

## Marilyn Monroe's success story

White dress, subway grate, blond hair, 1950's. All these topics come back to one person, Marilyn Monroe. She has done many things to become successful and impact the world. In her years, Marilyn Monroe has succeeded in many positions including singing, acting, and modeling. Other than these she had many other values including charity work, exercise, and children who led her to her path of success. Marilyn

One of Marilyn's many values that brought her to success was her commitment to singing. Marilyn used all her time apart from modeling and acting to sing. An article written in the New York Times stated many experts are listening to the music Marilyn left behind. Similar to her acting, her singing was greatly overlooked in her lifetime (Marilyn Monroe the Singer1). Even though she may have been belittled during her lifetime, she was very serious about singing. She tried to sing in her earlier films anytime she could. Her films is mostly where you would hear her talented voice and how she became successful in singing. Marilyn also studied several different people and the ways that they sang to better herself. Voice coaches also helped her to practice and control her voice. Her passion for singing started at a young age. In 1946 she was signed to a 1 year contract at 20th Century Fox for not only singing but acting and dancing lessons too (Ruhlmann1) This one year commitment led her to her next contract, that eventually led to 2 featured songs. While the contracts helped her become successful, ultimately it was her hard work and passion for singing. One major part of her career was her singing her own rendition of happy birthday to John F. Kennedy. This performance is what publically introduced her to the music industry. A columnist wrote Monroe seemed to be "making love to the president in direct view of 40 million Americans" through her singing(Greenspan1). This is what made the lasting effect of Marilyn Monroe's singing career. She has become a singing icon across the world because of these 3 things, and many more.

Apart from her passion and career for singing, she also had a successful career in acting too. In 1946 when Marilyn was signed to 20th Century Fox, she was featured in a few fox films with small parts and then dropped(Ruhlmann1). The next contract she was signed to was Columbia Pictures in March of 1948. This is where she got her first important role in a B-picture film called " The Musical Ladies of the Chorus" in 1949. About two years after being dropped from Columbia, Marilyn signed back with Fox with a 7 year contract. During the first two of her seven years she appeared in supporting roles in 9 films. In 1950 Monroe had small parts in "The Asphalt Jungle". This is one of the main films that gained her attention(Marilyn Monroe1). She wasn't even considered acting material until she proved her skill by winning 3 golden globes, a star on the Holly walk of fame, and attracting large audiences to her films. Monroe had a good streak of films going but she got tired of playing the basic blonde role, dumb, and bubbly. So to find a more serious role she moved to New York City. The move was successful for her because soon after moving she got a role in a dramatic comedy(Marilyn Monroe1).

The first thing that comes to mind when thinking of Marilyn Monroe is probably her modeling. Marilyn starting her modeling career in 1943 while she was working for the Radio Plane Munitions Factory(Schwartz1). David Conover discovered her while she was working. He took pictures of her representation of women working for the war effort. These pictures then showed up in Yank Magazine in 1945. Marilyn owes a big thank you to David Conover for

entering her into the world of modeling. Emmeline Snively had an eye for the pictures of Monroe. Coincidentally Emmeline ran the Blue Book modeling agency. Emmeline gave Marilyn the chance of a lifetime with a full modeling contract if she would go to Snively's 3 month modeling school. While working with Emmeline she dyed her light brown hair to her signature blonde color(Schwartz1). Monroe's modeling career started out rough. She was just trying to make ends meet by posing nude for 50\$. These pictures were then sold out for a calendar, and then used in the first issue of the Playboy magazine(Schwartz1). Even though she had some desperate times to continue her career in modeling, she still ended up successful in her craft. Her passion for modeling continued to thrive throughout a time of drought.

Marilyn ended up sadly overdosing at the age of 36. All through her life she was extremely successful for her age. Marilyn's legacy is remembered as a sex symbol, even though Marilyn said, "But if I'm going to be a symbol of something I'd rather have it sex than some other things we've got symbols of(Schwartz1)." Marilyn Monroe was very passionate about acting, modeling, and singing that nothing could get in her way. In acting she wasn't even considered the right material, In modeling she had to change her appearance to look right but never lost her personality, and in singing she used her singing coaches to make her better. Even through all of this she managed to keep her same mentality, an never lost her roots.

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