



Karyn White

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Karyn Layvonne White (born October 14, 1965) is an American singer who was popular during the late 1980s and early 1990s. She is known for several hit singles including "Superwoman" (1988), "Secret Rendezvous" (1989), "The Way You Love Me" (1988), and the US Hot 100 number one single "Romantic" (1991).

Early life

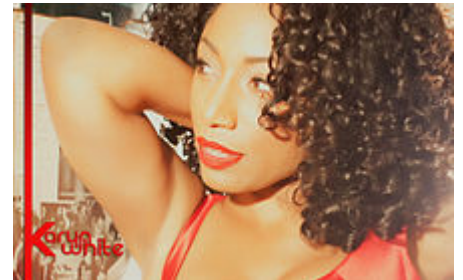
White was born in Los Angeles to Vivian and Clarence White. She is the youngest of five children. She sang in a church choir and worked as a backing singer, then sang on Jeff Lorber's 1986 "Private Passion" single "Facts of Love", "True Confessions" and "Back in Love" before signing to Warner Bros. Records.

Career

White's self-titled debut album *Karyn White* was released in 1988. It was produced by L.A. Reid and Babyface and achieved platinum status in the US. The album contained the Hot 100 hit singles "The Way You Love Me", "Secret Rendezvous", and "Superwoman" as well as the #1 R&B hit "Love Saw It", a duet with Babyface. White was nominated in the Best R&B/Urban Contemporary New Artist category for the 1989 Soul Train Music Awards which was won by Al B. Sure. She was also received nominations for two Grammy Awards. She became the first female artist to have the first three solo releases from their debut album hit #1 on the R&B charts.

Her follow-up album was *Ritual of Love* in 1991. It had songs produced by Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis and featured the hit single "Romantic", which hit number one on the U.S. *Billboard* Hot 100. Other singles from the album include "The Way I Feel About You" (U.S. #12), "Walkin' the Dog," and "Do Unto Me" (the last two did not chart). The photographer and director Matthew Rolston directed the video for the hit single "Romantic". Michael Walls, who was credited as stylist on *Ritual of Love*, worked with White on the look for the *Ritual of Love* album sleeve, and three of the music videos released for the album. Walls had the idea for the Chanel

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Background information

Birth name	Karyn Layvonne White
Born	October 14, 1965
Origin	Los Angeles, California, U.S.
Genres	R&B, soul, new jack swing
Occupation(s)	Singer, songwriter
Years active	1985–2007 2012–present
Labels	<u>Warner Bros.</u> (1986–1999) KW Entertainment (2011–)

inspired pearls and black dress used on the album cover, the french maid look and multiple wardrobe changes for video of "The Way I Feel About You", and the "Walkin' the Dog" video, which was based on a scene from the film *Sweet Charity*.

Her next album was *Make Him Do Right* in 1994. The album did not sell well, although she did chart with the singles "Hungah" and the Babyface-penned "Can I Stay With You", which became her final U.S. R&B Top 10 hit in early 1995. "I'd Rather Be Alone", her last chart single to date, peaked at #50 on the same chart later that year.

White left Warner Bros. Records in 1999, and dropped out of the music public eye for many years to start a family.

In 2006, she recorded a new album, titled *Sista Sista*; which was slated for release in 2006, but was shelved. Two tracks, "All I Do" and "Disconnected", were later released on the best of compilation album, *Superwoman: The Best of Karyn White*. She was also slated to appear on the Soul Train Music Awards in 2009 as a tribute to Babyface Edmonds. However, this performance was canceled when Edmonds and Reid withdrew from the Soul Train ceremony, declining the honor. In 2011, she was slated to have shot a pilot for a reality series with R&B singers Shanice and Debelah Morgan.

White released her first album after a seventeen-year break, *Carpe Diem*, in March 2012.^[1] The album featured the singles "Sista, Sista" and "Unbreakable" both of which received music videos.

In 2017, White landed a recurring role on the BET Centric television series "Beauty and the Baller" as trophy wife Kym Banks.^{[2][3]} She also returned with new music and her first feature film role, in *Gale and the Storm* directed by Derrick Muhammad.^[4] The soundtrack for the film was released on September 4 and included her latest single "Blind Man Walking."^{[5][6]} The film made its premiere on October 12, 2017.

She earned a 2017 UB Honors nomination for *Gale and the Storm* soundtrack in the "Best Independent R&B Album Release" category.^[7]

In July 2018, Karyn White released her single "Lame Excuses".

Personal life

White married Terry Lewis in 1992 and together they had a daughter, Ashley Nicole (currently a reporter at WTVR in Richmond, Virginia) and adopted son Brandon. Lewis brought to the marriage children Trey and Chloe.^[8] They eventually divorced in 1999, and she later married producer/musician Bobby G.

White resides in Rocklin, California, a suburb of Sacramento, and runs a successful interior design and real estate business.^[9]

Film

White starred in the feature film *Gale & The Storm* Directed by Derrick Muhammad released in 2017.^{[10][11]}

Discography

Studio albums

Year	Album details	Peak chart positions						Certifications (sales threshold)
		US ^[12]	US R&B ^[12]	CAN ^[13]	JPN ^[14]	NLD ^[15]	UK ^[16]	
1988	<i>Karyn White</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Release Date: September 6, 1988Label: <u>Warner Bros.</u>	19	1	20	—	—	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">US: Platinum^[17]UK: Gold^[18]
1991	<i>Ritual of Love</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Release Date: September 10, 1991Label: Warner Bros.	53	7	—	18	62	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">US: Gold^[17]
1994	<i>Make Him Do Right</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Release Date: September 27, 1994Label: Warner Bros.	99	22	—	17	—	—	
2012	<i>Carpe Diem</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Release Date: March 24, 2012Label: KW Enterprise / <u>Lightyear</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—	
"—" denotes a recording that did not chart or was not released in that territory.								

Compilation albums

Year	Album details	Peak positions
		JPN ^[14]
1995	<i>Sweet & Sensual</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Release Date: April 10, 1995Label: <u>WEA Japan</u>	29
2007	<i>Superwoman: The Best of Karyn White</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Release Date: April 3, 2007Label: <u>Shout! Factory</u>	—
"—" denotes a recording that did not chart or was not released in that territory.		

Singles

Year	Title	Peak chart positions	Album
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		US [19]	US R&B [19]	US Dan [19]	US A/C [19]	AUS [20]	CAN [13]	IRE [21]	NLD [15]	NZ [22]	UK [16]	
1988	"The Way You Love Me"	7	1	5	38	—	—	—	22	48	42	Karyn White
	"Superwoman"	8	1	—	12	—	16	20	—	—	11	
1989	"Love Saw It" (with Babyface)	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	"Secret Rendezvous"	6	4	1	—	—	14	—	83	—	52	
	"Slow Down"	—	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	"Secret Rendezvous" (re-release)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	
	"The Way You Love Me" (re-release)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82	
1991	"Romantic"	1	1	6	37	50	16	29	52	—	23	Ritual of Love
	"The Way I Feel About You"	12	5	—	35	—	13	—	—	47	65	
1992	"Walkin' the Dog"	—	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	"Do Unto Me"	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1994	"Hungah"	78	18	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	Make Him Do Right
	"Can I Stay with You"	81	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	—	
1995	"I'd Rather Be Alone"	120	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2012	"Sista, Sista"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Carpe Diem
	"Unbreakable"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
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As featured performer

Year	Title	Artist	Peak chart positions				Album
			US [19]	US R&B [19]	US Dan [19]	UK [16]	
1986	"Facts of Love"	<u>Jeff Lorber</u>	27	17	9	95	<i>Private Passion</i>
	"Back in Love"	Jeff Lorber w/ Michael Jeffries	—	—	—	—	
1987	"True Confessions"	Jeff Lorber	—	88	—	—	
	"We Never Called It Love"	Pauli Carman	—	—	—	—	<i>It's TIme</i>
1989	"Not Thru Being with You"	Michael Jeffries	—	32	—	99	<i>Michael Jeffries</i>
"—" denotes a recording that did not chart or was not released in that territory.							

Music videos

Song	Year	Director
"Superwoman"	1989	N/A
"Secret Rendezous"		Paul Hunter
"Romantic"	1991	Matthew Rolston
"Walkin' The Dog"	1992	Julien Temple
"Sista Sista"	2012	Gregory Everett
"Unbreakable"		Markeda Shorter

Awards and nominations

Year	Award
1989	<u>American Music Award</u> nomination for Favorite Soul/R&B New Artist
1989	Soul Train Music Award nomination for Best New Artist, Best R&B/Urban Contemporary Single, Female and Best R&B/Urban Contemporary Album, Female
1989	<u>Billboard Music Award</u> win for No. 1 R&B Single of the Year ("Superwoman") ^[23]
1989	<u>Grammy Award</u> nomination for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance ("The Way You Love Me").
1990	<u>Grammy Award</u> nomination for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance ("Superwoman")
1990	<u>American Music Award</u> nomination for Favorite Soul/R&B Album (<i>Karyn White</i>) ^[24]
2017	UB Honors nomination for Best Independent R&B Album Release (<i>Gale and the Storm - Soundtrack</i>)

See also

- List of number-one hits (United States)
- List of artists who reached number one on the Hot 100 (U.S.)
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