

Kyla Canten



Rising star Kyla Carter's talent runs deep whether she is acting, singing, dancing, or performing on Broadway. Kyla is currently starring as 'CJ Suki' in the new DreamWorks animated series "TrollsTopia" streaming on Hulu and Peacock. She can also be seen starring as the same character in the Netflix series "Trolls The Beat Goes On". Kyla's single "Because You're You" from Season 4 of the Netflix series soundtrack has become a hit with Trolls fans and beyond, garnering over 28K-streams on YouTube alone. As a singer/songwriter herself, Kyla recently released an original song "Average Puzzle Piece". True to Kyla's nature, the sweet song has messages encouraging self-love and building selfconfidence. While Kyla's latest single "Half Full Half Empty" (released April 23rd) takes a deeper dive into her uncanny lyrical ability, relaying a feeling many can relate to over the course of this pandemic.



Kyla was born and raised in Long Island, New York - where she took inspiration to become a performer from her icon Shirley Temple. She began her acting career at 5-years old when she was cast as 'Hattie the Witch' in the Nickelodeon animated "Wallykazam!" series and 'Young Nora Durst' in the HBO drama series "The Leftovers." With her passion for theatre arts. she began her Broadway career at 8-years old playing 'Gretl von Trapp' in "The Sound of Music" (2015-2017),under three-time Tony Winner Jack O'Brien. She then went on to play 'Susan Waverly' in the Broadway

production of "White Christmas" (2018-2019). Overall, Kyla spent 18-months touring the U.S. and Canada, performed over 500 shows, visited 50 cities and 26 states, and never missed a day of work or school on the road. Outside of Broadway, Kyla's professional acting credits thus far include work for ABC, HBO, Nickelodeon, PBS, Netflix, Hulu, Peacock and NBCUniversal.

Kyla can next be seen singing and acting in the video/book series "Junga the Dancing Yeti Meets Heidi," in which she voices the lovable leading role of 'Heidi'. The character is a bright 6-year-old girl who values her family, friends, always likes to do the right thing, and along the way shares anti-bullying messages. Kyla cowrote and provided the music for two songs in the upcoming YouTube/audiobook series — expected to release on May 25th.

When Kyla is not acting, she spends time writing her own original music, performing popular cover songs on her YouTube Channel, dancing, and modeling. During the pandemic, Kyla began her own podcast 'Kyla's Korner'. The podcast is featured weekly on 'The Mark White Show' airing on Radio Alabama's KIX 96.3 FM/100.3 FM, and can be streamed on most podcast platforms. Kyla's mission is to spread positivity and kindness to her community. She shares encouraging and motivational messages to her listeners with her motto being: 'Live life sunny side up!' She is an advocate for spreading sunshine and positivity wherever she goes. Kyla is truly an inspiration and positive role model for other young girls and boys during these unprecedented times.

Please let us know your interest in speaking with this young star on the rise!





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May I ask what age you decided to get into acting?

I started getting into acting when I was around 5 years old. My parents had enrolled me in a local acting class where I found my love for singing and acting!

What was your first acting role and what did you learn from it that you still use now?

My first acting role was a bee in "Jungle Book" at a small community theater near me. I was 4 years old and I continued to perform in shows at this theater, slowly getting bigger roles like Chip in "Beauty and the Beast" and Molly in "Annie the Musical." These roles helped me grow as an actress and prepared me to perform for my first Broadway role on the Broadway National Tour of "The Sound of Music!"

How old were you when you started singing and playing the guitar?

I started singing before I could talk. My family constantly tells me stories of how I was humming and singing melodies before I said my first words. I have been playing guitar for about two years on and off, but I really started getting into it during quarantine since I had the time to play around and learn the instrument!

Do you find doing these things you love makes you happier in yourself?

YES! Lots of people always ask me if I have been forced into performing by my family and my answer is always, "why would I give up so many things if I didn't love performing?" When I perform I am the happiest! I wouldn't give up singing and acting for anything in this world!

What are some of your favourite songs and artists?

Some of my favorite artists at the moment are Olivia Rodrigo, Taylor Swift, Harry Styles, and The Beatles! My favorite song changes on a daily basis, but I have been very much enjoying Olivia Rodrigo's new album, Sour and St. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club by the Beatles!

Do you have a favourite actor that you learn things from?

My favorite actor is Shirley Temple. Many people are surprised that I even know who she is considering my age, but she is one of the main reasons I got into the acting business. When I was younger I watched all of the movies she was in, in black and white and in color. As I watched her, I decided that I wanted to sing, dance, and act, just like she did. Seeing her on the big screen gave me the inspiration and drive to follow my dreams!

What do you have coming up soon with your singing and acting?

This year I started writing and releasing music! I used to write silly, little songs when I was younger to escape my reality and document my emotions. When Covid hit and we were all in quarantine, I started writing again. My writing has gotten A LOT better since I was five and I have released three singles in 2021! I just recently released 3 AM, which is a song about losing someone you love and trying to get over the loss. I have gotten so many positive messages from fans regarding my music and I hope to keep releasing songs in the future!

Would you have any advice for any of our readers looking at getting into show business? A piece of advice I have for

readers looking to get into show business would be to stay positive and be confident. This business is really hard. There is a lot of rejection, which can cause you to doubt your abilities. Believing in yourself and your abilities is the only way you will succeed. Remember that things happen for a reason and to stay on your own path!





