

# 4 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT IGGY AZALEA

With her debut album *The New Classic* taking over music charts worldwide, there's no stopping this bold, unconventional and loud-mouthed rapper. By Lee Jing Hui

She recently became the only other act since The Beatles to achieve two simultaneous chart-topping singles. Critics had mixed reviews about the star, but it is evident that she is one to watch. Curious to know more? We've got the deets.

## Fact #1: Iggy moved from Australia to the U.S. at age 16, all alone

Hailing from Mullumbimby, a small rural town in New South Wales, Australia, Iggy's birth name was Amethyst Amelia Kelly. She was first drawn to the vibrant hip-hop culture in the U.S. while on a holiday, and at 16, decided to move for good. Iggy's road to success was no fairytale, having to clean houses to support herself. One of the grossest things she's ever had to clean? "Poo, on a doormat," said Iggy in an interview.

## Fact #2: Iggy's fashion connection

Before blowing up on the music scene, the 1.78m beauty dabbled in modelling and was even the face of Levi's just as her career was on the rise. Spotted sitting front row at fashion shows in New York and Paris, her fearless dressing has garnered her plenty of attention, with *Vogue* and *Harper's Bazaar* pointing her out as a style star to watch.

## Fact #3: T.I. is Iggy's mentor

After a single from her mixtape titled *Ignorant Art* went viral on YouTube in 2011, Iggy garnered attention from nearly every label in the industry, as well as rapper T.I. He reached out and took her under his wing, making her a part of his Grand Hustle Crew. Having defended her against critics in the early days, Iggy has always expressed her gratitude and loyalty to him. In *The New Classic*, the pair collaborated on the catchy hit 'Change Your Life'.

## Fact #4: The music video for 'Fancy' was directed by Iggy herself

Iggy was inspired by the 1995 hit teen movie *Clueless*, which depicts the lives of ultra-rich teenagers in a Beverly Hills High School. "I loved *Clueless* for this song because 'Fancy' is very L.A. sounding," explained Iggy. "Growing up, *Clueless* to me was that stereotypical L.A. Valley Girl movie, and it was very hard for me as a kid to know what was real and what wasn't. I wanted to do something unexpected, but still having that L.A. and West Coast vibe," she added.

