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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*, *Billboard Music Awards* and *American Music Awards*, a *Colden Globe Award* nominee, a three-time *Academy of Country Music* and *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 platinum and, since February 2006, is the fastest selling debut country album 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* yielded 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^[6] 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.^{[6][7][8]} 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 Songs*, 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 Songs* 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.^[12] 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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Early life

Underwood was born to Stephen and Carole Underwood on March 10, 1983, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. 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 life where I had to be practical and prepare for my future in the 'real world'."^[22] She attended *Northeastern State University* in Tahlequah, 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 Iota chapter of *Sigma Sigma Sigma* sorority.^[25] 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 outsell all previous *Idol* winners.^[27] One of the show's producers later said she dominated the voting, winning each week handily.^[28] 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.^[29]

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 <i>The King and I</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" <p>"Bless the Broken Road"</p>	Elvis Presley <p>Nitty Gritty Dirt Band</p>	Safe
Top 4	Country Gamble & Huff	"Sin Wagon" <p>"If You Don't Know Me by Now"</p>	Dixie Chicks <p>Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes</p>	Safe
Top 3	Clive Davis' Choice <p>Contestant's Choice</p> <p>Judge's Choice: Randy Jackson</p>	"Crying" <p>"Making Love Out of Nothing at All"</p> <p>"Man! I Feel Like a Woman!"</p>	Roy Orbison <p>Air Supply</p> <p>Shania Twain</p>	Safe
Top 2	Idol Single <p>Contestant's Choice</p> <p>Producer's Choice</p>	"Inside Your Heaven" <p>"Independence Day"</p> <p>"Angels Brought Me Here"</p>	Carrie Underwood/Bo Bice <p>Martina McBride</p> <p>Guy Sebastian</p>	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 *Billboard Hot Country Songs* chart. Later that week, 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.



Carrie Underwood at the 2010 Academy of Country Music (ACM) Awards.

Background information	
	
	
Birth name	Carrie Marie Underwood
Born	March 10, 1983 (age 28) <div>Muskogee, Oklahoma</div>
Origin	Checotah, Oklahoma, United States
Genres	Country, country pop
Occupations	Singer-songwriter, actress
Instruments	Vocals, guitar, piano
Years active	2005–present
Labels	19 / Ariola Nashville (2005– unre)Arista (2006–2009)
Associated acts	Brad Paisley, Randy Travis
Website	www.carrieunderwoodofficial.com



Underwood performing at the World Area in 2006.

Underwood performing at the World Area in 2006.

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

In December 2005, Underwood was named Oklahoman of the Year by *Oklahoma Today*.^[37] In December 2006, Underwood joined **Tony Bennett**, **Michael Bublé** and **Josh Groban** to sing *"For Once In My Life"* on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.^[38] Also that month, she paid tribute to **Dolly Parton**, by singing "Islands in the Stream" with **Kenny Rogers** (originally by Parton and Rogers) at the **Kennedy Center Honors**, which honored Parton that year. Underwood performed with the **USO** Christmas Tour in *Iraq* during the 2006 Holiday season.^[39] Underwood also performed at the **2007 Idol Gives Back** concert singing "I'll 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 **Sixtiest Female Musician**.^[40]

2007–2009: *Carnival Ride*



Underwood performing in a concert, 2007.

Underwood performing in a concert, 2007.

Awards for "Just A Dream". In 2009, at the **51st Grammy Awards**, she won, for the third year in a row, the **Grammy Award for Best Female Country Vocal Performance**, for "Last Name", and performed the song at the ceremony. At the **52nd Grammy Awards**, in 2010, Underwood won her fifth Grammy Award: She won the **Grammy Award for Best Country Collaboration with Vocals** for "I Told You So" 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**, later that month she was officially inducted by **Garth Brooks** into the Grand Ole Opry.^[54] A few months earlier, she sang **Julie Andrews'** classic, the title song from *The Sound of Music*, at the **2007 Movies Rock: A Celebration Of Music In Film**.^[55] On October 22, 2008, Underwood unveiled her wax 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 earned 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 *Her Something: Country Christmas 2007* with a rendition of "Do You Hear What I 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 "I'll Be Home For Christmas", for his 2008 album *Christmas Duets*. Elvis' ex-wife, **Priscilla Presley**, herself asked Underwood to do the duet: "Priscilla wanted me to do 'I'll Be Home For Christmas", she says. "I couldn't say 'no.'^[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.

2009-present: *Play On*

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/R&B singer-songwriter **Ne-Yo** for the album.^[60] The first single from the album, "**Cowboy Casanova**", co-written by Underwood, **Brett James** and hip hop producer **Mike Elizondo**, was released in September, peaked at number one on *Billboard's* 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.^[62] "Undo It", Underwood's third single from "Play On", was released to radio in May. It was later certified Platinum 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, **Mama's Song**, 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.^[19]

Underwood's **Play On** Tour started its first leg on March 11, 2010 in **Reading, Pennsylvania**.^[63] 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 Top 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 Artist, 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.^[68] 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.^[69] 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 Artist of the Year, Album of the Year for *(Play On)*, Female Artist Single of the Year for "Cowboy Casanova", Female Artist Video of the Year for ("Cowboy Casanova") and Touning 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**^[75] and also hosted a Christmas special, *Carrie Underwood: An All-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.^[76] 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 **Sixtiest Legs in Hollywood**.^[77] Underwood 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 Underwood, a parodied "worm" character, in an episode of the PBS children's television series, *Sesame Street*.^[79] Underwood co-wrote and recorded a song entitled "There's a Place for Us", the lead single from *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*.^[80] Underwood and songwriters, **David Hodges** and **Hilary Lindsey**, received a nomination for the **Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song**.^[81] In March 2011, Underwood sang **John Lennon's** "Instant Karma" 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 *Soul Surfer*, in April 2011. At the season ten finale of *American Idol* Underwood selected a song for contestant **Lauren Alaina** to sing.^[83]

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 II*^[84] and another duet with Randy Travis on his 2011 *Anniversary* Celebration album. Underwood was one of the headliners of the iHeartRadio 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 **Ela** 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 **Stevie Wonder**, **Natalie Cole** and other artists a medley of multiple songs.^[86]

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 Martin**. 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 horrible, but it's not my life. If you told me I could never be around 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 announcement for **Do Something**.^[90]

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** (SU2C). As a result of their fund raising efforts, the SU2C 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 Billboard'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 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.^[92]

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 **San Antonio Spurs** and **Detroit Pistons**,^[93] and in 2006 at the **NBA All-Star Game**.^[94] She also performed the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the **NFC Championship Game** between the **Seattle Seahawks** and **Carolina Panthers** in 2006,^[95] 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**.^[98]

Personal life

Underwood performed at halftime of the 2006 **Thanksgiving Day** football game at **Texas Stadium** in **Irving, Texas**, and was friends with **Dallas Cowboys** quarterback **Tony Romo**.^[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.^[103] Underwood and Fisher appeared together publicly for the first time in January 2010, at the **Bel 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 at one of their summer wedding.^[105]

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 us!" 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.^[106]^[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.^[111]^[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.^[113]^[114]

Discography

Main article: Carrie Underwood discography

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Filmography

Year	Appearance	Role
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