

Kylie Minogue

Kylie Ann Minogue is an Australian singer, songwriter and actress. After beginning her career as a child actress on Australian television, she achieved recognition through her role in the television soap opera “neighbours”, before starting her career as a singer in 1987. Her first single, “The Locomotion”, spent seven weeks at number one on the Australian singles chart and became the highest selling single of the decade.

Kylie Ann Minogue was born 28 may 1968 in Melbourne, Australia, the first child of Ronald Charles Minogue and Carol Ann. Her sister, Dannii Minogue, is also a pop singer and her brother, Brendan, works as a news cameraman in Australia. The Minogue children were raised in Surrey Hills, Melbourne, and educated at Camberwell High School. The Minogue sisters began their careers as children on Australian television. From the age of 11, Kylie appeared in small roles in soap operas. Interested in following a career in music, she made a demo tape for the producers of a weekly music programme.

During a benefit concert with other “Neighbours” cast members, Minogue performed “I Got You Babe” as a duet with the actor John Waters, and “The Locomotion” as an encore, and was signed to a recording contract with Mushroom Records in 1987. Her first single, “The Locomotion”, spent seven weeks at number one on the Australian music charts. It sold 200,000 copies, became the highest selling single of the 1980s. Her debut album, Kylie, a collection of dance-oriented pop tunes spent more than a year on the British album charts, including several weeks at number one.

Nine other albums followed. Hits like “I should be so lucky”, “Can’t get you out of my head”, “Spinning around” and “The Locomotion” are known all around the world.

In 2005, Kylie was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her hospitalisation and treatment resulted in short but intense period of reports in the media.

Minogue said that her cancer had originally been misdiagnosed. She commented, “Because someone is in a white coat and using big medical instruments doesn’t necessarily mean they’re right”, but she later spoke of her respect for the medical profession.

In November 2006, Minogue started her Showgirl tour: The Homecoming tour with a performance in Sydney. She had journalists told before the concert that she would be highly emotional, and she cried before dedicating the song “Especially for you” to her father, a survivor of prostate cancer.

2010, Minogue has confirmed that she is working on her eleventh studio album commenting that it will be an album of dance and pop music that will be released in summer 2010.