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Carrie Underwood

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Carrie Marie Underwood (born March 10, 1983) is an American country singer-songwriter and actress who rose to fame as the winner of the fourth season of American Idol, in 2005. Underwood has since become a multi-platinum selling recording artist, a winner of several Grammy Awards, Billiboard Music Awards and American Music Awards, a Golden Globe Award nominee, a three-time Academy of Country Music Association Female Vocalist winner, and a two-time ACM Entertainer of the Year (She is the first-ever female artist to win back-to-back Academy of Country Music (ACM) Awards for Entertainer of the Year (2009/10). Underwood was inducted into and became a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 2008. She was also inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame in 2009.^[1]

Her debut album. Some Hearts, was certified seven times blatinum and, since February 2006, is the fastest selling debut country abum in Nielsen SoundScan history. [2] It is also the best-selling solo female debut album in country music history, since February 2008. [3] Some Hearts vielded three number one hits on the Billboard Hot Country Songs and a number one hit on the Billboard Hot 100 Songs. Her second album, Carnival Ride, was released on October 23, 2007. It has sold over 3 million copies as of January 2010, [4] being certified 3 times Platinum, [5] and produced four consecutive number one hits on the Billboard Hot Country Songs. Underwood released her third album, Play On, on November 3, 2009. It has been certified 2 times Platinum by the RIAA[5] and has produced three consecutive number one hits on the Billboard Hot Country Songs. As of June 2011, Underwood has sold over 22 million singles and 16 million albums worldwide. [61][71][9] As of May 16, 2011, Carrie became the "American Idol" US Top Earner, selling so far 12.3 million album copies and 18.5 million digital tracks, along with amassing \$66 million in tour revenues, since winning Season 4.[9]

With eleven number one hits on Billboard Hot Country Sonos. Underwood is listed in the 2012 Guinness Book Of World Records as the Female Country Artist with Most number one Hits on such chart from 1991 to present, tied with Reba McEntire. [10] Underwood is also the only solo Country Artist to have a number one hit on Billboard Hot 100 Sonos in the 2000 decade, as "Inside Your Heaven" reached the top of the chart in July 2005. Her album Some Hearts was named the Best Country Album of the 2000 Decade by Billboard, [11] and she's the only Female Artist to appear on the Top 10 of Billboard's Best Country Artists of the 2000 Decade list, ranked at #10.112] She was also ranked number 50 on the Artists of the Decade list by Billboard. [13] In June 2011, Rolling Stone magazine ranked Carrie as the #11 Queen of Pop, based on a lot of criteria from 2009 until 2011. [14] In July 2011, Forbes reported that Underwood earned over \$20 million between May 2010 and May 2011. [15]

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Underwood was born to Stephen and Carole Underwood on March 10. 1983, in Muskogee, Oklehoma, She was raised on her parents' farm in the rural town of Checotah, Oklahoma, [16] Her father worked in a sawmill, while her mother taught elementary school, [17] She has two older sisters. Shanna and Stephanie, [18] During her childhood, Underwood performed at Robbins Memorial Talent Show, and sang at her local church, First Free Will Baptist Church. [19] She later sang for local events in Checotah, including Old Settler's Day and the Lion's Club. [20]

A local admirer arranged for her to go to Nashville when she was 14 to audition for Capitol Records [19] In 1996, Capitol Records was preparing a contract for Underwood but cancelled it when company management changed. Underwood said of the event, "I honestly think it's a lot better that nothing came out of it now, because I wouldn't have been ready then. Everything has a way of working out.*[21] While at Checotah High School, she was an Honor Society member and also played basketball, softball, and cheerleading.[22] Underwood graduated from Checotah High School in 2001 as salutatorian. [20] She chose not to pursue singing after graduation. She said, "After high school, I pretty much gave up on the dream of singing. I had reached a point in my file where I had to be practical and prepare for my future in the 'real world'. [22] She attended Northeastern State University in Tallequah, Oklahoma, graduating magna cum laude in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in mass communication and an emphasis in journalism. [23] She spent part of one of her summers as a page for Oklahoma State Representative Bobby Frame. [24] She also waited tables at a pizzeria, worked at a zoo, and at a veterinary clinic. [22] Underwood is an alumna of the Alpha lota chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma Soroity. [35] For two years during the summer, she performed in Northeastern State University's Downtown Country show in Tahlequah. She also competed in numerous beauty pageants at the university and was selected as Miss NSU runner-up in 2004. [26]

American Idol

Main article: American Idol (season 4)

In the summer of 2004, Underwood auditioned for American Idol in St. Louis, Missouri. After she sang "Could've Been" by Tiffany on the top 12 girls night, judge Simon Cowell commented that she would be one of the favorites to win the competition. During the top 11 finalists performance on the March 22, 2005, Idol episode, Underwood sang a rendition of the number one 1980s rock hit "Alone", made famous by Heart, and Cowell predicted that Underwood would not only win the competition, but she would also outsel all previous (Idol winners, [27] One of the show's producers later said she dominated the voting, winning each week handly [128] She gained a fan base known as "Carrie's Care Bears" during the course of the show. During the final, she sang with Rascal Flatts their song "Bless the Broken Road*, Underwood became the fourth season winner on May 25, 2005. Her winnings included a recording contract worth at least a million dollars, use of a private jet for a year, and a Ford Mustang convertible.

Performances and results

Week	Theme	Song	Original artist	Result
Auditions	Contestant's Choice	"I Can't Make You Love Me"	Bonnie Raitt	Advanced
Hollywood Round 1	Contestant's Choice	"Young Hearts Run Free"	Candi Staton	Advanced
Top 75 Contestant's Choice		"Independence Day"	Martina McBride	Advanced
Semi-Finals 1	Contestant's Choice	"Could've Been"	Tiffany	Safe
Semi-Finals 2	Contestant's Choice	"Piece of My Heart"	Erma Franklin	Safe
Semi-Finals 3	Contestant's Choice	"Because You Love Me"	Jo Dee Messina	Safe
Top 12	Song of the 1960s	"When Will I Be Loved"	The Everly Brothers	Safe
Top 11	Billboard Number Ones	"Alone"	i-TEN	Safe
Top 10	1990s	"Independence Day"	Martina McBride	Safe
Top 9	Classic Broadway	"Hello, Young Lovers"	from The King and I	Safe
Top 8	Year They Were Born	"Love Is a Battlefield"	Pat Benatar	Safe
Top 7	1970s Dance Music	"MacArthur Park"	Richard Harris	Safe
Top 6	21st Century	"When God-Fearin' Women Get the Blues"	Martina McBride	Safe
Top 5	Lieber & Stoller Current Billboard Chart	"Trouble" "Bless the Broken Road"	Elvis Presley Nitty Gritty Dirt Band	Safe
Тор 4	Country Gamble & Huff	"Sin Wagon" "If You Don't Know Me by Now"	Dixie Chicks Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes	Safe
Тор 3	Clive Davis' Choice Contestant's Choice Judge's Choice: Randy Jackson	"Crying" "Making Love Out of Nothing at All" "Man! I Feel Like a Woman!"	Roy Orbison Air Supply Shania Twain	Safe
Top 2	Idol Single Contestant's Choice Producer's Choice	"Inside Your Heaven" "Independence Day" "Angels Brought Me Here"	Carrie Underwood/Bo Bice Martina McBride Guy Sebastian	Winner

Career

2005-2007: Some Hearts

Underwood's debut album, Some Hearts, was released in November 2005, entering the Billboard charts with 315,000 copies sold, debuting at number one on the Hot Country Albums and at number two on the Hot 200 Albums. The large first week sales of Some Hearts made it the biggest debut of any country artist since the advent of the SoundScan system in 1991. The album was the best-selling album in the United States in 2006 and the best-selling country album in the United States of 2006 and 2007. Some Hearts has since been certified seven-times Platinum by the RIAA, and is the fastest-selling debut country album in the history of the SoundScan era, [30] the best-selling solo female debut album in country music history, as of February 2008.[3] and the best-selling album by an American Idol alumni in the U.S. [31] "Inside Your Heaven". Underwood's first single, was released in June, debuting at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 and the Canadian Singles Chart, It was the longest running single of 2005 in Canada. "Inside Your Heaven" is the only single by a solo country artist in the 2000 decade to reach number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. It sold nearly one million copies and was certified gold by the RIAA and two times platinum by the CRIA. The album's second single, [32] "Jesus, Take the Wheel" was released to radio in October and later peaked at number one on the Billboard Hot Country Songs, topping it for six consecutive weeks, and at twenty on the Hot 100. The song sold over 1.8 million copies and was certified Platinum by the RIAA. [33] Underwood's third single, "Some Hearts", was also released in October, but just to the pop radios. "Don't Forget to Remember Me", her fourth single, also proved successful, reaching number two on the Billiboard Hot Country Songs chart. Later that autumn, Underwood's third country single [32] *Before He Cheats*, hit number one on Billboard's Hot Country Songs, staying there for 5 consecutive weeks. The song peaked at number eight on the Billboard Hot 100, achieving the slowest climb ever to the top 10 of the Billboard Hot 100, breaking the record that was previously held by Creed from July 2000. It sold over three million copies, being certified 3-time Platinum, and is the fourth best-selling country digital song of all time. [34] On April 11, 2007, Underwood continued her streak of top Country singles with the release of "Wasted", which peaked at number one on the Hot Country Songs Chart, sold nearly one million copies and was certified Gold by the RIAA. [35] On August 2008, "Jesus, Take the Wheel" was reported to have been certified Platinum, making Underwood the first country artist ever to have two songs hit Platinum Mastertone status together with "Before He Cheats", which has been certified earlier in 2007, [36] Underwood started her first headlined tour, Carrie Underwood: Live 2006, with dates across North America.

Arista (2005-2009)

Brad Paisley, Randy Travis

Carrie Underwood



At the 2005 Billboard Music Awards, her hit song "Inside Your Heaven" won the coveted Top-Selling Hot 100 Song of the Year award and also Top-Selling Country Single of the Year award, and she won Country Single Sales Artist of the Year. At the 2006 Academy of Country Music Awards, she won Top New Female Vocalist and Single of the Year, for "Jesus, Take the Wheel". At the 40th Annual Country Music Association Awards she won both the Horizon Award (now Best New Artist) and Female Vocalist of the Year. At the 2006 CMT Awards, Underwood won both the Breakthrough Video of the Year for "Jesus, Take The Wheel". She later won the Breakthrough Artist of the Year Award at the merican Music Awards, and was also nominated for Favorite Female Country Artist. She won 5 awards at the 2006 Billboard Music Awards, including the coveted Album of the Year, Top 200 Female Artist of the Year, Female Country Artist, New Country Artist, and Country Album of the Year. Also that year, Underwood won a Gospel Music Association (GMA) Do Award for Country Recorded Song of the Year, for "Jesus, Take The Wheel". At the Academy of Country Music Awards in 2007, Underwood won Album of the Year, Video of the Year, and Female Vocalist of the Year, She was nominated for "World's Best Selling New Artist" at the 2006 World Music Awards. At the 2007 CMT Awards in Nashville, Tennessee, on April 16, Underwood's 'Before He Cheats' won three awards, including Video of the Year, Female Video of the Year, and Video Director of the Year, and Video Director of the Year, and Video Director of the Year, Include Worlds: Female Vocalist of the Year, for the second consecutive time, and Single Record of the Year, for 'Before He Cheats'. In 2007, at the 49th Grammy Awards, Some Hearts received four Grammy nominations and Underwood won her first two Grammy Awards: Best New Artist and Best Female Country Vocal Performance for "Jesus, Take the Wheel. She sang the Eagles song "Life in the Fast Lane" alongside Grammy nominees Rascal Flatts. She also sang the Eagles' "Desperado" to honour Don Henley of The Eagles. She also paid tribute to Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys by performing "New San Antonio Rose", At the 50th Grammy Awards, in 2008, Underwood was nominated for two more Grammys: Best Female Country Vocal Performance, for "Before He Cheats" and Best Country Collaboration with Vocals, for "Oh, Love" a duet with Brad Paisley. She won one Grammy Award that night, for Best

Female Country Vocal Performance, and performed the song at the ceremony

In December 2005, Underwood was named Oklahoman of the Year by Oklahoman of the Year by Oklahoman Today (371) In December 2006, Underwood ioined Tony Bennett, Michael Bubble and Josh Groban to sing "For Once In My Life" on The Oorah Winfrey Show; [38] Also that month, she paid tribute to Dolly Parton, by singing "Islands in the Stream" with Kenny Rosers (originally by Parton and Rosers) at the Kennedy Center Honors, which honored Parton that year. Underwood performed with the USO Christmas Tour in Irraq during the 2006 Holiday season. [39] Underwood also performed at the 2007 Idol Gives Back concert singing "IT Stand By You", a cover of The Pretenders hit. Her version of the song debuted at #6 on Billboard's Hot 100 Songs. Also in 2007, Victoria's Secret named Underwood the Sexiest Female

2007-2009: Carnival Ride



Underwood's second album, Carnival Ride, [41] was released in October 2007; [42] On Carnival Ride, Underwood was more involved in the songwriting process; she set up a writers' retreat at Nashville's famed Ryman Auditorium to collaborate with such Music Row tunesmiths as Hillary Lindsey, Craig Wiseman, Rivers Rutherford, and Gordie Sampson. [43] Carrival Ride moved over 527 000 copies in its first week, debuting at number one on both the Rillboard Hot 200 Albums and Hot Country Albums, as well as number one on the Canadian Albums Chart and United World Chart. Carrival Ride was certified double platinum in just two months after its release in December [44]. The album is certified 3-time Platinum. by the RIAA, for sales of over three million. "So Small", the first single from the album, was released in July 2007 and reached number one on Billboard's Hot Country Songs, topping it for three consecutive weeks. [45] "All-American Girl", the second single, also reached number 1 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs. The rext single, "Last Name", reached inumber one on the Hot Country Song chart as well. This made Underwood the first female artist to have two consecutive albums each release three number-ones on this chart since Shania Twain in 1998. "Just a Dream", the album's next single, was released on July 2008 and later peaked at number one on the Hot Country Songs chart, staying there for 2 consecutive weeks. With that, Underwood became the third female artist in country music history to have released four consecutive Number Ones from the same album with Rosanne Cash's "King's Record Shoo" and Shania Twain's "The Woman in Me" being the other two that have done so. The album's fifth single. "I Told You So", a duet with the original singer of the song, Randy Travis, was released in February 2009. It peaked at number two on the Billboard Country charts and #9 on the Hot 100. Carnival Ride has produced 3 platinum-selling singles - "All American Girl", "Last Name" and "Just A Dream" - and 2 gold-selling singles - "So Small" and "I Told You So", both selling nearly one million copies. [46] In January 2008, Underwood embarked on a joint tour with Keith Urban named the Love, Pain and the Whole Crazy Carnival Ride Tour, with dates fixed nationwide that continued through April.[47] She then started her headlined tour, the Carnival Ride Tour, in February 2008, with dates across all North America, and ended it on December 14, 2008, playing to 1.2 million fans throughout the tour and being named the top-selling country female touring artist of 2008.[48]

By the end of 2007, Underwood won 5 awards at the Billboard Awards, including the coveted Billboard 200 Artist of the Year and also Country Artist of the Year, Favorite Female Country Artist and Favorite Country Album, for her debut album, Some Hearts. At the 2008 Academy of Country Music Awards, she won Female Vocalist of the Year, for the 2nd consecutive time. She received two nominations for the 2008 Country Music Association Awards. Underwood and Brad Paisley co-hosted the awards show^[50] and she walked away with the Female Vocalist of the Year award for the third consecutive time, but lost the Album of the Year award to George Strait. At the 2008 American Music Awards, Carnival Ride won the Favorite Country Album award, thus making that her 2nd consecutive win in such category. In 2008, Underwood also won her first international award, which was "Female Vocalist of the Year" at the European Country Music Association Awards, [51] For the 44th Acc Country Music Awards, in 2009, Underwood was nominated for four major awards. Underwood was nominated for four major awards. Underwood was nominated for Video of the Year and Entertainer of The Year, thus making her the first woman to win the award in ten years and the 7th female to take it in the award show's four decade run. Underwood was nominated for Video of the Year at the 2009 CMT Awards for "Just A Dream". In 2009, at the 51st Crammy Award for Best Female Country Vocals for "Last Name", an performed the song at the ceremony. At the 52nd Grammy Award for Best Female Country Vocals for "Last Name", and performed the song at the ceremony. At the 52nd Grammy Award for Best Female Country Vocals for "Last Name", and performed the song at the ceremony.

with Randy Travis and was also nominated again for Best Female Country Vocal Performance, for "Just A Dream". At the ceremony, she performed with Celine Dion, Usher, Smokey Robinson and Jennifer Hudson during the 3-D Michael Jackson tribute. [52] Grammy Awards producer Ken Ehrlich stated that Michael Jackson greatly admired Underwood, which is why she was hand-picked to perform during his tribute.[53]

On May 13, 2008. Underwood was invited by Randy Travis to become a member of the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Brooks into the Grand Ole Opry, [ater that month she was officially inducted by Garth Bro figure at Madame Tussauds New York. In 2009, Forbes reported that Underwood was the top earning American Idol alumni from June 2008 – May 17, 2009. She eamed more than twice as much as the second place finisher, with estimated earnings of \$14 million during this time period. [56] She appeared on the holiday CD Hear Something Country Christmas 2007 with a rendition of "Do You Hear What Hear?". The song reached number two on the AC Chart, and remained there for 3 consecutive weeks. [57] She recorded the song "Ever Ever After" for the soundtrack of the 2007 Walt Disney film Enchanted. Underwood co-wrote a song for Idol alum Kristy Lee Cook's major-label debut album Why Wait. At the 2008 Idol Gives Back, she sang George Michael's classic "Praying For Time" and later recorded it. In November 2008, Underwood recorded a virtual and posthumous duet with Elvis Presley, on his classic "II Be Home For Christmas", she says. "I couldn't say in," (58) In March 2009, she tracked a cover of Mötley Crüe's ballad "Home Sweet Home" for the American Idol season 8 farewell theme [59] Her version debuted at #21 on the Hot 100 Songs

Underwood released her third studio album in November 2009. The album debuted atop both the Billboard Hot 200 Albums and Hot Country Albums, selling nearly 318,000 copies, giving Underwood the second-highest female artist first week sales for 2009. Underwood wrote a song with pop/RRB singer-songwriter Ne-Yo for the album, [60] The first single from the album, "Cowboy Casanova", co-written by Underwood, Brett James and htip hop producer Mike Elizondo, was released in September, peaked at number one on Billboard Hot Country Songs and at eleven on the Hot 100 Songs, sold 1.6 million and was certified Platinum by the RIAA. Second single, "Temporary Home" (61) hit number one on the Billboard Hot Country Songs and the RIAA certified it Gold. [52] *Undo it*, Underwood's third single from "Play On", was released to radio in May. It was later certified Plainum by the RIAA and hit number one on the Hot Country Songs chart, giving Underwood her 10th #1 single on the Hot Country Songs. The 4th single from "Play On", was released to country radio in September and peaked at two on the Hot Country Songs. The album is certified Double Platinum by the RIAA.[5]

Underwood's Play On Tour started its first leg on March 11, 2010 in Reading, Pennsylvania [83] The second leg of the tour started on September 25, 2010 in Portland, Oregon, and ended January 1, 2011 in Detroit, Michigan. [64] Underwood sold out the prestigious Hollywood Bowl on October 2, 2010 [65] In December 2010, Pollstar.com ranked the Play On Tour one of the Too 50 tours of 2010, at #18 on the North American raking, and #31 worldwide, Billboard also ranked Underwood's tour at #24 for all worldwide tours of 2010. On January 4, 2011, official statistics revealed that Underwood played to over 1 million fans throughout the tour, [66]

At the 2009 CMA Awards she received two nominations and co-hosted the ceremony with Brad Paisley. [67] Underwood was nominated for 6 Academy of Country Music Awards. At the show, Underwood was named Entertainer of the Year, making her the only country female artist in history to win this award twice. Host Reba McEntire presented Underwood with the "ACM Triple Crown Award" signifying her winning Top New Artst, Top Female Vocalist and Entertainer of the Year during her career. She was only the second Female to win the coveted "Triple Crown Award", the first being Barbara Mandrell. At the CMT Music Awards Underwood walked away with Video of the Year for "Cowboy Casanova". She also won CMT Performance of the Year for "Temporary Home" from CMT: Invitation Only presents Carrie Underwood. [88] Underwood won two international awards at the 8th French Country Music Awards, which were Best Female Vocalist and Video of the Year, for "Cowboy Casanova". At the 2010 American Music Awards, she won "Favorite Country Album", for "Play On", making her the only artist in the American Music Award history to have all albums awarded in such a category [163]. She co-hosted the 2010 CMA Awards with Brad Paisley for the third year in a row. Underwood was the 2010 American Country Awards' top winner with six wins, Artist of the Year, Female Arti Year for ("Cowboy Casanova"), Female Artist Video of the Year for ("Cowboy Casanova") and Touring Artist of the Year. [70] At the 2011 Grammy Awards, Underwood was nominated for 'Best Female Country Vocal Performance' for "Temporary Home."[71] Underwood was honored by the CMT Artists of the Year special as one of the 5 top Artists of the year in 2010 in country music. [72] The event aired on CMT on December 3, 2010. At the 2011 Academy of Country Music Awards, Underwood sang with Steven Tyler both her song "Undo It" and Aerosmith's "Walk This Way". In May 2011, Underwood was one of the seven women to be honored by the Academy of Country Music at the Girls Night Out: Superstar Women of Country special. She was recognized for being the first and only female artist in the Academy's history to ever win Entertainer of the Year twice. [73] At the ceremony, Vince Gill introduced Underwood and presented her with the special award. He sang one of her hits, "Jesus, Take The Wheel", and joined Underwood on a rendition performance of "How Great Thou Art". The video of the performance turned into a viral sensation, reaching 3 million views on YouTube within two days. [74]



In late 2009, Underwood had her very own CMT Invitation Only 751 and also hosted a Christmas special. Carrie Underwood: An Alf-Star Holiday Special, a two-hour variety show on Fox that featured Dolly Parton, with whom she sang a rendition duet of "I Will Always Love You", seventh-season American Idol champion David Cook, Kristin Chenoweth, Brad Paisley and others [78] In May 2010. Underwood was selected on People Magazine's 100 Most Beautiful People List for 2010. This was the 4th year in a row that she was selected for this prestigious list. Also in May, Victoria's Secret named her legs the Sexiest Legs in Hollywood appeared on the CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother". Her character, Tiffany, is a pharmaceutical sales representative who becomes the love interest for another main character on the show.^[78] A few months earlier, she performed a voice-over as 'Carrie Underworm', a parodied 'worm' character, in an episode of the PBS children's television series, Sesame Street, [^{78]} Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us," the lead single from *The Chronicies of Namia*: [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us, [40] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us, [40] Underwood co-wrote a s and sonowriters. David Hodges and Hillary Lindsey, received a nomination for the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Sono [81] In March 2011, Underwood sang John Lennon's "Instant Karmal" at the NBC's special All Together Now — A Celebration of Service, which honored ex-President George H. W. Bush [82] She made her big screen debut in Souf Surfer, in April 2011, At the season ten finale of American Idol Underwood selected a song for contestant Lauren Alaina to sing.[8]

Carrie is featured on "Remind Me", a duet with Brad Paisley that reached #1 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs, giving Underwood her 11th #1 single on such chart and 14th overall. She has also a duet with Tony Bennett on his 2011 album Duets If 841 and another duet with Randy Travis on his 2011 Anniversary Celebration album. Underwood was one of the headliners of the HeartRadio Music Festival. The event took place on September 23 and 24, 2011. [85] On September 19, Underwood performed "You Really Got a Hold on Me" in order to honor Smokey Robinson, as he was presented with the Ella Award at the Society of Singers annual dinner. Robinson returned the favor to Underwood by singing "My Girl" to her. At the same event, they sang together with Slevie Wonder, Natalie Cole and other artists a medley of multiple songs [8]

Personal interests

Underwood is an animal lover and a vegetarian. She stopped eating meat at the age of thirteen because she could not stand the thought of eating one of her own animals. She was voted "World's Sexiest Vegetarian" by PETA[87] in 2007 for the second time, the first being in 2005 alongside Coldplay frontman Chris Marrin. In a 2007 interview with PETA, Underwood stated, "Ever since I was little I loved animals [...] If you told me I could never sing again, I'd say that was hornible, but it's not my life. If you told me I could never on animals again, I would just die "[88] Underwood is a supporter of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and has done several public service announcements for the organization. [89] Underwood has also done a "Protect Your Pets" public service announcements for the organization.

To benefit cancer research, in August 2008 Underwood joined Beyoncé, Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige and other female artists to record the song "Just Stand Up!". The proceeds benefited Stand Up to Cancer (SUZC). As a result of their fund raising efforts, the SUZC scientific advisory committee, overseen by the American Association for Cancer Research was able to award \$73.6 million towards novel, groundbreaking research. [91] The song peaked at #11 on Billiboard's Hot 100 Songs. In August 2009, she formed the Checotah Animal Town and School (C.A.T.S.) Foundation to benefit her hometown of Checotah, Oklahoma. On August 28, 2009, Underwood visited Checotah High School with ABC news anchor Robin Roberts, where she gave a presentation on stage, sang with a young girl in front of students and school faculty, and donated over \$117,000 worth of musical instruments to three music programs at three of Checotah's schools. Underwood 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.

Underwood has also stated she has a great interest in sports. In 2005, she performed the "Star-Spangled Banner" at Game 4 of the NBA Finals between the Sant Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons [193] and in 2006 at the NBA All-Star Game [194] She also performed the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the NFC Championship Game between the Seattle Seahawks and Carolina Panthers in 2006[195] as well as at the 2006 edition of NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600, [96] the MLB All Star Game in Pittsburgh, P.A., and at Game 3 of the 2007 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and Colorado Rockies [97] On February 7, 2010, Underwood performed the National Anthem for Super Bowl XLIV [198]

Personal life

Underwood performed at halfilims of the 2006 Thanksgiving Day football game at Texas Stadium in Inving, Texas, and was friends with Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo [99] She attended his birthday party in April 2007, and on May 15, 2007, he escorted her to the Academy of Country Music Awards. They were rumored to be dating on and off throughout 2007. Although she denied the rumor when asked, Romo confirmed it by saying ",...] I'm dating Carrie Underwood" on his website. He also told an Illinois newspaper that they were dating [100] in August 2007, Underwood began dating Chace Crawford of the American television series Gossip Girl, On October 4, 2007, People magazine reported that the two were seen holding hands in New York City, [101] though according to further reports, they ended their relationship in the spring of 2008.[102]

She became engaged in December 2009 to then Ottawa Senators (now Nashville Predators) hockey player Mike Fisher, whom she began dating after they met at one of her concerts in 2008 [100] Underwood and Fisher appeared together publicly for the first time in January 2010, at the Bell Sens Soiree, an annual fundraiser in Gatineau for the Ottawa Senators' official charity. [104] After appearing together at the CMT Awards in June 2010. Underwood told reporters that Fisher was planning a surprise honeymoon for the two of them after their summer wedding. [10]

On July 10, 2010, Underwood and Fisher wed at the Ritz Carlton Resort at Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Georgia, with more than 250 people in attendance. The couple gave People the following statement, which they signed "Mike & Carrie Fisher": "We could not feel more blessed to have found each other and to have shared this day with our friends and family that mean so much to ust" According to People, Monique Lhuillier created a dress of Chantilly lace for Underwood and also designed the bridesmaids' dresses. The ceremony featured classical music and readings of the couple's favorite Bible verses; [108] [107] National Hockey League players, as well as Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Garth Brooks, American Idol contestants, and judges Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson were in attendance. [108][109] She surprised her husband by having one of their favorite artists, Brandon Heath, sing his song "Love Never Fails" for their first dance. [110]

On February 11, 2011, 105.3 CISS-FM, an Ottawa radio station, banned Underwood's music to be played because her husband, Mike Fisher, was traded to the Nashville Predators the day before. Due to Underwood's fans' threats to never tune into the radio station on Facebook, the station later modified their statements. They apologized for their actions, saying that their statements were meant to be taken as a joke as they do not play Underwood's country songs anyway and was their tongue-in-cheek way of wishing Mike Fisher the best of luck in Nashville. [1111][112] Mike Fisher later criticized the station saying "obviously Carrie had nothing to do with the move or the trade or anything so to imply something like that was just wrong," and both he and Underwood were disappointed in the negativity that was created by the radio station. [1131][114]

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- Main article: Carrie Underwood discography
- 2005: Some Hearts • 2007: Carnival Ride

Filmography

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	Blue Bloods	Herself

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