

= Gita Gutawa =

Aluna Sagita Gutawa (born 11 August 1993 in Jakarta) , better known as Gita Gutawa , is an Indonesian soprano , actress , and songwriter . She is also the daughter of composer Erwin Gutawa .

Although she originally studied piano , Gutawa later switched to vocals . She was discovered in 2004 while practising her vocals , then booked to sing a duet with ADA Band . After Heaven of Love (2005) , featuring the duet , sold 800 @, @ 000 copies , Gutawa was approached by Sony Music Indonesia with an offer to record a solo album . The success of that album , the self @-@ titled Gita Gutawa , led to numerous acting and marketing job offers . Since her debut , she has recorded two more albums , the well @-@ received Harmoni Cinta in 2009 and the Islamic @-@ themed Balada Shalawat in 2010 . As an actress , she has starred in two Indonesian soap operas , Ajari Aku Cinta and Ajari Lagi Aku Cinta . She voiced a character for the animated Meraih Mimpi , and made her feature film debut in 2010 's Love in Perth .

Personality @-@ wise , Dian Kuswandini of The Jakarta Post has described Gutawa as being " sweet like cotton candy and warm like a kiss " ; however , Gutawa has noted that there are people who believe she succeeded through nepotism . Gutawa has received several awards , including Best Newcomer at the 2008 Anugerah Musik Indonesia . She also won the 6th International Nile Children Song Festival in Cairo .

= = Biography = =

= = = Early life = = =

Gutawa was born Aluna Sagita Gutawa ? Aluna Sagita meaning " song rhythm " ? in Jakarta , Indonesia on 11 August 1993 to Erwin Gutawa , a composer , and Luthfi Andriani . The first child of the couple , she enjoyed watching her father work on his compositions . As a result , he enrolled her in a classical piano course , later sending her to a vocal course to develop her soprano voice . She received full support from her father , who assisted her as an adviser . In Chrisye 's 2003 Dekade Concert , Gutawa performed in public for the first time , after Chrisye ? who often collaborated with her father ? invited her on stage . She later described him as her idol .

= = = Music career = = =

In 2004 Gutawa was approached by the manager of ADA Band , who had heard her practising at her singing lessons from the band 's studio next door . She was asked to sing a duet with the band 's lead singer ; Gutawa , although at the time only singing as a hobby , accepted . The duet , titled " Yang Terbaik Bagimu " (" The Best for You ") , was included on ADA Band 's 2005 album Heaven of Love , which sold 800 @, @ 000 copies . After singing other duets with different singers , including religious singer Haddad Alwi , Gutawa was asked to record a solo album by Sony Music Indonesia .

After a year in production , Gutawa 's self @-@ titled debut album was released in February 2007 . The album was produced by her father and featured songs written by Glenn Fredly and Melly Goeslaw . Well @-@ received , Gita Gutawa sold 150 @, @ 000 copies in four months and was eventually certified triple platinum . After the success of the album , Gutawa 's previously school @-@ oriented schedule was filled with requests for media appearances and sponsorships . This led to Gutawa 's mother stepping in and serving as her manager , in which role she continued until she became pregnant . Other members of Gutawa 's family then assisted in managing her , with her mother scheduling Gutawa 's media appearances and recording sessions .

Gutawa soon began singing in music festivals to gain experience . In 2008 , she won the 6th International Nile Children Song Festival in Cairo with Ria Leimena 's " To Be One " , which she had previously sung on her debut album . That same year she attended a song festival in Italy . She later assembled a girl band to support her after several performances had to be cancelled due to an

inability to find musicians at short notice .

After her return from Italy , Gutawa began production of her second album , *Harmoni Cinta* (*Love 's Harmony*) , in June 2008 . She played a larger role in its production than in her debut album , choosing the concepts behind the album as well as the track listing ; she eventually wrote five of the album 's twelve songs . The album was released in May 2009 @.@ selling well . In August of that year , she released her biography , *Kota Musik Gita Gutawa* (*Gita Gutawa 's Music Box*) .

Gutawa followed *Harmoni Cinta* in August 2010 with a third album , the Islamic religious album *Balada Shalawat* (*Ballads for Salah*) . During recording , Gutawa received coaching from an Islamic scholar , or *ustad* , regarding the correct pronunciation of Arabic lyrics used in some songs . The album was launched during Ramadhan , with profits donated to Indonesia 's poor .

Gutawa has expressed concern that the public sees her rise to fame as being dependent on her already @-@ famous father ; she has stated in an interview with *The Jakarta Post* that she learned that " nepotism wouldn 't work in the music industry " . As such , Gutawa has attempted to emphasise that her duet with *ADA Band* and contract with *Sony Music* was won entirely on her own merits , with the band 's manager not knowing that she was *Erwin Gutawa* 's daughter when he approached her . She also cites the " negative sentiments against [her] sudden popularity " as pushing her to do her best .

In 2011 , Gutawa announced that she would be retiring from music in order to study abroad . As a farewell celebration , her father held the concert " *A Masterpiece of Erwin Gutawa* " in Jakarta . She announced that she planned to take a degree in economics . On 5 April 2012 , during a visit to Indonesia from her university in England , she performed *Chrisye* 's song " *Baju Pengantin* " (" *Wedding Dress* ") in the *Kidung Abadi Chrisye* concert at Plenary Hall , Jakarta Convention Center . She and her father also wrote a new song for the concert , entitled " *Kidung Abadi* " (" *Eternal Ballad* ") , which was made by stringing together 246 syllables in *Chrisye* 's voice .

= = = Acting career = = =

After the success of *Gita Gutawa* , Gutawa performed in numerous television commercials . She later received an offer to act in an upcoming sinetron (Indonesian soap opera) entitled *Ajari Aku Cinta* (*Teach Me About Love*) , which used her song " *Bukan Permainan* " (" *Not a Toy* ") as its theme . Gutawa accepted the offer , viewing it as a mainly promotional role . She later starred in its sequel , *Ajari Lagi Aku Cinta* (*Teach Me More About Love*) .

In 2009 , Gutawa voiced a character in *Meraih Mimpi* (*Chasing Dreams*) , the Indonesian adaptation of *Sing to the Dawn* ; the voice recording took four months . She later cited it as a good learning experience . The following year , she appeared in her first feature @-@ length film , *Love in Perth* , in which she played a shy student studying in Perth , Australia . She considered it challenging ; for the most difficult part , a scene in which she had to cry , she practised in front of a mirror . In May 2011 she began dating her *Love in Perth* costar *Derby Romero* ; the couple split up sometime before January 2012 .

= = Education = =

While in elementary school and junior high school , she was chosen as the best student for five consecutive years . After becoming famous , she continued to attend *Al @-@ Izhar Junior High School* instead of being home schooled like most Indonesian child stars because she felt that " attending a normal school is more fascinating , " with more friends and chances to socialise . She later attended *Bina Nusantara Senior High School* . In 2009 , Gutawa was chosen by the education @-@ oriented *Sampoerna Foundation* ? run by the investment company *Sampoerna Strategic* ? as its first youth ambassador , taking a direct part in the company 's initiatives . As one of her first acts , she promised that part of the sales of *Harmoni Cinta* would be used to send poor Indonesian children to school ; every twenty albums sold would be enough for one child .

1996 ? 1999 : *TK Bakti Mulya* , Jakarta

1999 ? 2005 : *SD Bakti Mulya* , Jakarta

2005 ? 2008 : SMP Al @-@ Izhar Pondok Labu , Jakarta
2008 ? 2011 : SMA Bina Nusantara Simprug , Jakarta
2011 @-@ 2014 : University of Birmingham , UK
2014 - Present : London School of Economics and Political Science , UK

= = Styles = =

In a 2011 interview with the Jakarta Globe , Gutawa said that she continued to treat singing as a hobby despite it being her career .

= = Songwriting = =

Gutawa often draws her inspiration from her own experiences , as well as those of her friends . When she receives inspiration , she will write the lyrics down and work out a melody immediately .

= = Awards and recognition = =

Gutawa 's debut album was well received by both the Indonesian public and critics , being certified triple platinum and winning four national awards ; the 2007 SCTV award for Best Singer , as well as Best Album from SCTV and Best Newcomer and Best Album from Anugerah Musik Indonesia in 2008 . Juliani Harsianti of The Jakarta Post describes Gutawa as having a " clear voice and fresh style " on the album .

= = Nonmusical Awards = =

Winner of Fashion Show at Hotel Mercantile , Jakarta (1996)
Class Star of TK Bakti Mulya 400 , Jakarta (1996)
Runner Up of Casual Fashion " Pesona Anak Indonesia " , Ancol ? Jakarta (1997)
Winner of praying reading TK Bhakti Mulya , Jakarta (1997)
Runner Up of lomba menari " Hari Ibu " , Taman Mini Indonesia Indah (1997)
Winner of Lomba mewarnai " Hari Kemerdekaan " , Cinere Jakarta (1998)
Runner Up of Lomba renang gaya bebas , Cilandak Sport Center (1998)
5th Position of coloring pictures for Jabodetabek Area , Jakarta (1998)
Runner Up of lomba ' Abang Nene Cilik Jakarta Selatan ' , Jakarta (1999)
Runner Up of lomba Karaoke TK , Bakti Mulya 400 Jakarta (1999)
Runner Up of lomba Busana Nasional SD , Bakti Mulya 400 , Jakarta (2000)
3rd Rank of Lomba Menggambar Karyawan , P & K Jakarta (2001)
High Level Achiever of ' KUMON ' math system , Grand Melia , Jakarta (2001)
High Level Achiever of ' KUMON ' math system , JCC ? Jakarta (2002)
Winner of Science Race of Doctor Rabbit , Jakarta (2003)

= = Discography = =

2007 : Gita Gutawa
2009 : Harmoni Cinta (Love 's Harmony)
2010 : Balada Shalawat (Ballads for Salah)
2014 : The Next Chapter

= = Filmography = =

Ajari Aku Cinta (Teach Me about Love)
Ajari Lagi Aku Cinta (Teach Me More about Love)
Meraih Mimpi (Chasing Dreams , based on Sing to the Dawn)

