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Melissa Burnos: South Florida Rock and Roll Queen Burns Up North American Rock Radio

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Current role: Vocalist and songwriter for the rock band, BURNOS, which is getting exposure for their singles "WarShip" and "Octane," which are on iTunes, Amazon.com and most digital outlets.

Background: Burnos grew up in Coral Springs and became a Miami Dolphins cheerleader. In her current role, she has performed and headlined many Florida concerts and toured internationally.

Big challenge in current role: Trying to juggle behind the scenes responsibilities as well as being an artist.

Business strategy: Write and perform heavy-hitting music from the heart and soul with allegorical lyrics that resonate with audiences.

Secrets to her success: Passion for her craft, fans, writing, recording, performing live, collaborating well with other musicians and unrelenting drive.

Accolades: Featured as part of SiriusXM Octane Radio's Women Rock Week; "WarShip" featured as a SiriusXM Octane's Accelerator Track; named a Best Female Musician in South Florida by CBS 4; obtained an artist endorsement by Sennheiser and Westone and featured as a live performer at Winter NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) 2011 for both companies

Favorite female role model: Ann Wilson of Heart, her mother.

Actress best able to portray me: Angelina Jolie.

Favorite local restaurant: Big Bear Brewing Co., Coral Springs.

Hobbies: Traveling, dancing, auto racing enthusiast, writing, reading, spending time with friends and family, attending live football and hockey games, watching comedies and thrillers.

Workout routine: JNL Fusion Fitness.

Philosophical quote: "To thine own self be true," a line spoken by Polonius in William Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

Charity work: Helped to throw birthday parties for under-privileged children through "Wish Angels;" delivered motivational speeches to high-school-aged young ladies through "Women of Tomorrow;" performed at "Pinktober" events in support of breast cancer awareness; and performed for "Musicians on Call" events.

What's next: They will be releasing more music media and scheduling tour dates soon. λ



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