



14 YEAR OLD HAWAIIAN STAR, *Madison*

A singer/songwriter/ukulele player, with a surf-pop vibe, discovered on YouTube.

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PHOTOS: *Madison's family, friends and fan images*

A YOUTUBE SENSATION from Hawaii, playing weekly gigs in her hometown, is quickly achieving a widely expanding fan base with her recognizable surf-pop vibe, now heard on radio stations across Hawaii. In no time, this rising teen star will be living her dream, touring and playing her music while spreading Aloha around the world.

She's just 14 years old and has the voice of a well-trained adult woman. Her clear, soft tone mixed with her flirtatious rasp gives her voice a slight Norah Jones and Colbie Callait sound, and yet she's still so unique and stands on her own.

At such a young age she has already managed to brand herself, find her voice and her own unique style while creating numerous covers of popular songs by Taylor Swift, Ingrid Michaelson, Coldplay, Katy Perry, and Maroon 5, just to name a few. She has also managed to produce her own original songs, like the popular "Those Boys" track dedicated to the band One Direction, which her own fans have already begun covering. She co-writes everything with her Grandmother,

Tonni Riley, who has been nicknamed "Grammager" by Madison. Tonni Riley is the owner of Paradise Found Records and is living the dream, being able to help her beautiful granddaughter make it to stardom. Being blessed to work so closely with family has given Madison a solid foundation in remaining humble as she moves forward throughout her music career.

Madison is a rare breed, making her way to fame with, what would seem, utopian star quality looks and sound, and is already radiating an impressive role model reputation. Sporting long, sun-kissed blonde hair, devastatingly blue eyes, and a trend-setting Hawaiian style, matched with a strikingly beautiful voice, admirable ukulele talent, and that "and then some" gift for wanting to spread love, happiness and kindness around the world.

There is always a sense of apprehension regarding a young star's journey to fame, with all of the influences and exposure in the limelight, but after my interview with Madison I am now confident in her well-being while she climbs to the top. This 14 year old girl has a very old soul within her, and is backed with an incredible support team.

With homeschooling, fitting in time for recording music in the studio, performing twice a week at The Princeville Centre in Hanalei, Hawaii, occasionally performing at The St. Regis Resort, and other special events around the Island have made for a constant busy schedule. However, her wonderful Grammager still manages to schedule down time and days off for her talented granddaughter to rejuvenate her soul, creativity, and to allow her to be a teenager.

Listen to Madison on YouTube, follow her on Twitter and Facebook, and, if you get the chance, see this beautiful girl perform live in Hawaii. Check her Website to view event dates and times. And look out for her on The Ellen DeGeneres Show one day!

Madison - *Inspiring the world through her music and Aloha.*

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BEAUTYBLISS: Do you think you will always have that beach/surfer vibe to your sound?

Madison: I think as I grow older my sound will continue to broaden, but somewhere on my album I think I'll always keep a little of my original Island sound in at least some of my songs. It's a part of who I am and let's face it; it's a happy, feel good sound. I love the way the sound of the ukulele makes me feel. I probably won't have a ukulele on every song but it will always be close by.

BEAUTYBLISS: How did you learn to play the Ukulele?

Madison: I am completely self-taught. I played guitar a little at first but when I picked up the ukulele for the first time I knew it fit me just right. I would find a song I liked to sing, then I would look up the chords to it and just start figuring it out the best I could. I'm certainly not as good

on the ukulele as many people I know but I can tell you it just takes practice to get better at anything like this. I'm excited to keep playing and practicing and getting better!

MADISON'S *single* "THOSE BOYS" was written about UK boy band, ONE DIRECTION.

BEAUTYBLISS: What inspires the ukulele melodies and lyrics for your original songs?

Madison: Inspirations for my songs come from living real life.

Hard times and good times are both good for learning and sharing. My songs aren't always inspired just by me or my circumstances at the time. They're inspired by looking at other people's lives too.

My grandma and I have worked together on everything we've written so far. She helps me especially by identifying and taking worthwhile concepts and turning them into good, well-crafted lyrics and a story. Once we have the lyrics and the story written, then we work on the music side to complete the song. Melody and music seems to be what I am the strongest at; it comes really naturally to me. I love it when we write a new song together. We make a really good team in writing. We've had a really special bond our whole lives and I wouldn't want it any other way. She teaches me and I teach her new things every day.

BEAUTYBLISS: One of BEAUTYBLISS Teams favourite originals of yours is "Don't Wanna Grow Up". It was heard for the first time on the radio clip you have on



your website and everyone fell in love with it instantly. How did you come up with the lyrics to that particular song?

Madison: Aw, thanks. I'm thrilled you like it. My Gram-mager, who I co-write everything with, came up with the lyrics to that one and we wrote the melody and music together. I feel very grateful to have her helping me. We actually worked in collaboration with a very good friend and talented musician, Jeff Caldwell, to help tweak our melody even more on "Don't Wanna Grow Up". To us, it's important to have my songs be the best they can be and we're happy to collaborate with a 3rd person sometimes, if we think it will make the song even better!

BEAUTYBLISS: What is your favourite thing about having your Grandmother as your manager?

Madison: There really are too many to name just one favourite thing. We really have a lot of fun together and laugh a lot, even during the hard times. I can also tell you what is really important to me is that I know my grandma

only wants what is best for me and my life and I know I can trust her in guiding and protecting me in this business, along with my grandpa.

BEAUTYBLISS: What is your favourite song by another artist right now?

Madison: My absolute favourite song at this time is called "Michigan" by "The Milk Carton Kids". My good friend (& musician) Chelsey Forrest introduced them to me. I fell in love with the song and especially the harmony in it.

BEAUTYBLISS: Which artists would you collaborate with if you had the chance?

Madison: I would love to collaborate with Colbie Caillat, Jack Johnson, Taylor Swift and Death Cab for Cutie. *Smiles* I also think Bruno Mars is really talented. I know they are all very different but I love all of their different sounds and styles and respect them all very much.

My Grammager is my main writing partner on all my songs. She's taught me the importance of thinking and creating outside any one box. She helps keep things interesting by exposing me to a lot of different musicians that have become my musical family. Every one of them has influenced me in their own special way but I definitely know what I like and what I feel. What comes out of me when I'm writing and performing ultimately comes from my soul. I don't ever want to get stuck in one place or single style or genre even. I think that could get boring. I think

it's important to stay fresh by mixing a lot of different styles and sounds together for different effects, depending on the song, feeling, message or story I want to share.

BEAUTYBLISS: Ellen is my hero. My dream is to be on her show to showcase my magazine one day. Have you ever dreamt of going on The Ellen DeGeneres Show? When you do go on the Ellen Show which song do you think you would perform?

Madison: Oh my gosh, Ellen is like my 'Soul-Best-Friend'! How did you know? I've dreamed of being on her show! It would be such a blessing and honour to meet her. I think she's one of the funniest, coolest people that have ever lived!

If I had just one song to perform on her show, it would be one of my originals. I may choose "I am just a Girl". It's the title song for my first album and is definitely one of my favourites to perform. It's really a fun song. I would also like to perform "Those Boys" for her (another original on my album that also has a music video) because I've dreamed of being on her show and meeting the boy band "One Direction" (the song was written about them). There's actually a line in the song that refers to Ellen. I think she'd find it funny (hopefully).

BEAUTYBLISS: Do you hope that your single "Those Boys" will reach One Direction someday so that you could not only meet them but collaborate with them too? And if you could only meet one of the boys from One Direction who would you choose to meet?

Madison: Yes, I think it would be awesome if they heard my original and saw the music video too, and of course,

it'd be a thrill to collaborate with them. I would be happy to meet any one of them; they're all so cute and seem so nice and funny. If I could only meet one, though, I guess I would choose Liam. He's really good looking and seems mature.

BEAUTYBLISS: What are some of the top things on your Bucket List?

Madison:

1. Be one of Ellen's Best Friends;
2. Become BFF'S with Taylor Swift, too;
3. Be like Betty White someday;
4. Go on a world-wide tour with my music;
5. Definitely spend time in Australia; and
6. Marry an Australian (love their accents!) *Laughs*.

BEAUTYBLISS: When do you think you'll receive your first Teen Choice Award?

Madison: That's a funny question; I've never even thought of before. To be truthful, I guess I'll receive one only if and when I deserve one. You never know what will happen in the future really, but I'm excited about all the possibilities that could be there! If I never receive one, no worries, life is good no matter what happens.

BEAUTYBLISS: You mentioned on your website that your long term goal is "to become an international recording artist and tour the world". What excites you the most about being able to go on tour and perform for thousands of people?

Madison: I truly am the happiest when I get to share my music with others. I believe we are all born with gifts that



are meant to be shared with others to make the world better. My music gives me the opportunity to do that. I'm shy and not very good at a lot of other things. For some reason, though, when I do my music I don't feel shy. I just love singing and performing now that I've done it awhile and gotten used to being up in front of crowds.

Aloha means love. I want to give aloha and the spirit of kindness to as many people as possible around the world. That's what the world needs more of. When sharing music I never have to judge another human being, I only need to love them. I simply want to give them my best and that is the way I can share pure love with the most people possible. I think that love can be spread faster that way. What could be better?

BEAUTYBLISS: You already sound so mature. How do you think you'll remain grounded and humble as your success increases?

Madison: I feel very blessed

to have such a wonderful family that is really down to earth and good and always here for me. I'm home-schooled around my life and my career choice in the music business, by my grandparents. They are really giving all their time, energy and life to me and building the business side of my career so that I can have this opportunity.

I will always be grateful for that. I know they're doing it because they love me and I never want to let them down.

My parents and the rest of my family have sacrificed too, to let me live with my grandparents to pursue a music career and I will forever appreciate it. I won't forget all that it has really taken to allow me to follow my dream. Without all of them behind me, I know I could never be where I already am in my career. Besides my grandparents, my Uncle Tyler also helps with my daily education, as well as building

my career. It's definitely a family team effort.

I'm also taught and reminded almost daily about the fact that my choices in life each day will lead me to where I am tomorrow. My family is here to help keep me on track and to always remind me that if I stay focused and humble and true to who I am, I'll stay on the right course. I know the choices are ultimately up to me. There are



plenty of good and bad examples of people in my industry to look at. Grandma has taught me that every example is good for me to see, good and bad, because it shows me how to be and how NOT to be.

I'm determined to live a good, clean, pure life and hope to be a good role model for others. I know it's important to keep myself surrounded with the right, good people at all times.

My grandma has always taught me that it is most important to be a good human being at the end of the day.

BEAUTYBLISS: It looks like you receive a lot of great advice from the people that love you. If you could give your own advice to someone, especially girls your own age, about following their dreams what would you tell them?

Madison: My best advice is to just be yourself and don't make the mistake of looking around you and thinking others are always better than you. Find what you like to do and work on doing it. Stay busy with something good and worthwhile. You'll get a little bit better at it every day and that's all you need to work on. Don't try to be someone else, just try to be the best 'you' every day. Everything won't be easy and it won't always work out, especially to begin with, but just keep at it and don't give up! No one can stop you from learning and growing but yourself and remember there is no one as good as you at being 'you'!



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BEAUTYBLISS: I love how you mentioned earlier that you are the happiest when you get to share your music with others and that all shyness and nerves go away when you are singing. I believe that's when you know you are truly following your passion. What are some other hints that you can share with BEAUTYBLISS readers that will help them recognize their true passion in life?

Madison: I only have my own experiences and everyone is different, I'm sure, but that's what is important; that we are all different and we've been given different talents that just need to be uncovered and discovered. So I guess I would say don't do what someone else wants you to do just to please them but instead find what makes you happy, what you like, and love to do and keep doing it. To me, passion for something is doing what you want to do when no one else is telling you to do it, you just know that you like it and want to keep doing it, even in the hard times.

BEAUTYBLISS: Do you have any upcoming CD releases or singles that we should know about?

Madison: Let's see, I just had my Album Release Party here on the Island for my first CD, on August 31, and I have 4 songs now playing on the radio. I have 3 music videos out on YouTube (“Shy Girl”, “Those Boys” and “Don't Wanna Grow Up”). We're working on another music video for my song called “My Song”, which we hope to have released as a single on iTunes just after the first of next year. My album was released as a CD first and is available from my website. I have 5 singles from the album now released on iTunes and my other originals on the album will be released as singles individually over the next few months.

We've already started working on new songs for my next album too. I'm really excited about this next phase of my life and the songs it will bring. They're different than the songs on my first album.

A FINAL MESSAGE FROM MADISON: Besides my family that has given me my life, as well as all their love and support, I would like to thank everyone else that has been a part of my journey so far for their aloha, and kind words of support, encouragement and belief in me, my music and my future. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart! Mahalo and Aloha Always!

- Madison ❀

