## **Blake Shelton**





Blake Shelton is an American country singer and television personality that is most recognized as one of the celebrity judges on hit reality TV singing competitions such as *The Voice*, *Nashville Star* and *Clash of the Choirs*.

Originally from Ada, Oklahoma, Shelton is the son of a beauty salon owner and a used car salesman. Shelton's love for music started at the age of 12 when he learned how to play the guitar. In his teens, he began writing songs and even received a Denbo Diamond Award for his talents in writing. At the age of 17, Shelton moved to Nashville to pursue a singing career. Shelton made his country music debut in 2001 with a gold-certified self-titled album, which featured his hit single Austin that reached The Billboard Hot Country Song charts and remained number one for five weeks straight. In 2003 and 2004,

Shelton released his second and third albums, which also became gold-certified. This country music success has 31 charted singles, 21 of which have reached number one.

The country heartthrob has had two separate cases of <u>celebrity</u> <u>divorce</u>. First was with his longtime girlfriend Kaynette Gern who he was married to for three years. Shelton's second divorce from fellow country singer Miranda Lambert, was finalized in 2015 after a four year celebrity marriage. Shelton recently began dating Gwen Stefani, his co-star on *The Voice*. Shelton and Stefani fell into each other's arms citing their prior spouses celebrity cheating scandals as catalysts for the start of their celebrity relationship together.