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PROFILE: COTY ALEXANDER

Career has taken her from Shirley Temple to Madonna

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Coty Alexander is one of the co-stars of the **Stratosphere Hotel's** hit show, "American Superstars," portraying pop icon **Madonna**. And, with dancing, singing, as well as vocal and physical mimicry skills to match her natural beauty, she does an outstanding job as the neo-Evita in her ponytailed rocker days.

Offstage, Coty is hardly a Madonna, though. At least not *that* Madonna.

More family- and church-oriented than *material*, she has more roots planted in country than rock music (though, she says, she did lean first toward rock as the

little rebel of the family). She was born and raised in Oklahoma with folks and five siblings who loved country music. That, to say nothing of the fact that the very first portrayal she did onstage was when she was 8 years old and performed as ... **Shirley Temple**.



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She and sister **Ashley** toured Canada as a country duo called **Twin Hearts** when the girls were only in their mid-teens, after just coming off a USO tour entertaining American troops from Tokyo to Switzerland, performing patriotic and pop tunes.

During the Canadian tour, they spent time in the studio, recording some of their original music and shooting a music video.

When they returned to the States, Coty earned several acting, singing and dance jobs, as well as doing a considerable amount of modeling. And, while racking up the performing and modeling credits (she is a member of both the Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists), she is also pursuing her education and interest in medicine.

Her evolution into the role of paying tribute to Madonna

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was a natural transition from performing the same art with a **Marilyn Monroe** tribute, which eventually led to her discovery by the producers of "Superstars."

One of the things she does have in common with The Material Girl (aside from stage charisma and sensuality) is a passion for fitness.

Along with her commercials and infomercials for companies like Gatorade, Family Fitness, Fitness Line, Pacific Fitness and Thigh Melt, she has performed in a Martial Arts Expo as Red Sonja, part of the *Conan the Barbarian* troupe at Universal Studios and with International Beauties Against Drugs.