

THE ONE AND ONLY



LELA DANG VISIC

27

HOUSTON, TX

HT: CLEVELAND, OH

MODEL COORDINATOR / WEDDING SINGER

SINGLE / NO KIDS

TRIVIA: 15/20

GENRE: POP/R&B/SOUL

INSTRUMENTS: PIANO

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ABOUT

Lela is a model and model coordinator from Houston who has always loved to express herself through singing and dancing. Often times she'll dance in public if she's in the mood, and even though people may stare, she's never cared. She grew up being bullied for being asian, and over the years was discouraged to embrace her own culture. But she's learned that her culture is what makes her unique, and she has embraced her Vietnamese roots as she's grown older. Lela is ready to show the world that Vietnam has plenty of star power when competes on *The One & Only*.



THE DETAILS

- ① Lela was born in Cleveland and raised by a stay-at-home Vietnamese mom and a half-Serbian, half-Czechoslovakian father who is an engineer. The family moved to their permanent home of Houston when she was 7-years-old. Lela is the middle child of three, and says her house was a lot of fun to grow up in. Her aunt and uncle lived with them, so there was never a dull moment. Her uncle played guitar, which was Lela's first exposure to learning and playing music.
- ② Lela was bullied for being asian growing up, and it led to her pushing away her culture for a time. One thing that got her through the hard times was singing—for Lela, it was an escape from the bullies and hatred that followed her around in her daily life.
- ③ She started modeling at 19, and has done both runway and print modeling.
- ④ She is a singer for a wedding band, and loves the energy the job comes with since it matches her own. Lela is always bubbly and ready to party, and so it's only fitting that she is singing at the best parties in Houston.
- ⑤ People wonder where she gets her energy from, and Lela says it's just her natural self. She does not drink alcohol or caffeine, just water—with Lela, what you see is what you get.
- ⑥ Lela is here to make a name for herself and her culture. She wants to incorporate more Vietnamese culture into her music so that the United States can be properly introduced to all the amazing things that she was shown growing up. Lela is determined to win the competition and prove to all the bullies of her past that they could never hold her back.



Casting Note: Has done some local commercial work and news shows in Houston.