

Q: I remember when singer Usher used to be on the soap opera *The Bold and the Beautiful*. Has he done any acting since?— S.L.

A: Born Usher Raymond IV, superstar Usher was born in Dallas and sang in the church choir that was directed by his mother. The family later moved to Atlanta and then Los Angeles, where Usher released his first album in 1994 at the age of 16 and also hit it big with his second album, "My Way," in 1997. He flexed his talents even more by branching out into acting — first in the sitcom *The Parent 'Hood* on The WB network, then in recurring roles on *The Bold and the Beautiful* and *Moesha*.

More recently, he's just played himself in several T.V. shows like *Dave* and *The Lonely Island movie Popstar*.

However, being selected to headline the Super Bowl halftime show is a high honor for any recording artist, so I doubt he has any regrets about not having a hit acting career. He also just released his ninth album, "Coming Home," so perhaps he'll be adding his ninth Grammy to his mantle during the next award season.

Q: When is *Young Sheldon* coming back with new episodes? Is it true that this will be the final season? — A.M.

A: By the time you're reading this, you might have noticed that *Young Sheldon* returned to CBS with all new episodes on Feb. 15. Delayed by the writers' and actors' strikes, the seventh and final season will only consist of 14 episodes, with its hour-long series finale airing on May 16. It was inevitable that the show would end, since the title character was getting closer to the age of his future self in *The Big Bang Theory*, the hit sitcom that preceded *Young Sheldon*.

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However, there is a bit of good news on the horizon. According to The Hollywood

Reporter, CBS is “reteaming with exec producers Chuck Lorre, Steve Holland and Steve Molaro to develop a spinoff of their prequel series ‘*Young Sheldon*.’” Although nothing official has been announced, word is that the new show will focus on Sheldon’s brother, Georgie (Montana Jordan), and his fiancée, Mandy (Emily Osment). It will debut as early as the 2024-25 television season. Hopefully, Iain Armitage will pop in occasionally as Sheldon.

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