

Rock Star Carrie Brownstein

Co-founder, Sleater-Kinney; Co-creator, *Portlandia*

"My entrance into music was motivated by wanting to change myself, to figure out who I was and who I wanted to be. But, especially with a medium like music, and playing in a band and being part of a music community, you quickly realize that it's not an individual experience, it's a collective experience. Your goals for wanting to change things start to exist outside of your own self. So I wanted to create space for other young women or people who felt marginalized to see themselves and hear themselves reflected in our songs, and to be part of a centering of narratives that had been sidelined."

Born in Seattle and raised in Redmond, Carrie Brownstein was a legendary Washingtonian long before she put *Portlandia* on the map. She cemented her status while she was still a student at Evergreen State College, studying sociolinguistics by day and starting the seminal *riot grrrl* band Sleater-Kinney with classmate Corin Tucker by night. Sleater-Kinney released seven albums before going on hiatus in 2006, at which point Carrie turned her attention to writing and acting. She co-created the Emmy-Award winning comedy show *Portlandia* with Fred Armisen, and in 2015 she published her acclaimed memoir *Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl*. She has also appeared in the Amazon show *Transparent* and the movies *Carol* and *Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot*. Carrie is an Emmy nominated TV director and developing her own show.



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Carrie playing with Sleater-Kinney; with her dog Buffy; with Fred Armisen on *Portlandia*. (photo credits: Chris Hornbecker/IFC; Brigitte Sire; courtesy Carrie Brownstein; Augusta Quirk/IFC)

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