

## Biographic

Many artists struggle to establish their musical identity, laboriously trying on different musical styles like a piece of clothing, looking to find what fits. But there are others that emerge fully formed, in full command of their craft, their identity, and their music. Shanica pronounced (Shan-ick-uh) fits firmly in that category. Influenced by artists like Alanis Morissette, Dido, Sarah McLachlan, and Norah Jones, some would say that she is this generation of a new aged Tracy Chapman. However, based off her many influences, her signature sound is taking over a new territory.



Raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Shanica started singing at age four, playing guitar at age 7, and took music very seriously at age 9. She explains, "I started writing songs in my head, and it took my interest in music to another level. Then I started singing country music to broaden my horizons even more." Almost immediately after performing on shows such as Ed McMahon's "The Next Big Star," "Americas Most Talented Kid," and "It's Showtime at the Apollo," Shanica and her parents made the big move to Los Angeles, California.

As her journey in the city of dreams began, Shanica decided that she wanted to be a triple threat in the entertainment industry. She decided to give acting a try, and in her first year she ended up booking the role that started her career. Disney's hit show "Hannah Montana" gave Shanica her acting/singing debut as the mean girl to Miley Cyrus, known as Amber Addison. Shanica filmed four seasons as a recurring guest star and since then, her acting career has blossomed into more memorable roles. With 4 feature films, 15 television shows, and 11 national commercials, Shanica was able to make a mark on Hollywood as an actress. However, Shanica never forgot her true mission and reason for being out there in the first place...music.

Shanica recently starred in a Lifetime movie called "Megachurch Murder". Along with this incredibly intense drama/thriller it also comes with an incredible all-star cast: Malcolm Jamal Warner (as her father), Tamala Jones (as her mother), Romeo Miller (as her love interest), Corbin Bleu, Michael Beach, and Dawn Lewis. We saw Shanica perform three emotional numbers throughout the movie, accompanied by her guitar. Not to mention in the score are Shanica's original songs written by Shanica herself. Because of executive producers Sean Dwyer, Elizabeth Cullen, writer Kendall Clark, and director Darin Scott, we saw Shanica Knowles give the performance of her career.

In conclusion, in spite of the many blessings & opportunities throughout Shanica's journey, she never lost sight of her main focus. "I truly believe that my destiny is to break barriers in the music industry. I need to prove to the world that talent will prevail over anything else. It's not easy, but I was born for a revolution, and I'm ready."