

= Sky Ferreira =

Sky Tonia Ferreira (born July 8 , 1992) is an American singer , songwriter , model , and actress . As a teenager , Ferreira began uploading videos on Myspace of herself singing songs she had written , which led to her discovery by producers Bloodshy & Avant and an eventual recording contract with Parlophone in 2009 . She released her first extended play , *As If !* , in 2011 , which combined elements of electropop and dance music . Ferreira 's second extended play *Ghost* (2012) , however , incorporated pop with more stripped @-@ down song structures and featured collaborations with Jon Brion and Shirley Manson , as well as the critically acclaimed track " Everything Is Embarrassing " , which she composed with Dev Hynes .

After multiple delays and disputes with her record label , Ferreira 's debut studio album *Night Time , My Time* was released on October 29 , 2013 , and marked a departure from her former style , incorporating more experimental indie rock with synthpop elements . The album was preceded by its lead single " You 're Not the One " . That year , she ventured into the film industry after appearing in Eli Roth 's *The Green Inferno* and garnered media attention after being arrested for drug possession . She was exposed to a mainstream audience after having been announced as an opening act for the international *Bangerz Tour* , headlined by Miley Cyrus , which began on February 14 , 2014 .

Ferreira 's earlier work incorporated elements of dance @-@ pop , while her recent projects experiment with acoustic , new wave and primarily indie rock musical styles . Her lyrical content originally incorporated themes of rebellion and teenage romance , and has since evolved to discuss personal insecurities and more mature romantic themes . Outside of her work in the entertainment industry , she has modeled for several brands and magazines , including serving as the spokeswoman for the hair care brand Redken in 2014 .

= = Life and career = =

= = = Early life and career beginnings = = =

Sky Tonia Ferreira was born on July 8 , 1992 in Venice Beach , Los Angeles , California . About her mixed background , Ferreira has stated that " My dad is Brazilian and Portuguese and my mom is Native American . It 's funny because I came out looking like , pretty white . "

Ferreira was largely raised by her grandmother , who had been Michael Jackson 's personal hairstylist for over 30 years . She commented , saying : " I was raised around him , I always saw him [and] had holidays with him and stuff like that " , adding that she was unaware of his fame until she was 13 years old . Ferreira expressed interest in singing as a child and , with Jackson 's encouragement , Ferreira 's grandmother enrolled her in opera lessons . Ferreira has stated that she was sexually assaulted in her adolescence twice , firstly involving a neighbor , and secondly in an incident that involved a stranger who had broken into her home . In an interview with *Rookie* , Ferreira said : " I 've never said anything [about this publicly] because I don 't want it to define me , but I feel like it 's appropriate to say something [here] . People feel like it defines you , and it doesn 't . It 's really unfortunate and disgusting and traumatizing , but it doesn 't make you who you are . " Ferreira dropped out of high school after completing her sophomore year .

Ferreira later began maintaining a Myspace profile where she uploaded demo versions of self @-@ written tracks . Shortly before her 15th birthday , she wrote a letter to producers Bloodshy & Avant requesting that they offer a recording contract to her , which she says happened " kind of right off the bat " after they came across her profile . In 2009 , she was signed to Parlophone , and began finalizing the debut studio album that she says was first begun when she was 14 years old . In 2010 , she ventured into the film and modelling industries after starring in the independent film *Putty Hill* and appearing in the magazines *Dazed & Confused* and *Interview* .

= = = 2011 ? 12 : *As If !* and *Ghost* = = =

After releasing the tracks " 17 " and " One " , the latter having peaked at number 64 on the UK Singles Chart , Ferreira announced that her debut studio album would be released on January 11 , 2011 . Its planned lead single " Obsession " had first appeared on the compilation album Now That 's What I Call Music ! 35 in 2010 , and peaked at number 37 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs chart . These plans never came to fruition , and were substituted for the extended play (EP) As If ! and its lead single " Sex Rules " that March . A writer for MuuMuse spoke favorably of her " vocal and musical versatility " and commended the project as a " rock solid 5 @-@ track collection of next @-@ level crunchy pop cuts . " During this time , Ferreira was featured in the advertising campaign for the Calvin Klein " CK One " product line alongside Cassie Ventura . The following year , she was photographed by Ellen von Unwerth for the cover of Vs . , and appeared in the Adidas " Originals " commercial with rappers Big Sean and Snoop Dogg .

In November 2011 , Ferreira announced that her debut studio album would be released in 2012 , with a lead single planned to precede its release that February . She was later revealed to have been working with Jon Brion , Greg Kurstin , and Shirley Manson on the project . In early 2012 , Ferreira revealed Wild at Heart as the title of her record , and confirmed " 24 Hours " and " Swamp Girl " for its track listing . " Lost in My Bedroom " , described by Ferreira as " the most electro pop [song] on the album " , surfaced online that March . After releasing the music video for the track " Red Lips " in June , she stated that she renamed the record I 'm Not Alright .

With her debut studio album still unreleased , Ferreira announced that her second extended play Ghost would be released in October . It respectively peaked at numbers 8 and 71 on the U.S. Billboard Top Heatseekers and Alternative Albums component charts to the Billboard 200 . Its lead single " Everything is Embarrassing " was described by Katherine St. Asaph of Pitchfork Media as the track where Ferreira " could well have her breakout moment " , complimenting it for beginning with " snappy , crisply sung dance @-@ pop about long @-@ awaited moments " and eventually transitioning into " what should be a buoyant chorus " . In her debut television performance , Ferreira performed the track on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon in January 2013 . The previously leaked track " Lost in My Bedroom " was included on Ghost , and was featured on an episode of ABC 's Grey 's Anatomy in December .

= = = 2013 ? 14 : Night Time , My Time and support touring = = =

In June 2013 , Ferreira starred in the short film IRL playing Angel , which has been described as " an eye @-@ opening look into the reality of young life in New York " . That month , she again renamed her debut studio album I Will , and stated that it would be released " later this summer " . She noted that it would be composed of " ten up @-@ tempo songs , all still pretty electronic , although for some reason it comes across more pop @-@ rocky live . " It was again renamed Night Time , My Time , and announced to be released on October 29 , 2013 by Capitol Records . Upon its release , it received favorable reviews from music critics ; at Metacritic , which assigns a normalized rating out of 100 to reviews from mainstream critics , the album received an average score of 79 , which indicates " generally favorable reviews " , based on 30 reviews . Rolling Stone listed it as the fifth @-@ best debut album of 2013 , noting its potent blending of synthpop elements with a more grunge @-@ inspired indie rock sound . The album was also listed as the 25th best overall album of the year by Complex . The record debuted at number 45 on the U.S. Billboard 200 . " You 're Not the One " was released as the lead single from Night Time , My Time on September 24 , 2013 .

In September , Ferreira starred as Kaycee in the independent film The Green Inferno . In the early morning of September 14 , she and her boyfriend , DIIV frontman Zachary Cole Smith , were arrested at a traffic stop in Saugerties , New York for drug possession . Ferreira , who was in possession of ecstasy tablets , was arrested on drug possession and resisting arrest ; Smith was in possession of heroin . She bailed herself out of \$ 1 @, @ 500 with her American Express credit card . In October , Ferreira cancelled the final week of her tour with Vampire Weekend after sustaining a hemorrhage to her vocal cords , which she later added was caused by a vocal node that was repeatedly misdiagnosed as laryngitis . In November , Ferreira and Icona Pop were announced as the opening acts for Miley Cyrus ' Bangerz Tour , which began on February 14 , 2014 . Later that

month , she released her third extended play , Night Time , My Time : B @-@ Sides Part 1 . In December , Ferreira was announced as the spokeswoman for hair care brand Redken .

On February 20 , 2014 , during the third performance opening for the Bangerz Tour , Ferreira fell and split open her shin onstage . After completing the performance , Ferreira was taken by ambulance to an Anaheim hospital and treated with 60 stitches . As a result of the injury , she was forced to temporarily pull out of support for the tour , but returned shortly after . On November 20 , 2014 , while on her North American tour , Ferreira debuted a new track called " Guardian " .

= = = 2015 ? present : Masochism and upcoming film roles = = =

On July 16 , 2014 , Ferreira announced via Twitter that she was working on her second album . She described the sound of the album as " more aggressive " and is working with Ariel Rechtshaid and Justin Raisen , with whom she produced Night Time , My Time , as well as Bobby Gillespie and Andrew Innes of Scottish band Primal Scream . Ferreira also expressed the wish to collaborate with Gesaffelstein . She also appeared in the 2016 comedy @-@ drama film Elvis & Nixon , directed by Liza Johnson , and has joined the cast of The Trust , which stars Nicolas Cage and Elijah Wood , and is directed by Benjamin and Alex Brewer .

Following fan speculation , Ferreira confirmed on April 7 that her upcoming second studio album will be titled Masochism . On May 12 , 2015 , the singer announced that she would be releasing a film co @-@ written and directed by her frequent collaborator Grant Singer accompanied by a new single with the album scheduled to be released later in the year . Jimmy Choo revealed on June 4 that Ferreira would be the face of their newest fragrance named " Illicit " . She collaborated with Primal Scream on the song " Where the Light Gets In " , which was released on February 1 , 2016 as the lead single from the band 's eleventh studio album , Chaosmosis . On April 25 , 2016 , it was announced that Ferreira will star in the 2017 sequel to David Lynch 's 1990s television series Twin Peaks .

= = Musical style = =

Ferreira is primarily a synthpop singer , but her earlier work incorporated elements of dance @-@ pop and electropop , most notably seen in tracks from As If ! and Ghost , this one also included elements of acoustic and new wave . Her lyrical content originally incorporated themes of rebellion and teenage romance ; Andrew Unterberger from Popdust opined that " 17 " " plays the girl @-@ gone @-@ wild tale as a near @-@ horror story , clearly meant to shock and upset " , while noting that " One " " instead features a robo ? d out Sky bemoaning the breakdown of connection in a relationship , and her own inability to feel anything as a result . " As her career progressed , Ferreira more frequently experimented with elements of indie rock , which were commonly heard in her first album Night Time , My Time .

Julianne Escobedo Shepberd from Rolling Stone wrote that Ferreira 's " songs are catchy , but they ? re also thickly glazed with fuzz and synths , evoking influences like Suicide , Siouxsie Sioux and the krautrock group Harmonia " . Karolina Ramos from The GW Hatchet compared Ferreira to New Zealand recording artist Lorde , both of whom she felt " tackle contemporary love , desire and insecurity with depth , composure and frankness . " She compared her musical style to 1980s pop music , and noted that " her throaty , sultry vocals call to mind Lana del Rey , abandoning brightness and vivacity for a colder tone . Still , Ferreira can drop the edge , with gentler tracks like " Sad Dream " showcasing her vocal range and seldom @-@ observed softness . " Andrew Unterberger stated that " through a variety of singles , EPs , guest features and live appearances , Sky has proven herself one of the most talented singers , creative songwriters and savvy collaborators currently working in the genre " , but blamed " bad marketing , label disputes and her own perfectionism " for the extended delay of Night Time , My Time ; he also stated that the repeated renaming of the record itself " should give you some idea of the musical identity issues she ? s suffered over the years . "

After establishing a friendship with recording artist Miley Cyrus in 2013 , Gregory E. Miller from New

York Post noted that the media and general public would continue " following her every move " . Ferreira commented that " [Miley ? s] obviously way bigger and all eyes [are] on her , but I feel like we ? re kind of going through a similar thing where everyone ? s trying to say that we ? re trying to make ourselves objects , but really , everyone else is making it more like that ? sensationalizing sex and reading into things . It ? s nice to have someone that gets it . " Ferreira had also generated a minor controversy after appearing topless on the cover for Night Time , My Time , to which she responded " there ? s nothing about that photo that ? s pornographic ; we came on this earth nude . " Ferreira is also a feminist , which has influenced her work ; she has said " I feel like I ? m doing a bad job of being a feminist if I ? m not making someone angry . "

= = = Influences = = =

Ferreira has cited Madonna , Prince , Fiona Apple , Gwen Stefani , Alice Cooper , Nancy Sinatra , Cat Power , Hole , Elliott Smith , Carly Simon , Françoise Hardy , Kate Bush , Britney Spears , and the Runaways as musical influences .

= = Philanthropy = =

In July 2014 , Ferreira performed at the Music Hall of Williamsburg in New York City to benefit the David Lynch Foundation . Ferreira announced that the funds raised would " go towards Transcendental Meditation (TM) programs for at @-@ risk students ; veterans with PTSD ; women who are survivors of domestic violence ; American Indians suffering from diabetes ; the homeless and incarcerate . " Of her own practice she said , " TM sort of saved my life . "

= = Discography = =

Night Time , My Time (2013)
Masochism (2016)

= = Filmography = =

= = Tours = =

Opening act
Bangerz Tour (2014)