

AMY WINEHOUSE

1.BASIC INFORMATION

- Full name Amy Jade Winehouse
- Born 14. September 1984 in England
- Songwriter and singer
- She died on 23. July 2011 at the age of 27

2.PARENTS

- Her parents were Jewish
- Her grandparents and dad often sang jazz songs to her when she was young
- Her parents divorced when she was 9; she lived with her mother and visited her dad on weekends

3.EDUCATION

- She studied at Susi Earnshaw Theatre School for 4 years to learn tap dance and to receive vocal training
- She also attended the Sylvia Young Theatre School from which she was allegedly expelled at the age of 14 for piercing her nose and not studying

4.CAREER

- She bought her first guitar at the age of 14 and began writing songs just a year later
- Her debut album was titled Frank; it was released on 20. October 2003 when she was 20 years old
- She received international success in 2006 when she released her 2nd album Back to black; it was the best-selling album in the UK in 2007
- Title songs Back to black and Rehab were top songs in the UK and the USA

- She soon started touring.
- In 2011 she had 5 shows in Brazil
- The scandals involving her started on the 11th of February 2011 when she was booed off stage in Dubai because she was supposedly tipsy while performing
- She kicked off her European tour on June 18th 2011 in Belgrade
- She did not finish her performance though; she was allegedly too drunk to know which city she was in, she couldn't remember the lyrics of her own songs neither did she know the names of her band members
- She cancelled her tour to sort herself out
- Her last public appearance took place in London on June 20th 2011 when she came out to support her goddaughter who was performing
- Her last recording was with Tony Bennett for his album Duets II

5. IMAGE

- Amy was know for her signature look; a beehive hairdo, red lipstick and heavy eyeliner
 - She borrowed her hairstyles idea from her greatest love; 1960s girl groups
 - She ranked 2nd on Richard Blackwell`s list of "Ten Worst Dressed Women"

6. CONTROVERSY

- She was only 24 when she already had 6 Grammy nominations, her codependent husband was in jail and paparazzi documented her whole life
- Lead to drug, cigarette and alcohol addiction
- Her label considered dropping her, ended up not doing that due to her apparently being very talented and smart

7.PERSONAL LIFE

- She went through heavy drug abuse and weight loss in 2006
- She got married to Blake Fielder-Civil in 2007
- Her parents expressed great concern, because of their fears that the two might commit suicide together
- Her husband was imprisoned from 2008 to 2009
- Winehouse meanwhile found a new boyfriend and said that she has finally found true love
- She claimed her whole marriage was based on drugs

8.DEATH

- Her bodyguard found her watching TV by herself and laughing at nothing at 2.a.m which he thought nothing of
- Later, when he decided to check on her again, he saw she didn't have a pulse nor was she breathing
- He called the ambulance and she was pronounced dead at the scene
- The cause of her death was alcohol overdose; her blood alcohol content was five times the legal drink-drive limit(416mg per 100ml)

9.INTERESTING FACTS

- The beehive on top of her head was 16.5cm tall
- She wrote her hit song Rehab by accident; she was talking to Mark Ronson about her friend trying to make her go to rehab because of alcohol abuse
- Amy had an older brother
- She had no children
- She pierced her nose when she was 13

I decided to make a presentation on Amy Winehouse because I like her songs and I think she was a great singer.

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