

# MORE THAN A TRIPLE THREAT



Born LaShonda Antrionette Harris on July 19 in Jonesboro, Louisiana and raised in Houston, Texas, is a talented musician and performer. From an early age, she displayed a passion for music, singing, and playing instruments. Shonnie's musical journey began at the age of 3 and has since been marked by numerous accomplishments.

After graduating from Sharpstown High School, Shonnie pursued her academic interests and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Grambling State University. Her time at Grambling State honed her musical talents and allowed her to showcase her showmanship on percussion as a member of the renowned Grambling State World Famed Tiger Marching Band. In which she is the first female Quad/Quint Player.

Within the band, Shonnie held the highest-ranked position of Master Drill Sgt. and gained recognition through her appearances on the hit BET show, "Season of the Tiger." This exposure led her to further opportunities, including appearances on 106 and Park BET Awards and other television shows.

Shonnie's dedication to music education and support for high schools and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) is evident by her being in the Class of 2022 of the Recording Academy, Grammy Recording artist voting member and she serves on the education committee.

She also takes on the role of a mentor in Grammy U. Furthermore, Shonnie has highlighted her writing talents as a Best-Selling Expert Author, with her books titled "The HBCU Experience: The Grambling State University" and "The HBCU Experience: The HBCU Band Alumni 3rd Edition" available on Amazon. When performing with her full rhythm section and band, known as Funk Potion #9,

Shonnie captivates her fans with an unforgettable performance. Drawing inspiration from various genres, she skillfully blends her sound, lyrical abilities, 2nd-Line, GOGO music, and visual poetry.

Shonnie's energy and ability to engage the audience are key elements that contribute to her remarkable stage presence. Her unique style often draws comparisons to esteemed artists such as Sheila E., Erykah Badu, and Missy Elliot. Throughout her career, Shonnie has had the privilege of performing with and opening for notable acts.

Shonnie Murrell's impressive list of performances includes sharing the stage with renowned artists and participating in notable events.

Recently, she showcased her vocal talents as the National Anthem singer for the Houston Dash Soccer Game and demonstrated her percussion skills alongside the O'Jays and CholexHalle.

Shonnie has also captivated audiences at events like the Dikembe Mutombo Congo Foundation, Freedom Over Texas, Austin Crawfish Fest, San Antonio, TX Mardi Gras, and the KPC Convention. In addition to these accomplishments, Shonnie has had the privilege of being the National Anthem singer for Rockets vs Spurs and Pelicans vs Thunder games.

She has made cameo appearances on the reality show "Real Housewives of Atlanta" and performed as a percussionist for the legendary group SWITCH. Shonnie has also had the opportunity to open for notable artists such as Leela James, Major, Rick Ross, Lil Wayne, MC Lyte, Macshawn100, Warren G, Letoya Luckett, Eric Roberson, Young Joc, Frank Mccomb, the late great Al Jarreau, and Betty Wright, to name a few.

Shonnie's talents have taken her to various corners of the globe, and she has been instrumental in establishing over 12 music programs through her partnership with Microsoft. Within the Houston Independent School District, she actively supports students, faculty, staff, and the community by providing resources and organizing community events.

Shonnie Murrell continues to make her mark in the music industry, thrilling audiences with her dynamic performances and contributing to the advancement of music education outside of the classroom.

Shonnie Murrell received her Proclamation from the City of Houston on November 14, 2023 from Mayor Sylvester Turner & Councilwoman Dr. Evans- Shabazz.



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