



### **H.E.R.**

H.E.R. is a Grammy, Emmy, and Oscar winning singer born and raised in Vallejo, California. She struggled with self-acceptance for being “too Asian for the Black kids, and too Black for the Filipino kids.” She later realized she could be both. Influenced by Prince and Lenny Kravitz, H.E.R. learned to play the bass, guitar, piano, and drums, and later wrote her own songs at the age of nine. A child music prodigy, she went on various talk shows but her first big break came when she was featured on *Radio Disney: Next Big Thing* at twelve. At fourteen, she signed on to RCA Records and at nineteen, released her first mini-album *H.E.R. Volume 1*. Feeling the pressure to continue her education, she almost did not become a singer. However, she believed music gave her the freedom to express herself and be a musical role model for other young female singers. H.E.R. noted “at the time, there were no female artists that were kind of doing trap R&B with lyrics that weren’t superficial” (*Los Angeles Times* 2018). She adopted the acronym H.E.R. to stand for “Having Everything Revealed” to highlight everything that she is. She recently performed at the 2024 Super Bowl halftime show. H.E.R. continues to be a voice for women and Black Lives Matter.

*Note: Some songs listed might have explicit content; listener discretion advised.*