



### **Bruno Mars**

Bruno is a multi-Grammy winning artist who grew up with his four sisters in Hawai'i to a Filipina mother and a Puerto Rican Jewish father. By the age of four, he was part of his father's singing group and taught himself to play piano, bass, guitar, and percussion. Later, his parents divorced and Bruno followed his father, living in the "slums of Hawai'i" on rooftops and car tops. Influenced by Hawaiian music and his younger days as an Elvis and Michael Jackson impersonator, he moved to Los Angeles in 2003 to pursue his music career. He adopted the stage name "Bruno Mars" to "avoid being stereotyped" since the industry wanted to push him as a Latino artist. Bruno's big break came as a producer and songwriter with the Smeezington's, working with artists such as Brandy, Sean Kingston, and Flo Rida. This led to being featured in B.O.B.'s "Nothin' on You" (2010), which peaked in the music charts and eventually his solo debut album *Doo-Wops & Hooligans* (2010), garnering favorable reviews and winning him the first of many Grammys. In 2021, Bruno partnered with Anderson .Paak to form the super musical duo "Silk Sonic." Their album *An Evening with Silk Sonic* (2021) won four Grammy awards including Record of the Year and Song of the Year.

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