

= Quinn Fabray =

Quinn Fabray is a fictional character from the Fox musical comedy @-@ drama series Glee . The character is portrayed by actress Dianna Agron , and has appeared in Glee since its pilot episode , first broadcast on May 19 , 2009 . She is a former cheerleader at the fictional William McKinley High School in Lima , Ohio , as well as a member of school 's glee club . In the first episode , Quinn is introduced as an antagonistic queen bee stock character . She joins the school glee club to keep an eye on her boyfriend Finn (Cory Monteith) and becomes a spy for cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester (Jane Lynch) ; she remains part of the club after she is removed from the cheerleading team , the " Cheerios " , due to her pregnancy . Over the course of the first season , her character matures and builds friendships with the other outcasts who make up the glee club . Quinn gives birth to a baby girl , Beth , whom she gives up for adoption .

In the second season , she forms a bond with newcomer Sam Evans (Chord Overstreet) , and later romances her first boyfriend Finn , reigniting her animosity with club co @-@ captain Rachel Berry (Lea Michele) . In the third season , Quinn intends to get full custody of her daughter , Beth , and her attempts to prove Shelby Corcoran (Idina Menzel) ? the adoptive mother of Beth ? an unfit mother fail ; eventually , she realizes that Shelby is Beth 's true mother . Quinn subsequently receives a college acceptance letter from Yale , and while driving to Finn and Rachel 's wedding , her car is struck by a truck and she suffers a spinal injury that requires her to use a wheelchair for many weeks . She is eventually able to walk again .

Quinn was developed by Glee creators Ryan Murphy , Brad Falchuk and Ian Brennan . The last character to be cast , initial responses to her were positive , though they soured during season one as the pregnancy storyline continued . Songs performed by Agron as Quinn have been released as singles , available for download , and also feature on the show 's soundtrack albums . The role saw Agron nominated for the Teen Choice Award for " Breakout Female Star " in 2009 , and a Screen Actors Guild award that same year . She was initially described by Agron as Rachel 's enemy , and " terrible , the meanest girl " .

= = Storylines = =

= = = Season 1 = = =

Quinn is introduced as the captain of the cheerleading squad at William McKinley High School , the " Cheerios " , coached by Sue Sylvester (Jane Lynch) . She comes from a conservative Christian family , and is president of the celibacy club . When her teenage boyfriend Finn Hudson (Cory Monteith) joins the glee club , New Directions , Quinn worries about his interaction with the group 's star , Rachel Berry (Lea Michele) , and joins New Directions herself along with her fellow Cheerios Santana (Naya Rivera) and Brittany (Heather Morris) . Sue then enlists the three of them to help her destroy the glee club from the inside .

Upon discovering her pregnancy , Quinn convinces Finn that he is the father , despite the fact that they never actually had a sexual encounter . Quinn claims that due to his premature ejaculation problem , and during their time in a hot @-@ tub , Finn had ejaculated in the tub and Quinn had received the sperm . The real father is Finn 's best friend Puck (Mark Salling) , who offers to support Quinn and the baby , but is rejected for his irresponsibility . Quinn decides to have the baby adopted , and agrees to give it to Terri (Jessalyn Gilsig) , the wife of glee club director Will Schuester (Matthew Morrison) , who is faking a pregnancy . When news of her pregnancy is revealed to the school , Quinn is cut from the cheerleading squad and her popularity declines . Her parents evict her , and Quinn moves in with Finn and his mother . She begins to reconsider having the baby adopted , and gives Puck a chance to prove himself , but he is not reliable so she returns to her plan of giving the baby to Terri . Quinn blackmails Sue into letting her rejoin the Cheerios , but ultimately decides against it , preferring to remain with the glee club , where she feels accepted . Finn learns the truth about the baby 's paternity from Rachel , and breaks up with Quinn . Puck

again offers to support her , but she turns him down and tells him that she wants to handle the pregnancy by herself . She moves in with Puck 's family , but after forming a friendship with fellow New Directions member Mercedes Jones (Amber Riley) , Quinn lives with her family instead . She gives birth to a daughter , named Beth by Puck , who is adopted by Shelby Corcoran (Idina Menzel) , coach of rival glee club Vocal Adrenaline and Rachel 's biological mother .

= = = Season 2 = = =

At the beginning of the new school year , Quinn is reinstated as head cheerleader . She begins dating new glee club member Sam Evans (Chord Overstreet) , and later accepts a promise ring from him . When Sue forces Quinn , Santana and Brittany to choose between cheerleading and the glee club , all three initially go with the Cheerios to retain their popularity , but are later convinced by Finn to defect to New Directions . Quinn cheats on Sam with Finn , and Sam dumps Quinn after she lies to him about her time with Finn . She and Finn reunite , and Quinn starts campaigning for junior prom king and queen elections . Lauren Zizes (Ashley Fink) , Puck 's new girlfriend and one of Quinn 's rivals for prom queen , discovers that before transferring to McKinley High , Quinn was known by her first name , Lucy . She was overweight and unpopular , and after slimming down and having rhinoplasty , reinvented herself as Quinn , using her middle name . At prom , Finn is thrown out for fighting with Rachel 's date Jesse St. James (Jonathan Groff) . Quinn is not named prom queen , and blames Rachel for her loss . She slaps her , but immediately regrets it and apologizes . Finn later breaks up with Quinn when he realizes he has a deeper connection with Rachel .

= = = Season 3 = = =

At the start of her senior year , Quinn has completely reinvented herself and refuses to rejoin either the Cheerios or New Directions . Shelby lets Puck see Beth , but rejects Quinn 's desire to do likewise due to Quinn 's bad @-@ girl attitude , appearance and behavior . After seeing a picture of a happy Beth and Puck , Quinn resumes her normal appearance , and Will and the New Directions welcome her back into the club , but Quinn reveals to Puck she is only pretending to behave in order to take Beth back from Shelby , and intends to pursue full custody . After Puck tells Shelby of Quinn 's true intentions , Shelby informs Quinn that she does not want her in Beth 's life . Quinn later reveals a desire to have a second baby with Puck . Puck refuses , and tries to comfort her ; he offers to share an important secret if she promises not to tell anyone , which ultimately results in Quinn planning to get Shelby fired for sleeping with a student , Puck . Quinn decides not to reveal Shelby 's secret for Beth 's sake .

Quinn advises Rachel to refuse Finn 's marriage proposal and leave her past behind . Quinn has done so , and she has been accepted at Yale . Quinn asks to allow her to rejoin the Cheerios , but Sue refuses . However , following Regionals , she changes her mind . Quinn also changes her mind about Finn and Rachel 's marriage and supports it . Rachel is reluctant to start the subsequent wedding without Quinn , and texts Quinn . Quinn is responding to Rachel 's text when a truck crashes into the driver 's side of her car .

Quinn 's car accident has left her in a wheelchair , suffering from a severely compressed spine . By " Prom @-@ asaurus " she is able to stand and to walk a few steps in the sessions . When Quinn is nominated for prom queen , Finn agrees to campaign with her , but is outraged when he discovers that she has been hiding the fact that she can now stand for the sympathy vote . When Quinn and Santana count the votes , they discover that Finn has won and so has Quinn . Quinn realizes that the victory means nothing . She and Santana falsely report the prom queen results as a write @-@ in victory for Rachel . Her recovery is rapid enough to allow her to dance in the " Nationals " competition episode , which New Directions wins . Quinn helps Puck study for the test he needs to pass in order to graduate . She tells him that with all they went through , they are bonded for life , and she kisses him . Emboldened , Puck passes his test . Later , Quinn returns her cheerleading uniform to Sue , and the two have a tearful farewell .

== Season 4 ==

Quinn returns to Lima for Thanksgiving in the eighth episode of the season , and helps to mentor the new members of New Directions as they prepare for Sectionals competition . Quinn is partnered with Kitty Wilde (Becca Tobin) . Kitty convinces Quinn , whom she idolizes , that Jake Puckerman (Jacob Artist) , Puck 's half brother , is pressuring Marley into having sex with him . Quinn becomes hostile towards Jake , Santana confronts Quinn about having discovered that Kitty has given Marley laxatives in order to further Marley 's bulimia . Quinn , who is dating one of her teachers at Yale , accuses Santana of being jealous of her and projecting her hostility in their surrogates , leading to a fight before Quinn storms out of the choir room . Quinn travels to New York to give Rachel helpful advice over whether or not to do a nude scene in a short film in " Naked " . Quinn returns to Lima for Will and Emma 's wedding in " I Do " , and evidently single again , vents her frustrations about men . She and Santana get drunk at the wedding reception and sleep together , which they agree was a fun one @-@ time , and then two time , experimentation for Quinn .

== Season 5 ==

Quinn returns to Lima with a new boyfriend , Biff , for the special 100th episode . Puck is jealous of their relationship , because he still loves her . Quinn is lying to him because she does not want him to know about her past yet . Puck convinces her to tell Biff the truth , which she does . Biff reacts wrongly and insults her , which causes a fight between Puck and Biff . They later break @-@ up . Puck and Quinn talk about Finn and their relationship , and she realizes that she still loves him . They later start a relationship again , which is later confirmed in the next episode .

== Season 6 ==

Quinn along with the New Directions alumni return in the episode " Homecoming " to help Rachel and Kurt rebuild the New Directions . Quinn , Santana , and Brittany attempt to recruit new members by performing in Cheerios Alumni outfits , but only recruit twins Mason and Madison when former Glee new member , Kitty , who was the only member not to be transferred as Sue saw her as a star player , announced she wouldn 't return because of the way Artie treated her and everyone else when he left . Puck is still her boyfriend . She appears in " Jagged Little Tapestry " along with Tina to help Becky convince her new boyfriend that she is in every club of the school . Quinn , Tina , Sue , and Coach Roz get a huge surprise when they find out that Becky 's boyfriend , Darrell , does not have Down syndrome like Becky does . They all get a big lesson when they confront him and realize that a person with Down syndrome should be treated like everyone else . Despite being Santana and Brittany 's best friend , she is notably absent during their wedding in " A Wedding " . She is mentioned several times during the Pilot 's parallel episode " 2009 " , as Finn 's cheerleader girlfriend . She is later seen during Don 't Stop Believin ' watching the performance with Sue and Santana . She returns in the last minutes of the series finale " Dreams Come True " performing backing vocals for I Lived with the rest of the Glee Cast for the re @-@ dedication of the Auditorium .

== Development ==

== Casting and creation ==

Quinn is portrayed by actress Dianna Agron . In casting Glee , series creator Ryan Murphy sought out actors who could identify with the rush of starring in theatrical roles . Instead of using traditional network casting calls , he spent three months on Broadway looking for unknown actors . Agron was the last primary actor to be cast , having won the role only days before the pilot began filming . Agron auditioned for Glee coming from a background in dancing and acting . She has been taking

dance classes since the age of three , appeared in many music theatre productions and has appeared in television roles for Skidmarks , CSI : NY , and Heroes . Agron said in a 2009 interview pertaining to her casting session : " I nearly bailed on my audition for the show . I was so nervous " . With her wholesome good looks , Agron certainly looked the part , but the producers wondered if she appeared too innocent . Agron said in an interview : " They told me to come back with straight hair and to dress sexier . Later that week , I started work . " Agron auditioned with Frank Sinatra 's " Fly Me to the Moon " . The Glee producers said " we really lucked out in finding Agron to play Quinn " .

In December 2010 , Ryan Murphy announced that the cast of Glee would be replaced at the end of the third season to coincide with their graduation . Murphy said : " Every year we 're going to populate a new group . There 's nothing more depressing than a high schooler with a bald spot . " He also revealed that some of the original cast will leave as early as 2012 : " I think you have to be true to the fact that here is a group of people who come and go in these teachers ' lives . " Although four graduating seniors were confirmed in January 2012 as returning in the fourth season ? Rachel , Finn , Kurt and Santana ? there had been no announcement regarding Quinn or any other seniors as of the end of February 2012 . As of May 2012 , Murphy stated that all graduating seniors will come back for season 4 but , not all will be doing " all 22 episodes " .

= = = Characterization = = =

Quinn is described by Agron as Rachel Berry 's (Lea Michele) enemy , and " terrible , the meanest girl " . Agron said that her favorite part of Quinn is that " she 's smart . But she 's also human , and through her tough exterior , she 's often a little girl lost . " Interviewmagazine.com 's Lauren Waterman has described her as being " lovable , but occasionally a manipulative deposed queen bee . " Agron commented : " Yes , there is a stereotype with these characters and it wouldn 't be fair if [those stereotypes] didn 't exist a little bit . But [co @-@ creator] Ryan Murphy has a way of taking everything and turning it upside down . That 's the great thing about this show and these characters : nobody is one note , which is amazing . " Quinn was originally conceived as the antagonistic queen bee head cheerleader , a departure from Agron 's actual high school experience . Agron said in an interview with HitFix : " I definitely wasn 't cool in high school . I really wasn 't . I did belong to many of the clubs and was in leadership on yearbook and did the musical theater route , so I had friends in all areas , but I certainly did not know what to wear , did not know how to do my hair , all those things . " She added : " I think that it shows that regardless of who you are and what group you belong to , that there are so many emotions behind each person in high school . Sometimes with teens , writers or directors , anybody , short @-@ changes them and makes them be simple , simple individuals , you 're either the jock or the popular kid or the nerd . They don 't show those shades . Everybody has those shades to them . This show , it really expands upon vulnerability and excitement and anger all the experiences that you probably actually go through in high school . "

Quinn 's role as head cheerleader is central to understanding her character . Agron said that she had never had any prior cheer experience before the Pilot . " If I had been [a cheerleader] , I would 've ended up on crutches , " she told Emmy magazine . In an interview with HitFix she said , " I have new respect for the craft , because I slightly hurt myself during the pilot , coming down from one of the stunts . It 's better now . I didn 't tear something in my knee , but I strained it . Knees are very sensitive , I 've learned . It 's crazy , because I 've been dancing since I was three on my toes and all these things . And you should never say this , but I 've never injured myself ever . I 'd seen gnarly injuries with dance and all these things . You shouldn 't say that , though , because every day is an opportunity to fall , hurt yourself , so that was my experience . "

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

Quinn has received positive reviews from critics . The role saw Agron nominated for the Teen Choice Award for " Female Breakout Star " in 2009 . She and the other cast members were awarded the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series in 2010 , and nominated in the same category the following year .

The character 's accidental pregnancy storyline received mixed reviews from critics . Tim Stack for Entertainment Weekly deemed it " a good dramatic twist " , but hoped that it would not be a long @-@ lasting storyline . Reviews of her storyline became increasingly negative , though Agron was praised for her dramatic acting during the confrontation scene with Quinn 's parents in " Ballad " . Gerrick D. Kennedy , writing for the Los Angeles Times , was critical of the ongoing pregnancy plot in the episode " Hairography " , and noted that he cringed whenever Quinn appeared on screen . Conversely , Bobby Hankinson of the Houston Chronicle enjoyed Quinn in the episode , and wrote : " I love that she can keep her Mean Girls edge while being heartbreakingly sad or as joyful as she was singing " Papa Don 't Preach " . Reviewing the episode " Journey to Regionals " , Entertainment Weekly 's Darren Franich called Quinn 's birthing scenes ? interspersed with Vocal Adrenaline performing Queen 's " Bohemian Rhapsody " ? both " brilliant " and " terrible " . He wrote , " If nothing else , it was definitely the most visually arresting way to represent the birthing process I 've ever seen outside of The Miracle of Life . But I kind of liked it . Somewhere , Freddie Mercury is nodding proudly , and saying , ' World , I forgive you for We Will Rock You . ' "

Brett Berk , writing for Vanity Fair , was positive about the scripting of the Quinn character in the second season premiere , now that the pregnancy storyline was over , and was happy to see the return of " evil Quinn " . Joel Kelly of TV Squad criticized the decision to pair Quinn with Finn again in the Valentine 's Day oriented episode . He saw it as a regression of the characters , and commented : " Yes , it feels like Glee Classic , because the series started with the two of them together . But both of them have changed ? Quinn more so than Finn ? and having them dating again seems like they 're going back to the days when Quinn was the icy lead Cheerio and Finn was the nice but dumb star quarterback . "

Quinn 's season three reinvention attracted mixed reviews . Lesley Goldberg of The Hollywood Reporter listed her change as a highlight of the episode , and hoped to see more of her new attitude . The Atlantic 's Kevin Fallon called it " the most interesting thing Quinn has done since giving birth to a baby to the soundtrack of ' Bohemian Rhapsody ' " , but VanDerWerff suggested the development hinged on the fact the producers no longer knew how to utilize Agron .

She was ranked No. 13 in AfterEllen.com 's Top 50 Favorite Female TV Characters .

= = = Musical performances = = =

Several songs performed by Agron as Quinn have been released as singles , available for digital download , also featured on the show 's soundtrack albums . Agron made her musical debut at the end of the episode " Showmance " where she performed Dionne Warwick 's " I Say a Little Prayer " . Quinn 's next solo was in the episode " Throwdown " , where she performed The Supremes ' " You Keep Me Hangin ' On " . The song was released on Glee : The Music , Volume 1 . Flandez deemed the cover of " Keep Holding On " , the ensemble performance on the episode , an " emotionally satisfying showstopper " , however was critical of Quinn 's cover of " You Keep Me Hangin ' On " , which he called " thin and jarring " . Aly Semigran of MTV observed that Quinn spontaneously bursting into song brought Glee " dangerously close to High School Musical territory " . Agron later performed a solo in the episode " Hairography " singing Madonna 's " Papa Don 't Preach " after her father learns she is pregnant . This performance by Agron was released as a single . She performed a rendition of James Brown 's " It 's a Man 's Man 's Man 's World " in the episode " Funk " . CNN 's Lisa Respers France was " slightly disturbed " by Quinn 's " weird " performance of " It 's a Man 's Man 's Man 's World " using pregnant teenagers as backing dancers .

In season two , Quinn performs " Lucky " with Sam Evans in the episode " Duets " , which was named by some critics as " the most impressive number of the evening " ; others called it " absolutely fantastic " with particular praise for Agron , who was said to be often overlooked . " Lucky

" debuted at number twenty @-@ seven on the Billboard Hot 100 ; it was at number seventeen on the Billboard Canadian Hot 100 . Quinn 's duet performance with Rachel Berry (Lea Michele) of the mash @-@ up " I Feel Pretty / Unpretty " was the highest charted single featured in the episode " Born This Way " , debuting at number twenty @-@ two on the Billboard Hot 100 . It also peaked at number thirteen on the Digital 100 charts and sold 112 @,@ 000 digital downloads in the United States in its first week of release . It was the highest charting Glee single on the Billboard charts since " Loser Like Me " , which debuted at number six on the Billboard Hot 100 and sold over 210 @,@ 000 downloads in its first week .

In season three , Quinn sings her first solo number since the first season , " Never Can Say Goodbye " by The Jackson 5 , which received mostly positive reviews . Jen Chaney of The Washington Post gave the song a " B ? " , and said it " worked much better than every track that preceded it " because it adapted the song to the show " instead of trying to out @-@ Jackson Jackson " . Entertainment Weekly 's Joseph Brannigan Lynch called it " a nice summation of her character 's journey , but not vocally impressive enough to justify listening to outside of the episode " and gave it a " B " . Crystal Bell of HuffPost TV described it as a " blah performance " , but Kate Stanhope of TV Guide said it was " sweet and reflective " . Erica Futterman of Rolling Stone wrote that it was " a tune well @-@ suited for Quinn 's sultry voice and the flipped meaning she gives the lyrics " , and TVLine 's Michael Slezak had a similar take : he gave it an " A " and called it a " remarkably lovely fit " for her voice .