

THE ONE AND ONLY



ROB MONTANO

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NASHVILLE, TN

HT: LONG ISLAND, NY

STUDENT (SENIOR AT BELMONT UNIVERSITY)

DATING / NO KIDS

TRIVIA: 18/20

GENRE: POP

INSTRUMENTS: PIANO

 @robvmontano

ABOUT

Rob was meant to be a singer, it's literally in his DNA. He was born with perfect pitch and can pick up any song in mere minutes. All his classmates know him as the tenor with the killer voice who can sing songs by female artists in their original key. He grew up bringing his piano all around Long Island looking for any opportunity to sing, and eventually got his big break at 14 at Radio City Musical Hall. He's now a student at Belmont studying music and preparing for the next steps in his career. Rob is ready to win the whole thing and pay off his student loans.



THE DETAILS

- Rob grew up on Long Island in a tight knit Cuban-Italian family. His favorite memories surrounded food and music, and he knew early on that he wanted to be a singer. Rob bought an old piano and learned how to play at 8-years-old.
- He came from meager means and wanted to help the family financially any way he could, even as a kid. So for extra cash, he would walk around town and ask restaurants if he could play songs in exchange for extra cash. At times, he'd even ask a band that was performing if he could set up while they were on their break. It was in these years that he developed a hustler's mentality and learned to play what the crowd loves. Rob got his start playing classics like Billy Joel, Elton John and Paul McCartney, since it's what the older crowd in Long Island wanted to hear.
- At 14, he got his first big break: after beating out over 10,000 applicants, Rob was cast as the lead in the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall. Rob performed in front of 6,000 people 2-4 times a day, and it was through these shows that he learned how to thrive under pressure.
- The toughest thing he's gone through was the recent passing of his grandfather less than a year ago. He was a second father to Rob and came to every single gig he played as a kid, no matter how small. Everything Rob does in his career from this point forward is in honor of him.
- Rob is now studying at Belmont University and honing his craft. He performs in an award winning a cappella group and is preparing to pursue music full-time in Nashville when he graduates. Never one to shy away from the spotlight, Rob is ready to blow the judges away on *The One & Only*.



Casting Note: Had a few acting roles as a kid.

