**** Jewel Kilcher

**Jewel’s Life in a Glimpse**

* Born May. 23. 1974 in Payson, Utah
* Moved to Anchorage, Alaska at a young age
* 1980- began performing locally with her parents, and yodelling as well
* 1982- parents divorced, pushing her to write a lot of expressive music
* 1989- found her “true voice” when performing on a local radio show
* 1992- graduated from the Interlochen Fine Arts Academy in Michigan
* After graduating, she travelled around, became broke and had to perform in bars and cafes for money
* 1993- signed with Atlantic Records
* 1995- First album, “Pieces of You” released, which is in the top five best-selling albums of all time by a female artist and kick started her career
* 2008- Married husband Ty Murray the pro rodeo cowboy
* 2009- contestant on “Dancing with the Stars”
* 2011- gave birth to son Kase Townes Murray

Awards:

* 8 Grammy

Nominations

* American Music Award for Best New Artist in 1995
* MTV Music Video Award in 1997

Charity Involvement:

* 1999- established a non-profit humanitarian organization called Higher Ground for Humanity
* Honourary chairperson of the 2006 *Help the Homeless Walk* in Washington, D.C.
* May 2013- ambassador for the *Rethink: Why Housing Matters* initiative
* Co-founded the *Clean Water Project*



Interesting Facts

**Vocal Aspects**

* Very distinctive and easily identifiable sound
* Vocal agility: able to easily flip from register to register and exact fast vocal trills
* Very emotion driven, uses spoken word often throughout songs for emotional effect and chooses to showcase emotional content rather than technique often
* Incorporates many different sounds into her singing; including, a closed off sound from the back of the throat, a nasal sound from “the mask” area of the face, and a very airy and light sound on either end of her range
* Has the ability and technique to pick and choose the different sounds she incorporates depending on the song and story

**Albums**

* 1995: Pieces of You
* 1998: Spirit
* 1999: Joy: A Holiday Collection
* 2001: This Way
* 2003: 0304
* 2006: Goodbye Alice in Wonderland
* 2008: Perfectly Clear
* 2009: Lullaby
* 2010: Sweet and Wild
* 2011: The Merry Goes 'Round
* 2013: Greatest Hits
* 2013: Let It Snow: A Holiday Collection

