

Norah Jones (born Geetali Norah Jones Shankar; March 30, 1979) is an American singer-songwriter, musician, and actress. She is a daughter of sitar virtuoso Ravi Shankar and Sue Jones. She is Anoushka Shankar's half-sister.

In 2002, she launched her solo music career with the release of the commercially successful and critically acclaimed album *Come Away with Me*, a fusion of country music and pop with elements of jazz which was certified diamond album, selling over 26 million copies. The record earned Jones five Grammy Awards, including the Album of the Year, Record of the Year, and Best New Artist. Her subsequent studio albums *Feels Like Home*, released in 2004; *Not Too Late*, released in 2007, the same year she made her film debut in *My Blueberry Nights*; and 2009's *The Fall* all gained Platinum status, selling over a million copies each and were generally well received by critics. She experimented further on the darkly textured *Little Broken Hearts* (2012), which she wrote and recorded with pop producer Danger Mouse (byname of Brian Burton). She returned to the jazz-inflected sound of her debut album for *Day Breaks* (2016). Her later recordings included the EP *Begin Again* (2019) and her seventh studio album, *Pick Me Up Off the Floor* (2020).

Jones has won nine Grammy Awards and has sold more than 50 million albums worldwide. Billboard named her the top jazz artist of the 2000s.

After her parents' separation in 1986, Jones spent her childhood with her mother in Grapevine, Texas. She attended Colleyville Middle School and Grapevine High School before transferring to Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas. While in high school, Jones sang in the school choir, participated in band and played the alto saxophone. At the age of sixteen, with her parents' consent, she officially changed her name to Norah Jones.

Jones began singing in church and also took piano and voice lessons as a child. She still attends church. She considers herself spiritual and appreciates the rituals of her church but does not consider herself deeply religious.

She attended Interlochen Center for the Arts during the summers. While at high school, she won the DownBeat Student Music Awards for Best Jazz Vocalist (twice, in 1996 and 1997) and Best Original Composition (1996).

In 1999, she left for New York City. Less than a year later, she founded a band with Jesse Harris which would prove to be the starting gun to her career.

Norah Jones remains well-grounded in spite of her extraordinary success, and her humble, down-to-earth nature, combined with her brilliant musicianship continue to endear her to millions of fans around the world.