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English singer-songwriter **Amy Winehouse** was found dead at her house on Saturday, July 23, 2011. Emergency officials found the body of the 27 year old in her north London property around 3:54 p.m. She was 27. Police are calling the cause of death undetermined, but many suspect a drug overdose.

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Last month, Winehouse pulled out of her European tour because she was booed at her comeback performance in Serbia for looking as if she was too drunk to perform. It is understood that for 90 minutes, Winehouse mumbled through parts of songs and at times left the stage - leaving her band to fill in. She has been battling drugs and alcohol for a while.



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Winehouse, who is known for her powerful contralto vocals, won much acclamation when she was 20 with her 2003 debut album, **Frank**. However, it wasn't until 2006, when she released the album **Back to Black** that she got worldwide fame, winning five Grammy Awards.

Amy Winehouse's music — Sixties pop-soul in 21st-century street slang — was always less interesting than her chaotic off-stage life. Her name seldom featured in the press unless prefixed by the word "troubled" and accompanied by an account of her battles with drink and drugs and her dependent-abusive relationship with her husband, a petty drug dealer and junkie called Blake Fielder-Civil. Cancelled gigs, brushes with the law and spells in rehab gave the press plenty to write about.



Amy Winehouse and Blake Fielder-Civil

Born in 1983 in London, Amy Winehouse tried out a number of different musical ventures, including dabbling with rap when she was 10, before she signed her first record contract as a singer-songwriter. Aged 20 she released her first album, the jazz influenced *Frank*, which reached No.13 in the UK and saw Winehouse nominated for Best Female Solo Artist and Best Urban Act at the BRIT Awards. The album went on to produce platinum sales while the single, **"Stronger Than Me"**, won the acclaimed Ivor Novello Songwriting Award.

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