

Gone Country 2 - Irene Cara

Irene Cara's musical career includes two Grammy Awards, an Academy Award and a Golden Globe Award.

Cara was first catapulted to stardom in 1980 in the role of Coco Hernandez in "Fame." In the film, she sang both its title song "Fame" and the film's second hit single, "Out Here on My Own." Cara made Academy Award history that year when both songs were nominated for an award in the same category. It was the film's title song "Fame" that won the 1981 Academy Award for Best Original Song.

In 1984, Cara won her own Academy Award in the category of Best Original Song for co-writing "Flashdance...What a Feeling." She also performed the song on the film's original soundtrack. Additionally, Cara received a Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song and a Grammy Award for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance that year.

After her success with "Fame," Cara starred opposite Clint Eastwood and Burt Reynolds in the 1984 film, "City Heat." She also co-wrote the movie's theme song, which was performed by legendary jazz vocalist Joe Williams. In 1985, Cara co-starred with Tatum O'Neal in the film, "Certain Fury."

Throughout the following decade, Cara toured Europe and Asia, attaining several top ten dance hits on non-US charts. Currently, she is recording songs with her all-female band, Hot Caramel.

