

# Susan Boyle turns 50



■ **1961:** Born April 1, in Blackburn, West Lothian, Scotland

■ **2009, April:** Performance of *I Dreamed a Dream* on reality TV show ***Britain's Got Talent*** creates global sensation and is viewed by millions on YouTube

■ **May:** Hot favourite to win BGT final but beaten by dance act ***Diversity***

■ **Nov:** First album, *I Dreamed a Dream*, released – becomes world's top selling album of 2009, selling nine million copies

■ **2010:** Second album, *The Gift*, also tops U.S. and UK charts – Boyle is only female artist ever to achieve this twice in one year

■ **2011:** Fortune estimated at £11m