

# LisaRaye McCoy



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**LisaRaye McCoy** (born September 23, 1967), [3][4][5][6] known as LisaRaye, is an American actress, model, businesswoman and fashion designer. McCoy is best known for portraying Diana "Diamond" Armstrong in the 1998 film The Players Club, Neesee James on the UPN/The CW sitcom All of Us from 2003 until 2007 and Keisha Greene in the VH1 romantic comedy series Single Ladies which originally aired from 2011–2014.<sup>[7]</sup> She is also the ex-wife of Michael Misick, the firstever Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands. [8][9]

# **Biography**

# Early life

McCov was born in Chicago, Illinois [10][11][12][13] McCov is the daughter of David Ray McCov (1935–1988), a Chicago businessman [14] and Katie McCov. [15] a former professional model. Growing up on the south side of Chicago, McCoy attended St. James College Prep, Kenwood Academy and later Thornridge High School; graduating in 1986. [16] After high school, McCoy attended Eastern Illinois University before pursuing an acting career.[17]

### Career

McCoy made her acting debut as the lead in *Reasons*, an independent film directed by Monty Ross. McCov is perhaps best known for her role as Diamond in *The Players Club*, directed and written by Ice Cube. [18] She also appeared in *The Wood*, opposite Omar Epps, *Rhapsody*, *All* About You, and Go for Broke. In 2003, McCoy starred as Neesee James in the UPN/ The CW sitcom All of Us, where she played Duane Martin's ex-wife. The series ended in 2007. [19] McCoy began her career as a model for fashion, but before that she was married to Archie Amerson. She did shows in churches and high schools in her native Chicago. In addition to acting, McCoy has also appeared in dozens of music videos,

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McCoy hosts the Dark and Lovely & Essence Magazine Panel in Chicago

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on June 12, 2010.		
Born	September 23, 1967 Chicago, Illinois, U.S.	
Nationality	American	
Other names	LisaRaye L Raye LR LisaRaye McCoy– Misick <sup>[1]</sup>	
Education	Eastern Illinois University	
Occupations	Actress · model · businesswoman ·	

including "Know Filter 2" by Shleah, Tugoa, T.Lee, "Download" by Lil' Kim, Changing Faces's "Same Tempo", Ginuwine's "Last Chance", Ludacris' "Number 1 Spot", Calvin Richardson's "True Love," Sisqó's "Incomplete", Lil Jon and Ice Cube's "Roll Call", "I Don't Wanna See" and "I Really Want to Sex Your Body," by Link, Tupac Shakur's "Toss It Up", "Never Be The Same Again" by Ghostface Killah & Carl Thomas, ""Unpredictable" by Jamie Foxx, Ooohhhwwweee" by Master P, "Slip N' Slide by Danny Boy, and "Are You in the Mood" by Teddy & Dru Down. She also had a cameo in Seven's music video "Girls" & Jaheim's music video "Back Tight Wit You" McCoy also recorded the single "Would You?" with rapper Benzino. [21] In 2005, McCoy launched two fashion lines: Luxe & Romance, a lingerie line that was

	fashion designer	
Years active	1994–present	
Spouse(s)	Tony Martin (m. 1992; div. 1994) Michael Misick (m. 2006; div. 2008)	
Children	1	
Website	lisaraye.com (http://lisaraye.com)	

introduced during <u>New York's Fashion Week</u>, and Xraye, a jeans line for women. [22] In 2011, she launched her jean collection "The LisaRaye Collection" in partnership with PZI Jeans, and a hair line, "LisaRaye Glamour." That same year, she was the Ambassador/Grand Marshal for the 70th Magic City Classic parade and football game in Birmingham, Alabama.

# **Personal life**

McCoy has a daughter named Kai Morae Pace (b. 1989) from a previous relationship with Kenji Pace. In 1992, McCoy married Tony Martin. They divorced in 1994. In April 2006, McCoy married Michael Misick, who had been elected the Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands (a position previously known as "Chief Minister of the Turks and Caicos Islands") in 2003. They were married in a lavish ceremony before 300 guests, followed by a three-week honeymoon to <u>Jerusalem</u>, <u>Bali</u> and <u>Dubai</u>. During their marriage, McCoy's title was "First Lady of Turks and Caicos." In August 2008, Premier Misick released a statement announcing that he and McCoy were

divorcing. [24] Misick resigned from office in March 2009 after an investigation found "clear signs of corruption" involving selling off public land to fund his own investments. He fled Turks and Caicos, and was eventually arrested in  $\underline{\text{Brazil}}$  and extradited back to the islands to stand trial.  $\underline{[25]}$ 

# **Filmography**

### Film and television roles

Year	Title	Role	Notes	
1995	<u>Martin</u>	Party scene; first girl wearing black dress, later on girl on Tommy's back	TV, 1 episode: Swing Thing	
	Reasons			
1996	<u>Moesha</u>	Girl in the black cap trying out for cheerleading	TV, 1 episode: Friends	
1997	In the House	Delivery Woman	TV, 2 episodes, credited as Lisa Raye	
1998	The Parent 'Hood		TV, 1 episode, credited as Lisa Raye	
	The Players Club	Diana Armstrong/Diamond	student/night stripper	
1999	The Wood	Lisa	Credited as Lisaraye	
2000	The Cheapest Movie Ever Made			
2000	Rhapsody	Victoria	Television movie	
2001	Date from Hell			
2001	All About You	Lisa		
2002	Civil Brand	Frances Shepard		
2002	Go for Broke	Belinda/Star		
2002	Love Chronicles	Marie Toursaant		
2003	Gang of Roses	Marie		
2003– 2007	All of Us	Neesee James	88 episodes	
	Beauty Shop	Rochelle	Credited as Lisaraye McCoy	
2005	Envy			
	The Proud Family Movie	Choreographer (Voice)	Credited as LisaRaye McCoy	
2009	Contradictions of the Heart	Kiki		
2010	Video Girl			
2011	<u>Hawthorne</u>	Chandra	TV, 1 episode: Just Between Friends	
2011– 2014	Single Ladies	Keisha Greene	41 episodes	
2014	Skinned <sup>[26][27][28][29][30]</sup>	Mother	Also Co-Director Debuted on TV One in 2016	

2016	Love Under New Management: The Miki Howard Story	Sylvia Rhone	Television movie
2018	The Proposal		

# **Award nominations**

Year	Award	Category	Work	Result	Refs
2007	NAACP Image Awards	Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series	All of Us	Nominated	

### See also

Hip hop models

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