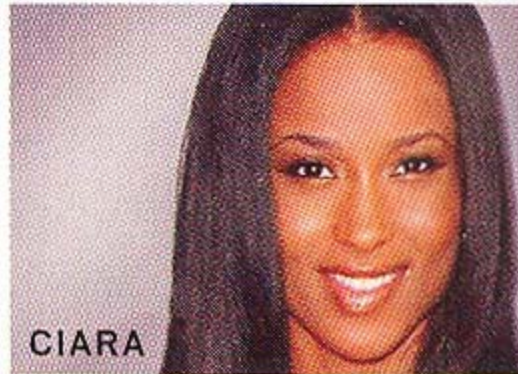


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+ Songstress **Ciara** is ready to pull a Beyoncé and cross over into film.



She'll play an R&B artist in an adaptation of the musical *Mama, I Want to Sing!* "Her mother [**Lynn Whitfield**] is an evangelist preacher," says producer **Jeff Clanagan**. "They drift apart [and] ultimately reconcile."

—*Vanessa Juarez*