

> Lady Gaga takes her stardom and fan expectations to new heights as she begins her international tour, The Monster Ball, and makes her way to Orlando in January for one of the most explosive concerts of the year.

Originally she was supposed to be co-headlining a tour with Kanye West, however controversy seemed to overtake Kanye right before the tour began and it was cancelled, leaving Lady Gaga free to embark on her own world tour.

Lady Gaga has shocked, amused and entertained with her eccentric and sometimesbizarre appearance, her new pop sound and her infamous stunts. It's not all hype though, Lady Gaga has proven she has the musical chops to top the music industry.

Under the lightning bolt makeup, blonde wigs and outlandish costumes Stefani Germanotta, A.K.A. Lady Gaga, is just another girl who dreamed of being a singer.

"I was always an entertainer. I was a ham as a little girl and I'm a ham today," says Lady Gaga on her official web page.

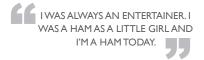
Lady Gaga began life as a normal looking brunette named Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta. Stephanie got her first record deal at 19 because of her amazing voice, but was dropped from the label because the executives failed to see anything special. After this setback, she began performing with bands and in burlesgue shows, which helped Stephanie to create her own style. Mixing the retro beats she loves with DOD and a touch of rock and roll-

a "Superstar" was born!

She got her stage name from a Queen song called "Radio Ga Ga," believing, like Oueen, that performance, looks and attitude matter just as much as music. That very attitude is what has taken her to reach new heights when "Poker Face," her second single off of The Fame album, reached number one in almost 20 countries around the world.

Another hit single 'Paparazzi' from The Fame topped the charts in 2009. It deals with stalking and the trappings of fame, but it's also about making the paparazzi fall in love with her. The up-tempo beat and danceworthy electro sound will stick in your head for days, but you won't mind because this song is magic.

If her MTV Video Music Awards performance where she sailed from the roof covered in fake blood is any indication of The Monster Ball tour, it is set to be full of amazing dances, live music and of course crazy theatrics. Lady Gaga has called this tour the first-ever 'pop-electro' opera. She said in a recent Rolling Stone interview that she wants to make this tour with story elements like an opera and "the most beautiful, most expensive-looking, delicious show, that my fans wouldn't have to pay a ton of money to come see."



The tour will feature songs from her latest album The Fame Monster as well as songs we have all grown to obsess over from The Fame. The idea behind the new songs and inspiration behind the tour is that everyone is born with a monster inside, and at some point they must face their demons.

This pop opera is sure to be something to see, whether you are a hardcore Lady Gaga fan or not, there's something for everyone. She will be appearing in all her glory on January 3 at the Hard Rock Live in Orlando. Be there and experience the 'monster' of Lady Gaga.



'Fame Monster'

Lady Gaga

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