

# k.d. lang

b. November 2, 1961



*"I'm proud that I was one of the first ones out, singing loud and proud."*

k.d. lang is a singer/songwriter known for her stunning voice, androgynous look and brilliant performances. She has been a recording artist for over 25 years, winning four Grammy Awards and countless accolades from critics and audiences worldwide.

Born Kathryn Dawn Lang, she was raised in Consort, Alberta, on the Canadian prairie. After winning a childhood singing competition, Lang knew she was destined for a career as a vocalist. Starting in the country music genre, she earned a Juno Award (Canada's equivalent to the Grammy) for Most Promising Female Vocalist in 1985.

"Angel with a Lariat," her first U.S. album, received critical acclaim. Lang's duet with Roy Orbison on his 60's hit, "Crying," turned her into a bonafide star. In 1989, the pair received a Grammy for Best Country Collaboration.

"Absolute Torch and Twang" (1989), another country album, won Lang her second Grammy. "Ingénue" (1992), a collection of pop contemporary vocals, was Lang's most successful. The album went platinum, earning her a third Grammy and launching the hit single "Constant Craving."

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After touring with veteran crooner Tony Bennett in 2001, the duo collaborated on "A Wonderful

World" (2002), a tribute to the music of Louis Armstrong. The album was honored with a Grammy for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album.

Bennett described Lang as "a natural in the tradition of Bing Crosby—the best singer since Judy Garland."

Lang has contributed music to a number of motion pictures, including Gus Van Sant's "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues," Clint Eastwood's "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," and the James Bond film "Tomorrow Never Dies."

In 1992, Lang came out in an interview with The Advocate. She has actively championed GLBT civil rights causes and helps raise funds for HIV/AIDS care and research.

In 2008, k.d. lang received a star on Canada's Walk of Fame.

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