



Ruby Ibarra

Ruby was born in the Philippines and grew up in San Lorenzo, California. She is a rapper, music producer, and spoken word artist who incorporates English, Tagalog, and Waray in her work. While working on her music, her day job was a scientist trying to find cures for diseases including COVID-19. She developed a love of rap and was inspired by politically conscious Filipino rapper Francis Magalona. Ruby's big break came when she released her *Lost in Translation* mixtape on Sirius XM radio in 2012. She was later signed to independent record label Beatrock Music in 2015. Her first album, *Circa 1991* (2017) addresses issues of immigration, Filipino American identity and culture, trauma, and women empowerment. In 2021, she received the Youth Leadership Award in San Francisco and appeared on the cover of *The New York Times Style Magazine*. Ruby continues to use her music to fight against colorism and misogyny in hip-hop and Filipino culture. In 2023, Ruby co-founded the record label Bolo Music Group that highlights Filipino American artists and the Pinay Rising scholarship program for Filipina students in higher education.

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