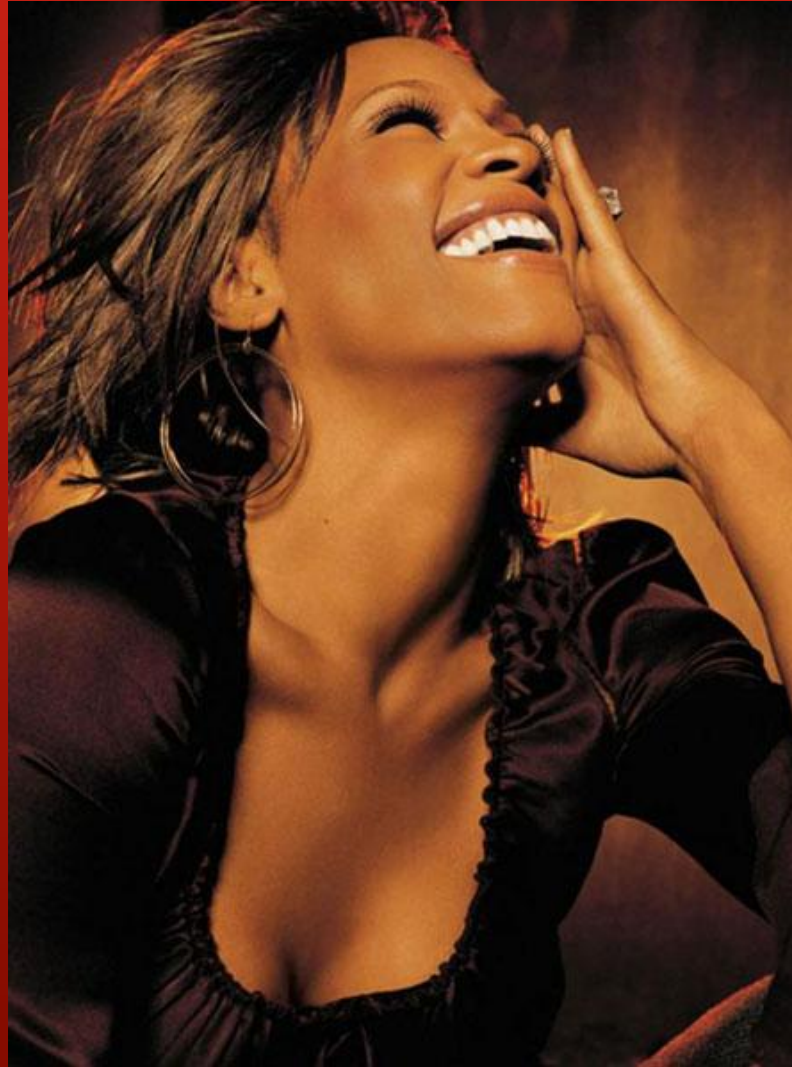
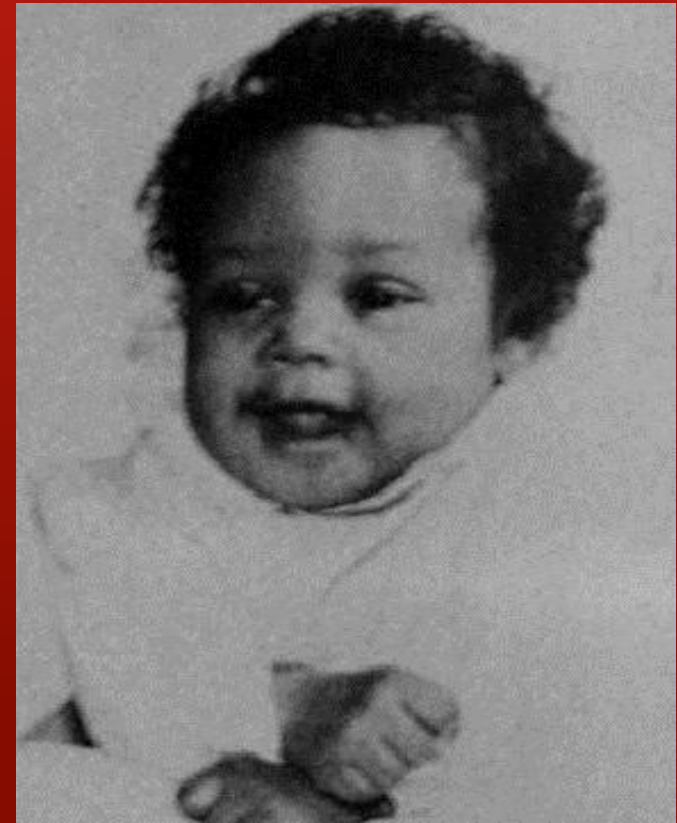


*We'll always love you...*



# The Birth

- Whitney Elizabeth Houston was born on the 9th of August in 1963 in Newark, New Jersey in a gifted family, which inspired and encouraged the development of her natural singing talent.



Close relatives helped and supported  
Whitney in her aspirations.



# Mother

- Whitney's mother is Emily Drinkard. She was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September in 1933. In girlhood she started singing in a family gospel group, "Drinkard Sisters". Later, Emily performed with the first group of her famous niece Dionne Warwick "Gospelaire". And then she entered the quartet "Sweet Inspirations".



# Father

John Houston was a manager of his wife, when Emily was in the show business. When Whitney was born, John remained in the household, to look after her.

“He was

Mom's support network while she was out on tour.” said Whitney, in tribute to her father. “He changed diapers, cooked, did my hair and dressed me, all the while providing Mom with advice and answers.”



# Brothers



- Whitney's two elder brothers, Michael and Gary, helped her career on the part of the business and music. Michael became her manager on tours, arranging everything from the lighting hire to the catering crew, while Gary joined her as a singer, performing duets and backing vocals with his sister on stage vocalist. Whitney has always been close with her family, they could rely on each other when needed support.

# The first experience

- The first time Whitney's solo voice was heard in public was, naturally, at the New Hope Baptist Church. At the age of about 11 she sang "Guide Me", and the reaction she received taught her something she would never forget. "I was aware of people staring at me. No one moved. They seemed almost in trance. I just stared at the clock in the center of the church. When I finished, everyone clapped and started crying."



# Parent's divorce



- When Whitney was 15 years old, her parents divorced. It was a shock for her though her father and mother have always lived in peace and harmony.



# Model career



Throwing herself into her extra-curricular work, Whitney found a very promising career in modelling. She appeared in US magazines *Cosmopolitan* and *Young Miss* and on the covers of *Glamour* and *Seventeen* in 1981. Modeling career led to offers of roles in TV comedy of American family "Silver spoon" and "Gimme A Break", but at the same time, Whitney was in great demand as a singer.



## Contract

□ When the president of Arista Records, Clive Davis saw Whitney Houston on stage at first, he noticed the talent of the future star in her eyes, and signed a contract with her almost immediately in 1983. It was the beginning of her singing career.

## Her discography counts 18 albums.

- 1985: Whitney Houston
- 1987: Whitney
- 1987: I Wanna Dance With Somebody
- 1987: Didn't We Almost Have It All
- 1987: So Emotional
- 1988: Love Will Save The Day
- 1990: *I'm Your Baby Tonight*
- 1992: Original Soundtrack Album
- 1992: The Bodyguard
- 1996: The Preachers Wife
- 1998: *My Love Is Your Love*
- 2000: The Greatest Hits
- 2001: **Love, Whitney**
- 2002: *Just Whitney...*
- 2002: One Of Those Days
- 2003: *One Wish: The Holiday Album*
- 2008: A Song For You
- 2009: *I Look to You*



# The Best Songs

- "I Will Always Love You" (1992).
- "Miracle" (1990)
- "I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)" (1987)
- "I Have Nothing" (1992)
- "Run to You" (1992)
- "Queen Of the Night" (1992)
- "I Look To You" (2009)



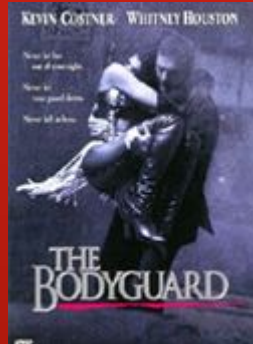
# Awards

- 6 “Grammy Awards”
- 23 “American Music Awards”
- 2 “Emmy Awards”
- 30 “Billboard Music Awards”



# She starred in four films

□ *The Bodyguard*, 1992



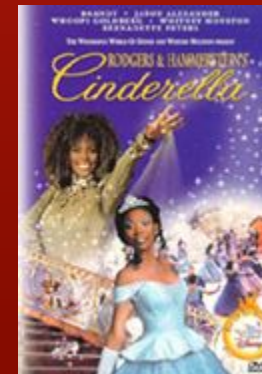
□ *Waiting to Exhale*, 1995



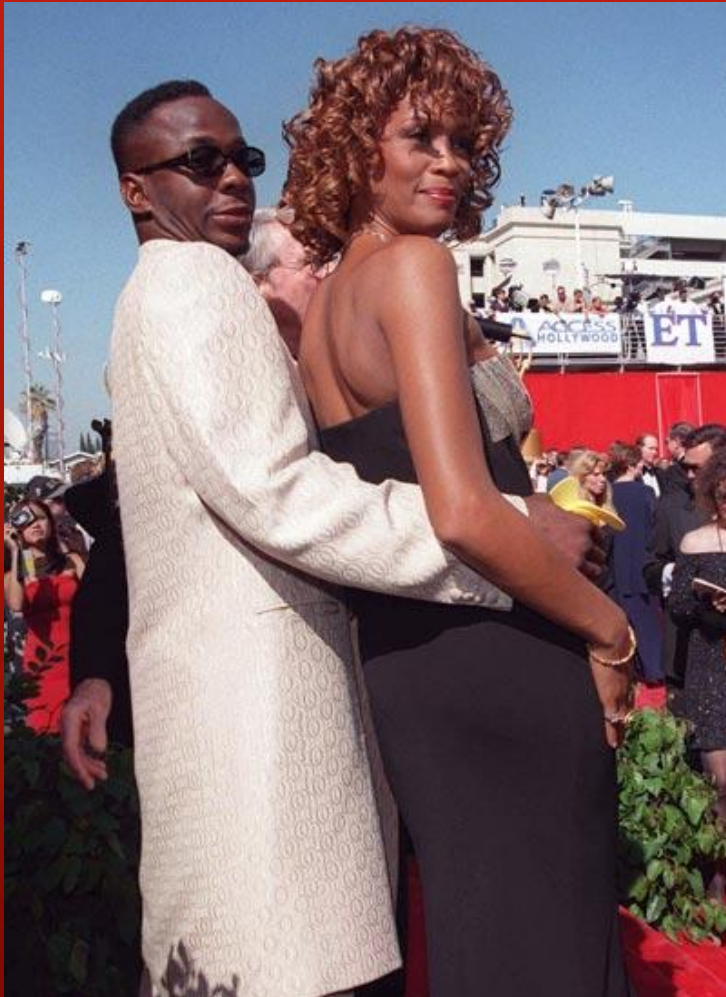
□ *The Preacher's Wife*, 1996



□ *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella*, 1997



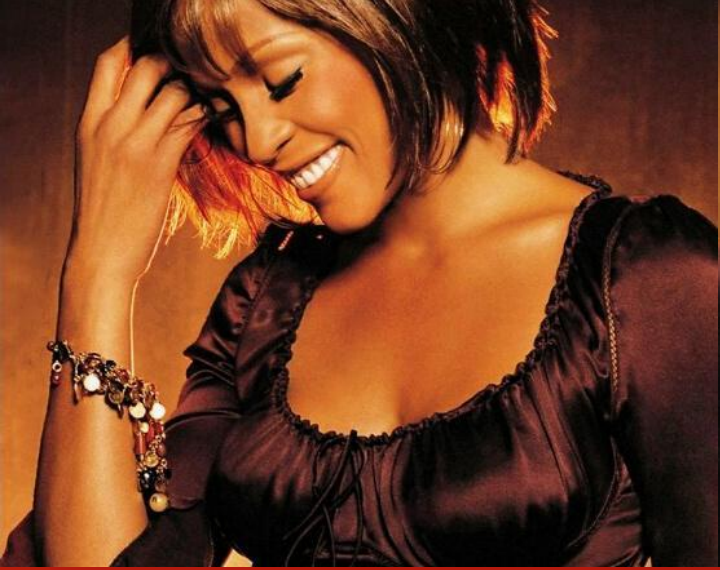
- Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown got married on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July in 1992. Their marriage lasted from 1992 to 2007.



- On the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1993, Houston gave birth to their daughter Bobby Kristina Houston-Brown, her only child, and his fourth.







□ In the autumn of 2006 Whitney and Bobby Brown divorced. It was a very difficult period in her life.



- In February 2012 the whole world was shocked by the news of Whitney Houston's unexpected death.



# Her Death

- On the 11 February in 2012, she was found dead in her suite 434 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.



□ She was buried in the cemetery «Fairview» in Westfield.



We are all touched by  
the tragic fate of  
Whitney Houston.  
She will always be in  
our hearts.



The presentation was made by the 9<sup>th</sup>  
form students :  
Nekrasova Julia  
Smirnova Anna  
Bondareva Christina  
(the teacher Chernyaeva I.V.)