

For Texas born 17-year old rising star Sanni M'mairura, performing in front of Mariah Carey, Nicki Minaj, Randy Jackson and Keith Urban and making it through to the final stage of Hollywood week - Season 12 American Idol competition was like a dream come true.

Then 16-year-old Sanni M'mairura completely charmed America and the world with his rendition of Michael Jackson's "Who's Loving You." - The judges were equally pleased by his talent.

Nicki Minaj complimented Sanni on what she called "a great, well-orchestrated audition." Keith Urban said he liked Sanni's combination of "confidence and humility." Randy Jackson said "what I love is that you weren't trying to sound like Michael Jackson, You're fresh, and I like it". All while Ryan Seacrest praised Sanni for having "a great stage presence".

Sanni's career started at the tender age of 9 with "The NOIZE" of Grace Community Church in Houston. Headed by the most able Joel Davis, The NOIZE is a ministry of Grace Community Church that uses high-energy, hip hop dance and positive music with a message to inspire young people make a difference.

Little more can be asked of such a youngster ... and yet..

Sanni M'mairura dazzled many with his award winning dance skills at the World Of Dance (WOD) competitions. Sanni is a member of back-to-back champions WOD (Dallas) 2012 and 2013 Riot Squad of Soundbox Studios located in Houston.

Having been involved in chamber choir, church choir, school choir and various other musicals throughout, Sanni is no stranger to the stage. "I feel at home on stage, so the stage becomes my home during that performance," Sanni declares. Sanni has had the opportunity to perform in a variety of venues from his home church in Houston TX to the Universal CityWalk, LA where he opened for Roshon Fegan, Toyota Center – Houston Rockets halftime shows, City of Pearland July 4th Celebrations, Kemah Boardwalk - Main stage, Ronald McDonald Houses, Homeless shelters and many more .

Sanni currently lives in LA with his parents and his little brother Biko.

As a singer, dancer, actor and performing artist, Sanni's dream is to be a role model for kids:- To be a positive influence on them by motivating and showing them that whatever a kid puts their mind to, with faith, dedication and hard work, they can achieve it.