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## **Fantasia Barrino**

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R&B singer Fantasia Barrino was born June 30, 1984 in [High Point](#) <sup>[10]</sup>, North Carolina. She attended [Andrews High School](#) <sup>[11]</sup> in High Point until she dropped out at age 16. After that, Barrino lived briefly in [Greensboro](#) <sup>[12]</sup> before appearing on the television series [American Idol](#) <sup>[13]</sup>.

Fantasia Barrino rose to fame in 2004, winning first place in [American Idol's](#) <sup>[13]</sup> third season. Since her [Idol](#) <sup>[13]</sup> victory, Barrino has released five albums: [Free Yourself](#) <sup>[14]</sup> (2004), [Fantasia](#) <sup>[15]</sup> (2006), [Back to Me](#) <sup>[16]</sup> (2010), [Side Effects of You](#) <sup>[17]</sup> (2013), and [The Definition Of](#) <sup>[18]</sup> (2016). She won a Grammy award in 2011 for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance for the song "Bittersweet", after six previous nominations.

Barrino took a brief hiatus from recording music after her sophomore album to explore acting and writing. She played Celie Johnson for almost a year in the Broadway production of *The Color Purple* [19], based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. Barrino will also play Celie Johnson in an upcoming film adaptation.

Barinno wrote and published *Life is Not a Fairy Tale* [20] in 2005, a personal memoir of her life. The Lifetime Network [21] adapted this memoir into a 2006 television movie, *Life is Not a Fairy Tale: The Fantasia Barrino Story* [22]. Barrino played herself in this movie and was nominated for a 2007 Image Award for Outstanding Access in a Television Movie, Mini-Series, or Dramatic Special. She was also nominated for Female Choice Reality/Variety TV Star at the 2004 Teen Choice Awards for her performance on *American Idol* [13]. Fantasia continues to star in her own reality television show on VH1, *Fantasia For Real* [23].

Barrino has two children, and continues to pursue a career in R&B music and acting.

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