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Coty Alexander

It is the hope of most impersonators to be a part of the celebrity's life that they are impersonating. It is a hope and dream that came true for Madonna impersonator, Coty Alexander as she recently got the opportunity to be a significant part of the upcoming documentary about the life of Madonna. Whether her participation came about through chance or destiny, this has become the crowning culmination of her years of work in the impersonation field.



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Alexander impersonated the star for eight years in the production of "American Superstars."

Her performance in the production garnered her many accolades, including multiple billboards, taxicab tops, and magazine covers. *Good Morning American*, *E! Entertainment*, *MTV*, *The Travel Channel*, *Discovery*, *Rolling Stone*, *the Los Angeles and New York Times*, and *the San Francisco Chronicle* all distinguished her portrayal as a "must see" in Las Vegas. It is no wonder that her talents and abilities came to the attention of the producers of the Madonna documentary.

The opportunity came about through the annual Impersonators Convention that is held each year in Las Vegas—a convention that Alexander was not planning on attending, but these producers happened to be there looking for the best Madonna impersonator. Naturally, Alexander's name came up.

The producers got her number and met with her over the next several days. They filmed over ten hours of material, not only at the convention, but also at the *Madonna* concert that night, and then asked her to do several songs and interviews as Madonna later. The producers are looking at a possible opening

in May at the Cannes film festival.

Alexander feels that the exposure that she will gain through this film will be

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Legends on

The era of the big ice show extravaganza that entertains the whole family is coming back! It is a return to genre of the Ice Capades and Ice Follies. Famed ice-show producer Bob Turk, director Randy Gardner, lighting genius Bob Schultz (of Seigfried & Roy fame), and Las Vegas costume designer Pieter Grove are creating a show with the drama and magic of vintage ice-skating shows starring the champions of international figure skating.

Executive Co-Producer Bonnie Jo Parker says this is a dream team, which has come together at a time when ice-skating needs an original new presentation. "The best of the best are working together for the first time in their distinguished careers to stage the ice-show for future generations to remember," says Parker.

Randy Gardner is pulling double duty with the show, both directing and performing. "Legends on Ice," says Gardner, "is a show about figure skaters, by figure skaters, for anyone who loves figure skating."

Gardner has won every major championship in the world, and gained international fame with his partner Tai Babilonia during the Olympics. He has directed several ice shows, "but never one this big," he adds. "I've had to take everything that I know about directing and triple it."

The show has an incredible cast of champions including: Dorothy Hamill, Elvis Strojko, Tai Babilonia & Randy



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Gardner, Rudy Gary Visconti, Dwyer, Scott Kenny Shelle, skaters Valc Polishchuck & "Legends on the history of piece on the a

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12th Weekly TV program, The Club, starts. Every Tuesday night at 10 p.m.- [SPKIE TV].

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12th to 31st Elton John - Caesars Palace.

13th to 17th Las Vegas Comedy Festival - Golden Nugget: <http://www.lasvegascomedyfestival.com/htmls/lvcf.html>

14th to 16th Keno Tournament - Fitzgeralds.

14th to 16th Life At 50+ Expo by AARP - Venetian. Info.: <http://www.aarp.org/events>

14th to 17th Steven Wright - Orleans Showroom.

14th to 17th Don Rickles - Stardust.

15th Beach Boys - Lake Las Vegas.

15th FAO Schwarz toy store, closed due to bankruptcy, will re-open with new owners, after renovations - Forum Shops in Caesars Palace.

15th to 17th The Lettermen - Suncoast Showroom.

16th Average White Band - Boulder Station.

16th Boxing - Cannery.

16th Lenny Kravitz - Mandalay Bay Events Center.

16th Jimmy Buffett - MGM Grand Garden Arena.

16th Village People - Silverton.

16th & 17th Scrapbook Expo - Cashman Center.

17th Annual K-9 Trials (free) - Orleans Arena.

18th New air service from Houston - America West Air.

19th to 24th Peter Pan with Cathy Rigby - Cashman Theatre.

21st Hawaiian Luau Show closes for the season - Imperial Palace.

21st to 24th Franki Valli & Four Seasons - Orleans.

22nd Forum Shops opens a spectacular \$139 million, three-story, Phase III, with an expansion from the existing mall all the way to The Strip and will then have a three-story grand entrance direct from The Strip - Caesars Palace. The mall will have inlaid marble floors and a three-story-tall, specially built spiral escalator! There will also be 57 classical 35-foot statues, plus a 60-foot-by-30-foot reflecting pond. About 60 upscale new stores.

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tremendous. Since leaving "Superstars," she has been freelancing and primarily working in the corporate circuit.

Coty Alexander came from a performance family, and started her impersonating career at the age of five when she was asked to play Shirley Temple in a stage performance. As she focused on dancing, she toured The Asian Pacific with the U.S.O. After learning some martial arts, she played the character of Red Sonja in the Conan the Barbarian show at Universal Studios. Her singing ability caught the eye of a director and she was able to make her first music video.

She truly, though, found a niche in the world of impersonators, and her long running success as Madonna has proven her ability to deliver a first-rate tribute. She has added impersonations of Britney Spears and Marilyn Monroe to her repertoire, and with this triple threat of celebrities, she seeks to continue doing bigger and better things.

Alexander is a solid performer with a good head on her shoulders. She has diversified not only her character base, but has also gotten into the world of investments and seeks to start producing her own shows. She loves performing, and we love watching her.

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