

THE ONE AND ONLY



THALIA "CHINAA" ORR

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CHICAGO, IL

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LEASING AGENT

SINGLE / NO KIDS

TRIVIA: 16/20

GENRE: R&B/SOUL/POP

INSTRUMENTS: N/A

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ABOUT

Chinaa was born and raised in Chicago and has loved music her entire life. She grew up idolizing Whitney Houston and started singing at church as early as 4-years-old. She has reached some incredible heights in the industry, singing at both the Grammys and BET Awards with artists like John Legend. But the entertainment industry is a rough business, and after her success with Kanye West's Sunday Choir, she has found opportunities few and far between. Always competitive, Chinaa didn't come this far to stop now.



THE DETAILS

- Chinaa grew up the oldest of nine siblings, and her mom got her involved in the arts as early as 2-years-old. Chinaa had a maternal instinct from a young age since she was always taking care of her younger siblings while her mom worked. She started singing at four and cultivated her love of singing in church, where she got her first opportunities to perform. Outside of singing, she loved cheerleading, and was a cheerleader from 3rd grade all the way through high school.
- Her nickname comes from childhood, when her mother would call her "her little China Doll" since she had chubby cheeks. The nickname stuck and she added an extra "a" on the end because Chinaa admits, "I'm a little extra."
- She went to Columbia College of Chicago and obtained a BA in Music with a concentration in Vocal Performance. After pursuing real estate in her 20s while working on music on the side, she auditioned for Kanye West's Sunday Service choir and everything changed. Chinaa performed at the Grammys and BET Awards in the same year, and went on a life changing ride with the choir.
- Things have changed since the Sunday Service choir, and Chinaa is still trying to achieve her dream. She is back as a leasing agent but hasn't given up on her musical pursuit just yet. It's hanging on by a thread as she works her day job and is hoping she hasn't reached her career peak already.
- Her grandmother—a singer herself—is her biggest champion and even influenced Chinaa's music from day one.

