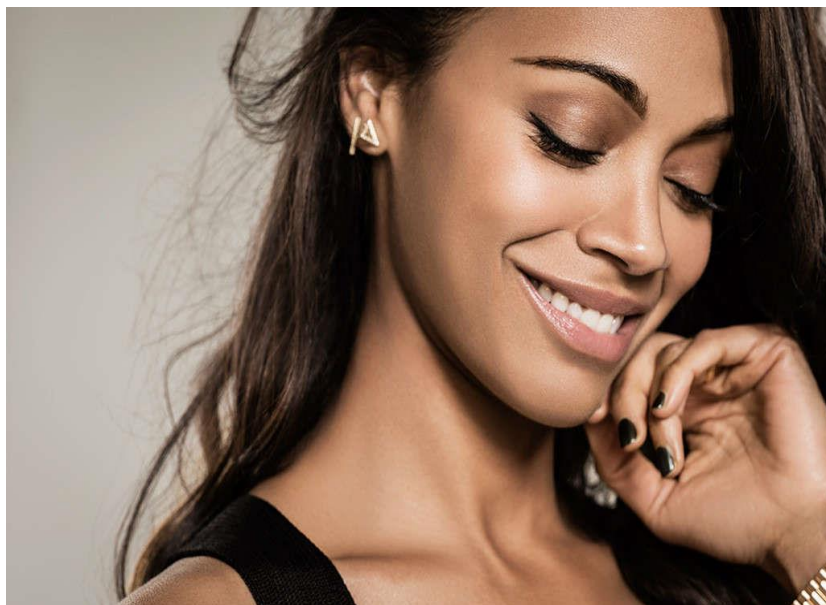


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Biographies: Zoe Saldana



I have always liked the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean* and the performance of Zoe Saldana as Anamaria. Besides being a good actress, she is charismatic and one of the best performers of her generation.

Zoe Yadira Saldana Nazario is Zoe Saldana's given name. Her name is sometimes written as Zoe Saldaña or Zoë Saldana.

Zoe Saldana was born in Passaic, New Jersey, on June 19, 1978. Her father, Aridio Saldana, was born in the Dominican Republic, and her mother, Asalia Nazario, was born in Puerto Rico. She was raised bilingual, speaking both Spanish and English.

She spent most of her childhood in Queens, New York. After her father died, when she was nine years old, the family moved to the Dominican Republic for seven years. While living in the Dominican Republic, she started taking classes in ballet, jazz, and modern dance at the ECOS Dance Academy Dance Space, a prestigious dance school in the country.

When she was 17, Zoe and her family returned to New York, where her love for dance continued, and her interest in theater grew stronger. She began acting with the theater company, Faces, an organization with the Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn, which performed plays that included a social message like the reporting of domestic violence and substance abuse.





At the same time, Zoe was performing with the New York Youth Theater in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat;” she also landed roles with other theatric companies.

Her previous training in dance and theater helped her land her first lead role as Eva, a talented and stubborn dancer, in the movie “Center Stage” in 2000.

She gained popularity with her role as Anamaria in “Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl” in 2003. She starred as Nyota Uhura in the 2009 movie “Star Trek,” and as Neytiri in the 2009 movie “Avatar.” Zoe starred as Gamora in “Guardians of the Galaxy” in 2014.

Zoe Saldana is the only actress to have acted in three movies at the same time that were among the highest grossing for three consecutive weeks. These movies are: “Avatar,” “The Losers,” and “Death at a Funeral.”

Zoe is married to the Italian artist Marco Perego. They have three boys.

She has a strong reputation as an actress with major film companies. She continues acting in top movies.

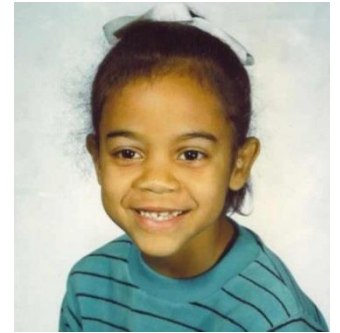


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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Where did Zoe study ballet, jazz, and modern dance?

- a. New Jersey
- b. the Dominican Republic
- c. New York
- d. Los Angeles



2. Why did Zoe act with the theater company Faces?

- a. She was a well-known actress.
- b. She was 17 years old.
- c. They tried to solve social problems.
- d. They paid her a lot of money.

3. What do you think helped her pursue her dream of being a known actress?

- a. Her love for dance
- b. Speaking two languages
- c. Her interest in the theater
- d. All of the above

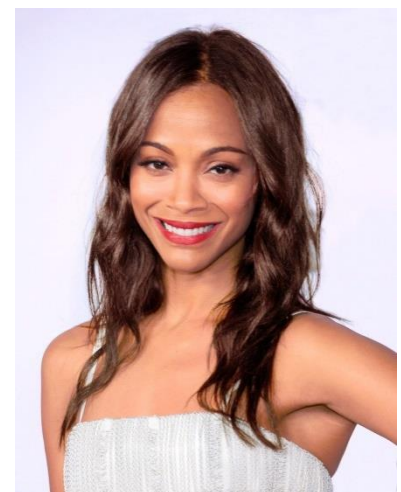


4. Zoe is the only actress to have been in three films considered among the highest grossing for three consecutive weeks.

- a. True
- b. False

5. How many children does Zoe have with her husband Marco Perego?

- a. 2 twins
- b. A baby
- c. 3 sons
- d. 4 sons



6. Choose 3 qualities from the box and explain why they are important to become a good actress.

Be an observer - Have a beautiful physique - Speak several languages - Have a good memory - Be patient - Be ambitious - Have a beautiful voice - Be generous - Be passionate about work - Be flexible - Be curious

7. If you had to work as an actor or actress, what kind of movie would you like to star in? Why?

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8. Think about writing your own movie. Answer the questions to create it.

- Title:
- Length:
- Main Characters:
- Setting:
- Plot:
- Ending: