with a special focus on engaging young people in the agency's work to improve the lives of the world's most vulnerable children and adolescents."[398] She arranged for a portion of the money generated from tickets to her Prismatic World Tour to go to UNICEF.[399] In September 2010, she helped build and design the Boys Hope/Girls Hope foundation shelter for youth in Baltimore, Maryland along with Raven-Symon, Shaquille O'Neal, and the cast of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.[400] In 2010, Perry and Nicki Minaj performed a cover of "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" for service members during the 2010 VH1 Divas Salute the Troops concert.[401]She has also supported children's education and well-being. All profits from sales of the album The Gay Nineties Old Tyme Music: Daisy Bell, which includes her rendition of "Daisy Bell (Bicycle Built for Two)", were donated to the charity Little Kids Rock, which supports musical education in underprivileged elementary schools.[188] In June 2014, she teamed up with Staples Inc. for a project entitled "Make Roar Happen" which donated $1million to DonorsChoose, an organization that supports teachers and funds classroom resources in public schools.[402] In May 2016, she worked with UNICEF to improve child care quality in Vietnam, hoping to "break the cycle of poverty and drastically improve children's health, education and well-being".[403] The following month, UNICEF announced that Perry would receive the Audrey Hepburn Humanitarian Award "for her work as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in support of the world's most vulnerable children" at their annual Snowflake Ball in November.[404] All Spotify streams of her 2021 cover of "All You Need Is Love" will generate $1 in donations for the charity Baby2Baby.[277]Perry and Nicki Minaj (right) performing for service members during the 2010 VH1 Divas Salute the Troops concertPerry has supported organizations aimed at aiding people suffering with diseases including cancer and HIV/AIDS. During the 2008 Warped Tour, she had a cast made of her breasts to raise money for the Keep A Breast Foundation.[405] She hosted and performed at the We Can Survive concert along with Bonnie McKee, Kacey Musgraves, Sara Bareilles, Ellie Goulding, and duo Tegan and Sara at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, California, on October 23, 2013. The concert's profits were donated to Young Survival Coalition, an organization aiding breast cancer in young women.[406] In June 2009, she designed an item of clothing for H&M's "Fashion Against AIDS" campaign, which raises money for HIV/AIDS awareness projects.[407] On February 26, 2017, she served as a co-chair alongside various celebrities such as Beyonc, Lea Michele, Jim Carrey, Jared Leto, and Kevin Spacey for the 25th Annual Elton John AIDS Foundation Academy Award Party, a fundraiser for HIV/AIDS healthcare.[408]The proceeds from Perry's single "Part of Me" were donated to the charity MusiCares, which helps musicians in times of need.[409] During her California Dreams Tour, she raised over $175,000 for the Tickets-For-Charity fundraiser. The money was divided between three charities: the Children's Health Fund (CHF), Generosity Water, and The Humane Society of the United States.[410]On her 27th birthday, Perry set up a donations page for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Auckland,[411] and set up a similar page benefiting the David Lynch Foundation for her 28th birthday.[412] On March 29, 2014, she helped raise $2.4million for the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles along with other celebrities such as Ryan Seacrest, Pharrell Williams, Tim Allen, Lisa Edelstein, and Riley Keough.[413]Perry performed at the One Love Manchester benefit concert for the victims of the 2017 Manchester Arena bombing, among various performers including its organizer Ariana Grande, which was broadcast live on June 4, 2017, on radio and television stations around the world.[414] In March 2018, Perry announced Witness: Coming Home, a benefit concert that was held in her hometown of Santa Barbara on May 19, 2018. The concert benefited those recovering from the aftermath of the 2017 California wildfires and 2018 Southern California mudflows. Perry partnered with the Santa Barbara Foundation, the 93108 Fund and The 805 UndocuFund, organizations which help in assisting members of the community in the Santa Barbara area through grants and various philanthropic efforts.[415]Perry performed at multiple ceremonies for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton during her 2016 campaign.Perry has publicly advocated for LGBT rights and admitted that she wrote "I Kissed a Girl" about her own bisexual experiences with other women. In 2017, she received a Nation Equality Award from Human Rights Campaign for "using her powerful voice and international platform to speak out for LGBTQ equality".[416] During her acceptance speech, she discussed having bisexual experiences, her fluid sexuality, and thanked the LGBTQ+ community.[417] In an Out interview in 2021, she was heralded as a "gay icon" with "I Kissed a Girl" being called a "bonafide queer anthem". Perry continued to thank the LGBTQ+ community in the same interview, saying: "I came from a very sheltered upbringing where it wasn't okay to be friends with anyone from that community. And now that is my community." She also mentioned "I wouldn't have survived without the community and it's amazing how full circle it's come and how much growth has happened since I started."[266] Toms Mier of Rolling Stone remarked Perry "championed queer folks, especially drag queens, throughout her career."[384]She dedicated the music video to her song "Firework" to the It Gets Better Project.[418] In June 2012, Perry expressed her hopes for LGBT equality, commenting "hopefully, we will look back at this moment and think like we do now concerning [other] civil rights issues. We'll just shake our heads in disbelief, saying, 'Thank God we've evolved.' That would be my prayer for the future."[419] In December 2012, Perry was awarded the Trevor Hero Award by The Trevor Project for her work and activism on behalf of LGBT youth.[420]Perry identifies as a feminist,[421] and appeared in April 2013 in a video clip for the "Chime for Change" campaign that aimed to spread female empowerment.[422] She has also said that America's lack of free health care drove her "absolutely crazy".[423] Following the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando in June 2016, Perry and nearly 200 other artists and executives in music signed an open letter organized by Billboard addressed to United States Congress demanding increased gun control in the United States.[424]Through Twitter and by performing at rallies, Perry supported President Barack Obama in his run for re-election and praised his support for same-sex marriage[425] and LGBT equality.[426] She performed at three rallies for Obama, in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Wisconsin, singing a rendition of "Let's Stay Together" as well as a number of her songs. During her Las Vegas performance she wore a dress made to replicate a voting ballot, with Obama's box filled in.[427] On Twitter, she encouraged her followers to vote for Obama.[428]In August 2013, prior to a performance in Australia, Perry stated that she did not agree with conservative Australian opposition leader Tony Abbott's stance against same-sex marriage, telling him "I love you as a human being but I can't give you my vote". Abbott had dialed in to a talkback segment on Sydney radio station 2Day FM to ask Perry when she would return to Australia for a full tour.[429] In April 2014, she publicly supported Marianne Williamson in her campaign for California's 33rd congressional district by attending a political press event.[430] She endorsed Kamala Harris in the United States Senate election in California, and organized a fundraiser for Harris at her home in Los Angeles in November 2016.[431] Perry also publicly endorsed former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for president in 2016.[432][433] She performed alongside Elton John at a fundraising concert for Clinton in New York City in March 2016.[434] Perry also spoke and performed at the 2016 Democratic National Convention in support of Clinton.[435]Four years later, she supported Joe Biden and Kamala Harris during the 2020 United States presidential election, praising the latter as a leader who had "experience we desperately need right now" and believed that the former "choosing her as his running mate is already a testament to his decision making".[436] In 2022, Perry posted a picture of herself voting for conservative candidate Rick Caruso in the 2022 Los Angeles mayoral election, which Democrats heavily criticized her for.[437] During the 2024 United States presidential election, she endorsed Harris for office, stating "I've always known her to fight for the most vulnerable, to speak up for the voiceless, and to protect our rights as women to make decisions about our own bodies".[438]In 2015, Perry attempted to purchase a former convent in Los Angeles, which sparked a years-long legal battle involving the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, members of the Sisters of the Most Holy and Immaculate Heart of Mary, and real estate developer Dana Hollister. Initially, she offered the archdiocese $14.5 million in cash to buy the eight-acre Los Feliz property.[439] However, two elderly nuns, Sister Rita Callanan and Sister Catherine Rose Holzman, opposed the sale and attempted to sell the property to Hollister instead at $15.5 million, believing she would preserve the site and open it to the public.[440] The archdiocese sued, asserting the nuns lacked authority to sell the property and that any sale over $7.5 million required Vatican approval.[441]In 2016, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled the sale to Hollister invalid due to the absence of necessary church approval, clearing the way for Perry's purchase.[442] In 2017, a jury determined Hollister had intentionally interfered with Perry's real estate deal and awarded $5 million in compensatory damages$3.47 million to the archdiocese and $1.57 million to Perry's company.[443] The judge later imposed an additional $10 million in punitive damages, divided between Perry and the archdiocese.[444]See also: List of awards and nominations received by Katy PerryPerry at the ARIA Music Awards in November 2014Throughout her career, Perry has won five American Music Awards,[445] fourteen People's Choice Awards,[446] four Guinness World Records,[87][112][184][359] a Brit Award,[78] and a Juno Award.[104] In September 2012, Billboard dubbed her the "Woman of the Year".[147] From May 2010 to September 2011, the singer spent a record-breaking 69 consecutive weeks in the top ten of the Billboard Hot 100.[113][447] Teenage Dream became the first album by a female artist to produce five number-one Billboard Hot 100 singles, and the second album overall after Michael Jackson's Bad.[110] In the United States, she has accumulated nine number-one singles on the Billboard Hot 100, her most recent being "Dark Horse",[171] and holds the record for having 18 consecutive number-one songs on the Billboard Dance Club Songs chart.[448]According to Billboard, she is the 15th most successful dance club artist of all time.[449] The magazine additionally ranked her fourth on its "Greatest of All Time Pop Songs Artists" list,[450] fifth on the 2025 "Top 100 Women Artists of the 21st Century" list,[451] and twenty-fifth on the 2024 "Greatest Pop Stars of the 21st Century" list,[452] included Teenage Dream and Prism among its "Greatest of All Time Billboard 200 Albums by Women" list,[453] and ranked "Dark Horse" at number 100 on its "Greatest of All Time Hot 100 Songs"[454] as well as one of its "Greatest of All Time Hot 100 Songs by Women" along with "E.T.", "Firework", and "California Gurls".[455] In June 2015, her music video for "Dark Horse" became the first video by a female artist to reach 1 billion views on Vevo.[456][457] The following month, her music video for "Roar" reached 1billion views on Vevo, making her the first artist to have multiple videos with 1 billion views.[458]With 143 million records sold worldwide,[459] Perry is one of the best-selling music artists of all time.[460] She was declared the Top Global Female Recording Artist of 2013 by the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI).[185] According to RIAA, Perry is the ninth top digital singles artist in the United States, with 121.5 million certified song units in the country including on-demand streams[461] and also has 19 million certified album units, totaling 129.5million certified units in the United States.[462] She also became the first artist to have three songs receive Diamond certifications from the RIAA in 2017 with "Dark Horse", "Firework", and "Roar".[463] All three of them and "E.T.", "California Gurls", and "Hot n Cold" have each sold over 5 million digital copies.[464] Six years later, the RIAA certified "California Gurls" as her fourth diamond-certified single in the U.S., breaking her tie with Lady Gaga as the female artist with the most diamond singles there.[465] Teenage Dream has become the first and only album in history with four diamond-certified songs on its tracklist.[466] Perry's albums One of the Boys, Teenage Dream, Prism, Witness, and Smile have individually surpassed one billion streams on Spotify.[467]In 2011, Forbes ranked her third on their "Top-Earning Women In Music" list with earnings of $44million[468] and fifth on their 2012 list with $45million.[469] She subsequently ranked seventh on the 2013 Forbes list for "Top-Earning Women In Music" with $39million earned,[470] and fifth on their 2014 list with $40million.[471] With earnings of $135million, Forbes also ranked Perry number one on their 2015 "Top-Earning Women In Music" list as well as the "World's Highest-Paid Musicians" and declared her the highest earning female celebrity in 2015, placing her at number 3 on the Forbes Celebrity 100 list.[472] In 2016, the magazine estimated her net worth was $125million,[473] and ranked her number six on their list of "Highest-Paid Women in Music" with earnings of $41million.[474] The following year, she was ranked number nine on the list with $33million.[475] In 2018, she topped its "Highest-Paid Women in Music" listing and ranked at number four on the "Highest-Paid Female Celebrities" list, with earnings of $83million.[476][477] Perry subsequently was placed at number four on the 2019 "Highest-Paid Women in Music" listings, with $57.5million.[478] Later that year, with earnings of $530million throughout the 2010s, the magazine also ranked her as the ninth-highest-earning musician of the decade.[479] Perry is one of the wealthiest musical artists; during September 2023, Forbes surmised her net worth was $340 million.[480] This increased to $350 million the following May, where she was included on the magazine's 2024 list of "America's Richest Self-Made Women".[481]Main articles: Katy Perry discography and List of songs recorded by Katy PerryKaty Hudson (2001)One of the Boys (2008)Teenage Dream (2010)Prism (2013)Witness (2017)Smile (2020)143 (2024)Main article: Katy Perry 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