


VANESSA HUDGENS



Vanessa Anne Hudgens (born December 14, 1988) is an American actress and singer. She is mostly known for her role as Gabriella Montez in the High School Musical film series. She pursued a solo music career and released her debut album *V* on September 26, 2006. The album debuted at number twenty four in the U.S. and was later certified Gold. She reprised her role as Gabriella Montez in High School Musical 2 and High School Musical 3: Senior Year. Hudgens had released her second album, *Identified* in July 1, 2008 in the U.S. She will be portraying the role of Sam in the film *Bandslam*, in theaters August 14, 2009. As of 2009, she has two upcoming films this 2010, namely, *Beastly* and 2011 *Sucker Punch!*.

Hudgens was born in Salinas, California, the daughter of Gina (née Guangco) and Greg Hudgens. She has a sister, Stella Teodora Hudgens (born November 13, 1995, San Diego). Hudgens's father is an American of Irish and Native American descent, and her mother, who grew up in Manila, is of Filipino,



Spanish, and Chinese descent. Hudgens has been home-schooled since after her seventh-grade year at the Orange County High School of the Arts.

Starting at the age of eight, Hudgens performed in musical theater as a singer, and appeared in local productions of *Carousel*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The King and I*, *The Music Man*, and *Cinderella*, among others.

She made her feature film debut in *Thirteen* as Noel and appeared in the 2004 film *Thunderbirds* as

Tintin, appearing alongside Brady Corbet in both. Her [television] appearances include guest roles on *Quintuplets*, *Still Standing*, *The Brothers García*, *Drake & Josh* and *The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*.

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