

# Dannii Minogue

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***Performer, presenter, popular personality, 'national treasure'***

Dannii Minogue is one of Australia's and the UK's most popular and best-known talents. Very few in the entertainment industry have experienced the success and longevity that Dannii has, nor have they displayed her versatility.

Dannii has appeared in television, music, theatre and film since the age of seven and has performed professionally for over 42 years.



Since becoming a household name on the variety show *Young Talent Time* when she was a child, she has developed a successful solo recording career, starred in internationally successful Australian soap operas and network dramas and had leading theatre and musical roles here and in the UK. Her recent ongoing judging roles on the smash-hit television talent shows *Australia's Got Talent* and the UK's *The X Factor* have earned her numerous accolades including being hailed a 'national treasure' in the UK and being voted the nation's Number 1 Best Judge and Best Dressed Judge, TV Personality of the Year, Style Icon and Celeb of the Year.

## ***More about Dannii Minogue:***

Dannii began her career on the iconic Australian television drama series *Skyways* and *The Sullivans*, followed by six years on *Young Talent Time* and then a successful solo recording career. Dannii joined the internationally successful soap opera *Home and Away*, playing the rebellious Emma Jackson throughout 1989 and 1990. This was followed by the feature film *Secrets* (1992) opposite *Shine's* Noah Taylor, and the UK short film, *The Porter* (2005) with Max Beesley and Brian Ferry.

Dannii's theatre and musical credits include her favourite movie character 'Rizzo' in the Australian production of *Grease - The Arena Spectacular*, playing to more than 450,000 in its first season. Next came the role of Lady Macbeth in a special outdoors adaptation of *Macbeth* for the Edinburgh Festival. Another triumph saw Dannii play Esmeralda for five sell-out months in Notre Dame De Paris at London's prestigious Dominion Theatre playing to a 2,000 strong audience, seven times a week. . It was here that Dannii picked up the award for 'Best Stage Performance'.

In 2007 Dannii stepped off the stage and into the judge's chair, launching *Australia's Got Talent* and where she continues to be the most popular and only original judge. Following her judging debut Simon Cowell snapped her up to judge and mentor on UK's *The X Factor*. The show

won a National TV Award for 'Best Entertainment Show' in 2010 followed by a National TV Award for Most Popular Talent Show and Best Entertainment Show at the Royal Television Awards.

Dannii has most recently become the global face of ModelCo's 'Fibre lash', the latest eyelash enhancing product on the market. Following a highly successful monthly column for UK's Glamour magazine, Dannii is currently contributing editor for AOL's mydaily.co.uk.

In recent years Dannii has been named TV Personality of the Year, Style Icon and Celeb of the Year. At the prestigious Elle Style Awards 2010, chosen by readers, she was presented with the Best TV Star accolade by sister Kylie.

She was cover star of Sunday Times' Style and the first ever lady to grace the cover of Glamour UK twice in the same year. Dannii has also been crowned one of the world's most impeccably dressed women by British Vogue and readers of UK Glamour and the second most glamorous celeb in the world (beaten only by Victoria Beckham) by Max Factor.

Having been almost adopted by the UK, Dannii has appeared in British institution Marks and Spencer's nationwide advertising campaigns. Dannii also successfully launched her own fashion label - Project D - with co-designer Tabitha Somerset-Webb in the UK and Australia. Their first fragrance, also named Project D, was launched in September 2010.

Some of Dannii's favourite career moments have been hosting ITV1's prime-time special *Ultimate Movie Toons*, presenting *The Lion King* special for Disney and hosting the UK Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards (2008). So impressed was the President of Nickelodeon U.S., Cyma Zarghami, that she requested Dannii lecture with her at a members-only event at the British Academy of Film & Television Arts (BAFTA).

One of Australia's biggest female exports, Dannii is no stranger to the music charts. A million-selling artist, Dannii Minogue owns an anthology of 21 smash-hit singles and five studio albums. She proudly holds the music title 'Queen of the Clubs' after scoring a record-breaking 11 Number One club hits in the UK; more than any other female artist in the world. In 2003 Madonna sealed Dannii's place at the top with *Don't Wanna Lose This Groove*; a bootleg of *Into The Groove* and *Don't Wanna Lose This Feeling* - the first time Madonna had ever given permission to any artist to use her material. In total, Dannii's music has earned her more than 200 weeks - virtually four years - on the official UK sales chart.

Dannii's own music show, *Neon Nights* for London's Capital Radio, followed the official chart show and was the first radio show to ever be sold by the Radio network internationally.

Outside the world of showbiz, Dannii continues her charity work as 'Ambassador for Young People' with the Terrence Higgins Trust; the UK's leading HIV and AIDS charity. She also accepted Olivia Newton-John's personal invitation to become an Ambassador for the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre Appeal. The charity is raising money to replace the old cancer wards of the Austin Hospital in Melbourne with a brand-new building to be named the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre.



Dannii Minogue's autobiography *My Story* was published by Simon & Schuster in September 2010 with hardback sales exceeding 200,000 copies in the UK alone.

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