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Mariah Carey Not Afraid of Bad Publicity Anymore

Carey: "In my former life ... I was intimidated - I was taught, don't trust the press"

Singer Mariah Carey has recently revealed, during an MTV show, that she's not afraid of bad publicity anymore, and "joked " on her Diva reputation consequences, like working out in a pair of stilettos and such. Carey, 35, confessed that, because of her ex-husband, Columbia Records executive Tommy Mottola's advices, she was a shy and introvert person and that she never revealed her true personality while talking to the press. As she said: "It was like: 'And here I am on my exercise bike!' I guess I just expect people to know it's a frigging joke. I'm a very campy person, but for a long time in my career none of my true personality ever came out. In my former life, as a married person, I was intimidated - I was taught, don't trust the press, say as little as possible and don't be yourself. Consequently, I was viewed as a one-dimensional person, so I understand it when people have perceptions about who I am." Mariah Carey, born on March 27, 1970, rose to prominence in the 1990s, when she became America's most successful recording artist for that decade, according to Billboard magazine. The World Music Awards recognized her as the world's biggest-selling artist of the 1990s, and in 2000, the show declared her the best-selling female pop artist of all times. She has produced every one of her ten studio albums, with the exception of her debut, and directed music videos. Since 1999, she has occasionally worked as an actress and supports a variety of charitable organizations.