



Jordin Sparks

# Broadway Next for Sparks

Jordin Sparks, winner of the 2007 "American Idol" competition and subsequent platinum recording artist, will join the Broadway company of "In the Heights" starting this summer.

The singer will play Nina Rosario, the college student who returns (with a secret) to her Washington Heights neighborhood for the summer. Sparks, 20, will make her Broadway debut Aug. 19 for an engagement through Nov. 14.

In the Heights is a snapshot of the friends, lovers, families and

hope in a changing Latino neighborhood in northern Manhattan.

Sparks is the youngest contestant to ever win "American Idol." She auditioned for the show at age 16. Her self-titled debut album was released in 2007 and went on to sell over 1.6 million copies worldwide and produced three Top 5 hits on Billboard's Pop singles chart including: "Tattoo," "No Air" and "One Step at a Time."

Her second album, "Battlefield," contains the album title hit single and the dance hit "S.O.S (Let the Music Play)."



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