

Shanica Knowles

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“Everyone has talents and it’s important for us to embrace them.”

Actress, singer-songwriter and now producer, Shanica Knowles, has entertained us on the screen with her talents. From roles in *Hannah Montana*, to *The Young and the Restless* to *Life-Size 2*, she has remained consistent in her work.

Inspired by her mom, an Olympic track runner, Shanica always strives to be her best self. When she was a youth she performed at festivals and talent shows singing country music. When her family moved to Los Angeles from Cedar Rapids, Iowa the goal was to pursue Shanica’s dream of becoming a music artist not an actress. She was encouraged to be a triple threat --actor, singer, dancer. She tried it, and it worked out for her to land roles playing a music artist. “I love how I get the best of both worlds.”

Shanica wants to be an asset to the acting community, and started online classes, Inside Talents. “When I first started out, I wish I had something like this where I could learn from an actor I looked up to and get inside info about getting in the business.”

The goal is to make it easier for beginner actors to transition into the industry and have their “inside talent” shine. Shanica hopes to branch out to a full management agency, to make it easier for beginners to get representation and submit for roles.

As far as projects Shanica is staying busy. “This year has been my busiest in my career as far as projects.” You can watch her in *Twice Bitten* with LisaRaye McCoy and Ledisi, now streaming on BET+. She is starring in the short film *Talentless*, which is her first film where she wrote and performed her own song, “Bought Me Out”. The short film did well in festivals. She also has a few films in post production. Including *Don’t Suck* a comedy with Jamie Kennedy, a comedy series role alongside Tony Rock and Jennifer Freeman and the first pilot she produced *Victoria’s Secret*. Along with that she is developing, producing and writing her own TV drama that is inspired by her story.

Shanica has a lot in store for the future. She doesn’t get nervous, she loves performing and can act with anyone. She aspires to work with Chris Tucker, Angela Bassett and Bradley Cooper. Get ready to see Shanica Knowles on your screens in 2022.

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