

Whitney Houston dies at age 48

Whitney Houston was an American singer, actress, producer and model. Houston is the most awarded female act of all time, according to Guinness World Records, and her list of awards include 2 Emmy Awards, 6 Grammy Awards, 30 Billboard Music Awards, 22 American Music Awards, among a total of 415 career awards as of 2010. Houston was also one of the world's best-selling music artists, having sold over 170 million albums and singles worldwide.

Whitney Houston died on Saturday afternoon.

A rep has confirmed the news to the Associated Press.

No cause of death has been announced.

Initial reports say that she died at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Houston, was expected to make an appearance at a pre-Grammys party on Saturday night.

One of the biggest music stars of the 1980s and 1990s, Houston became one of the biggest-selling recording artists in the world before drug use and a drama-filled marriage to Bobby Brown derailed her career.

She starred in motion pictures including Waiting to Exhale and The Bodyguard.

Gifted with one of the best voices in the music industry's history, Houston sold nearly 200 million albums worldwide, was the force behind the best-selling soundtrack in history (The Bodyguard) and the best-selling gospel album in history (The Preacher's Wife).

Houston is survived by ex-husband Brown and their daughter, Bobbi Kristina.