

THE ONE AND ONLY



DONIKA VESELI

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NEW YORK, NY

HT: LYNBROOK, NY

TAROT READER / REIKI HEALER / BUSKER

MARRIED / NO KIDS

TRIVIA: 12/20

GENRE: POP

INSTRUMENTS: MUSIC PRODUCTION SOFTWARE

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ABOUT

Donika is a NYC native with Albanian roots who is equally proud of her Big Apple upbringing and her cultural heritage. With a bold, soul-stirring voice and authenticity, she often makes a living busking in Central Park – something she says is one of the most fulfilling parts of her life. Ultimately, Donika hopes to make her family – and her culture – proud as she showcases her vocal talents on *The One & Only*.



THE DETAILS

- Donika's upbringing was marked by a unique blend of cultures, with her mother hailing from Montenegro and her father from Kosovo. Her family is rooted deeply in Albanian heritage. As a first-generation American, she and her siblings navigated the juxtaposition of her family's traditions with the fast-paced environment of New York City. Despite being the first in her family to be born in the U.S., she remained deeply connected to her roots, finding solace in music from a young age. Inspired by the melodic tunes she heard in her multicultural household, Donika's passion for singing ignited as a child, often harmonizing with her mother to pop and R&B hits during car rides through the city streets.
- Donika continued to nurture her musical talents, participating in school choruses and musical productions while exploring her vocal abilities through posting YouTube covers. Eventually, she found her voice resonating through the bustling streets of NYC, where she began busking, fulfilling a long-held aspiration. For Donika, there's nothing better than belting out songs to strangers in Central Park. Alongside her musical pursuits, Donika has delved into spiritual practices like tarot reading and Reiki healing, seeking inner peace and self-discovery along the way.
- Donika's musical tastes encompass a diverse array of genres, with a particular affinity for soulful melodies and bold, empowering vocals. Her distinctive sound, characterized by a rich, deep voice, sets her apart amongst other singers. Drawing inspiration from her Albanian heritage, she recently collaborated with renowned DJ Jack to craft her first Albanian song. Unafraid to express herself authentically, Donika's voice reflects her strength and resilience.
- She admits she can come across as aggressive and can rub people the wrong way. Nonetheless, there's something to be said for the fact that Donika is always her purest self. Having been married for 7 years, she looks to compete on *The One & Only* and make her husband (and biggest supporter) proud. For Donika, the stakes are high – beyond personal achievement, victory on the show would allow her to inspire others with her story of perseverance and cultural pride.

