

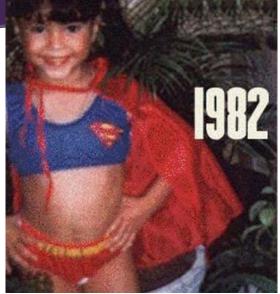
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The Education and Early Childhood of Shakira

- Shakira's full name is Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll.
- She was born on February 2nd, 1977 in Barranquilla, Colombia.
- Shakira knew the alphabet when she was only 18 months old.
- She started school at 4 years old.
- Shakira grew up in a poor family with her older brother and sisters from her dad's previous marriage.
- At age 11 she started learning guitar.
- At age 13 she moved to Bogota in hopes of pursuing modelling, but got a singing career instead.





Shakira's Notable Achievements and Awards

SHAKIRA HAS WON 2 GRAMMY AWARDS.

SHE HAS ALSO BEEN NOMINATED FOR A GOLDEN GLOBE.

ONE OF SHAKIRA'S EARLIER ALBUMS WAS #1 ON BILLBOARD'S LATIN ALBUM CHART FOR 11 WEEKS.

THAT ALBUM ALSO PRODUCED 2 U.S. #1 HITS.

IN JUNE OF 2006, SHAKIRA'S SONG "HIPS DON'T LIE" MADE THE BILLBOARD HOT 100.

SHAKIRA SIGNED A TEN YEAR CONTRACT WITH LIVE NATION IN 2008.

Shakira's Career Highlights and Accomplishments



After 2000, Shakira started taking English lessons.

The following year, her debut Laundry Service entered the charts at No. 3.



Shakira and her boyfriend Gerard Pique, a soccer player for Barcelona, welcomed son Milan in January 2013.

The following months, Shakira made her debut as a judge on the voice. Shakira has been belly dancing since she was 4.

Her name means "woman of grace" in Arabic.

She released her first Spanishlanguage album as a teenager.



SHAKIRA'S MOTHER'S NAME IS NIDIA DEL CARMEN RIPOLL, AND IS A NATIVE COLUMBIAN.

HER FATHER IS OF LEBANESE DESCENT AND IS NAMED WILLIAM MEBARAK CHADID.

IN 1994, SHAKIRA JOINED THE CAST OF THE COLUMBIAN SOAP OPERA EL OASIS.

HER DEBUT ALBUM, MAGIA, WAS COMPRISED OF SONGS WRITTEN OVER 5 YEARS.

FORBES DEEMED HER THE FOURTH-TOP EARNING FEMALE MUSICIAN IN HISTORY

"WHENEVER, WHEREVER" MADE SHAKIRA A STAR IN THE ENGLISH SPEAKING WORLD ALMOST OVER NIGHT, IN LATE 2001.