

Selena Gomez in 'Hotel Transylvania'

Born on July 22, 1992 in Grand Prairie, Texas, Selena Gomez got an early start in show business as Gianna on "Barney & Friends." She made her screen debut soon thereafter in "Spy Kids 3-D," and subsequently appeared on such TV shows as "Walker, Texas Ranger,"



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to have independence. It's a really sweet story that daughters and dads can relate to.

KW: Richie would like to know what's your favorite type of monster: a zombie, a werewolf, a vampire or something else?

SG: Probably a zom-

bie.

KW: Larry Greenberg says: I really love the place where horror and comedy touch. Did you have a lot of fun working on this film?

SG: Yes, and for that particular reason. I love scary movies, so I really enjoyed being a part of a project that puts a twist on the scary formula.

KW: How did you find it portraying an animated character for the first time?

SG: It was different for me, since I had never done something like that before. So, I enjoyed it. It was new. I would love to do it again. It was great!

KW: Harriet Pakula-Teweles says: You've already been acclaimed for singing and dancing, for acting on TV and film, for fashion, for your charity ambassadorship and you're only 20 years old— what's left for the rest of your life?

SG: [Giggles] I don't know. I guess I'm just sort of figuring it out. But I do enjoy everything I've been doing, and I feel very, very blessed and lucky.

KW: Patricia also asks: What does it mean to you to be a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, and what was the most fulfilling thing you did so far for UNICEF?

SG: Working with Unicef is very, very important to me. Like I said, I've been very blessed, so I feel that it's very important for me to give back as much as I can and to use the platform that I have to kind of spread the word. What's been most fulfilling is being able to travel with them and witness how this organization does what it believes in, which is saving kids' lives.

KW: Attorney Bernadette Beekman asks: How did you become so altruistic at such a young age? Where did you get your inspiration to do so much to help make the world a better place, all the charity work with children, animals and other causes?

SG: It's always been important to my parents, and that's where it came from. I was taught that no matter how little or how much we had, that it was important to give

In 2008, the versatile entertainer embarked on her musical career when she recorded several songs for the soundtrack of her Disney film, "Another Cinderella Story." She has since had many hit tunes, including duets with Miley Cyrus, The Jonas Brothers and Demi Lovato, as well as with her own group, Selena Gomez and The Scene.

In 2009, Selena became the youngest UNICEF Goodwill ambassador in history at 17. The following year, she launched her very own fashion line, the Dream Out Loud Collection.

In terms of her private life, Selena has long been romantically linked to pop idol Justin Bieber, and the couple was recently rumored to be building a love nest together in the San Fernando Valley. Here, she talks about her new movie, "Hotel Transylvania," an animated adventure where she plays Dracula's daughter Mavis who, over her father's objections, falls in love with a mere mortal.

Kam Williams: Hi Selena, thanks for another interview.

Selena Gomez: Of course, Kam thank you.

KW: I really appreciate that last time you were gracious enough to take a photo afterwards with my intern, Richie. Thanks.

SG: Thank Richie for asking. That was so sweet.

KW: Editor/legist Patricia Turnier asks: What interested you in Hotel Transylvania?

SG: It had a really good script, it's really funny, and has an amazing cast, so it was kind of a no brainer.

KW: How would you describe the movie?

SG: I think it's a really cute father-daughter film that kinda touches on growing up, and on experiencing your daughter wanting



Selena Gomez during taping for 'Hotel Transylvania'

back. They always donated my clothes to shelters, and we'd always volunteer at soup kitchens on Thanksgiving. So, concern for the less fortunate has been a family tradition for as long as I can remember.

KW: Bernadette also asks: Is there another pop icon whose career choices and level of success you're trying to emulate or exceed?

SG: There are a lot of people I look up to. But the person whose story has touched me the most is Katy Perry. She's worked really hard to get to where she is, and it certainly didn't happen overnight for her.

KW: The bookworm Troy Johnson question: What was the last book you read? The last time you told me it was, "13 Reasons Why."

SG: "The 5 Love Languages."

KW: What was the last song you listened to?

SG: I've been listening to Frank Ocean's new album.

KW: What is your favorite dish to cook?

SG: Oh, I love Southern food, so any type of casserole.

KW: The Uduak Oduok question: Who is your favorite clothes designer?

SG: For high, high-end fashion would have to be Marchesa.

KW: When you look in the mirror, what do you see?

SG: Myself. [Giggles]

KW: If you could have one wish instantly granted, what would that be for?

SG: For everyone to be nice.

KW: The Kerry Washington question: If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

SG: A monkey.

KW: The Ling-Ju Yen question: What is your earliest childhood memory?

SG: My first concert ever, with Britney Spears.

KW: The Judyth Piazza question: What key quality do you believe all successful

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