

Miss Maddy

Maddy Owens began performing in talent shows with her father and brothers at the age of 3. At the age of 10, her father finally enrolled her in dance classes at Joan Crawford Dance Studio where she studied ballet, jazz, tap, and gymnastics. At 11 she began working as an assistant dance teacher, and she joined the Shooting Stars dance company at the age of 12 where she added lyrical, musical theater, and pointe to her repertory. She founded her high school dance team at the age of 14 and began her choreographic endeavors. In addition to winning scholarships to E.D.G.E Performing Arts Centre in Hollywood, CA and Broadway Dance Center in New York, NY, she was also recognized at The Best New Talent Awards. After landing her first professional dancing job with Universal Records, IMX, and 702 at the age of 16, she knew that she wanted to pursue a professional dancing career.

Upon high school graduation, Maddy moved to Miami where she studied Afro-cuban, Afro-brazilian, ballet, jazz, hip hop, lindy hop, latin ballroom, contemporary and modern. Within the first year of her dance career, she toured South Africa and Japan with recording artist Ashanti and joined the number one dance team in the NBA - The Miami Heat Dancers. She has performed at several Premios Juventud and Premio Lo Nuestro award shows, as well as the national televised NBA All Star Weekend. She has also appeared in several music videos, and performed and taught dance in Surabaya, Indonesia for NBA Madness.

Moving back to Orlando, Florida at the end of 2009, Maddy performed in Disney's *Finding Nemo: The Musical* (AEA) and began her singing and acting careers. Maddy was also a 2009-2010 PULSE Protege Scholarship Recipient and trained with Wade Robson, Dave Scott, Gil Duldulao, Mia Michaels, Laurie Ann Gibson, Cris Judd, and Jamal Sims. She also danced at Busch Gardens Tampa for Summer Nights; as well as presented choreographic work at Phazes of Love 2010: Evolution in Atlanta, Georgie and for Fantashique on VH1's *Basketball Wives*. Maddy was a cast member of *Hairspray* and *Come Fly With Me* on the Oasis of the Seas with Royal Caribbean International Cruiselines before she moved to Los Angeles in October 2011.

Maddy quickly developed a strong relationship with the prestigious Bloc Talent Agency, as well as Andre Fuentes, Aisha Francis, Kennis Marquis, Oth'than Burnside, Tony Tzar, and other reputable choreographers. Her skills have landed her roles on countless commercials, fitness DVDs, music videos, TV shows, and tours; as well as a position as a Los Angeles Laker Girl and a performer/choreographer at Universal Studios Hollywood.

Maddy moved back to Orlando, Florida in 2016 to spend more time with her family as her parents prepare for retirement in the Philippine Islands. She began choreographing for non-profit mentorship program, Fantashique, where she won the "Choreography Award" at Turn It Up dance competition. She has now found a home at Ready Set Dance. She is excited to share her gift and watch her students grow and develop in their learning capabilities, execution, performance, creativity, self worth, strength and stamina!