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Biographies: Zoe Saldana



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

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

Zoe Saldana, an American actress, was born in Passaic, New Jersey,

on June 19, 1978. Her father, Aridio Saldaña, 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 7 years. While living in the Dominican Republic, he 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 had a social message, such as: the reporting of domestic violence and substance abuse.





At the same time, Zoe she performed with the New York Youth Theater in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” and landing auditions with many other theatric companies.

Her previous training in dance and her experience in 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 Anamaría in Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl of 2003. She starred as Nyota Uhura in the 2009 movie, “Star Trek,”, and as Neytiri in the 2009 movie, “Avatar,” by James Cameron, and 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 considered 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 3 boys.

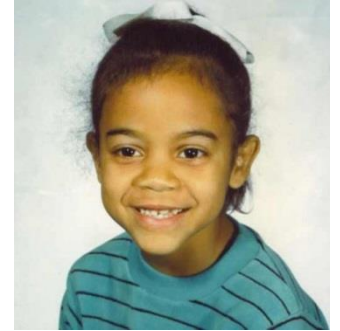
Her reputation as an actress is strong with the major film companies. She continues acting in top movies.



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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Where did Zoe study ballet, jazz, and modern dance?
 - a. in New Jersey.
 - b. in the Dominican Republic.
 - c. in New York.
 - d. in Los Angeles.



2. Why did Zoe act with the theater company Faces?
 - a. Because she was a well-known actress.
 - b. Because she was 17 years old.
 - c. Because they tried to solve social problems.
 - d. Because 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 two 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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| <input type="radio"/> Suspense/thrillers | <input type="radio"/> Adventure movies |
| <input type="radio"/> Scary movies | <input type="radio"/> Science Fiction movies |
| <input type="radio"/> Love story movies | <input type="radio"/> Musicals |

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

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