

Nicole Scherzinger

Nicole Scherzinger is what entertainment industry executives call "a triple threat." This free-spirited artist is not just another pretty face; she can sing, act, AND dance. In a business that has been criticized for placing more emphasis on "image" than "ability" she shatters stereotypes with her blend of exotic beauty, charisma, and undeniable talent.

Scherzinger, who is of Hawaiian-Russian-Filipino descent, knew from a young age that she was destined to become an entertainer; performing is in her blood. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, as a child she watched her family of entertainers perform Polynesian shows featuring her mother as the lead hula dancer and her grandmother, Tutu, as the singer. At the age of six her family relocated to Louisville, Kentucky. Transitioning from island life was a new challenge for Nicole. "It was difficult at first because I didn't look like everyone else", she recalls, feeling at times like the ugly duckling.

Growing up, Nicole attended performing arts junior and senior high schools, and she attended Wright State University in Dayton, OH, where she majored in theatre and minored in dance. Nicole then learned the rock band Days Of The New was looking for a female vocalist. Soon after hearing the demos she recorded with lead singer, Travis Meeks, the band's producer Scott Litt called her out to L.A., where she recorded their second album and set out on the road to tour with them.

After touring she returned home to work on her own music. However auditions for WB's talent series "Popstars" had her driving to Chicago, joining an audition line at five a.m. but would soon pay off. Eden's Crush, the girl group that resulted from "Popstars," was a sensation. Its 2001 self-titled debut album went Top 10 and the single "Get Over Yourself" went to #1 on Billboard's singles chart. In its year-plus together, the band toured with N*Sync and Jessica Simpson.

After Eden's Crush, Nicole explored opportunities in the acting world, landing roles in feature films such as "Chasing Papi" and guest-starred in television series such as "My Wife and Kids."

It wasn't long until she heard that The Pussycat Dolls were looking for singers and she landed the coveted lead spot with PCD. Four years later, the album PCD has sold over 6 million copies worldwide, spawning 5 hit singles and even earning a Grammy nomination. Currently Nicole is in the studio, prepping for the next Pussycat Dolls album, coming later this year.

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