

= Ashley Tisdale =

Ashley Michelle Tisdale (born July 2 , 1985) is an American actress , singer , and producer . During her childhood , she appeared in more than 100 TV advertisements and had roles in theatre and television shows . In 2004 , she was cast as Maddie Fitzpatrick in Disney Channel 's The Suite Life of Zack & Cody , and rose to prominence in 2006 as Sharpay Evans in the television film High School Musical . The High School Musical series included three films and the spin @-@ off Sharpay 's Fabulous Adventure (2011) . Tisdale 's resultant popularity led her to sign a record deal with Warner Bros. Records in 2006 . Her debut album , Headstrong (2007) , was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and features the single " He Said She Said " . Two years later , Tisdale released her second studio album , Guilty Pleasure . In 2013 , she announced plans to make music again and confirmed that she has been recording her third studio album .

From 2007 until 2015 , Tisdale voiced Candace Flynn in Disney Channel 's three @-@ time Emmy Award @-@ winning animated series Phineas and Ferb . The cartoon quickly became the television 's most @-@ watched animated series among kids and tweens and has received critical acclaim . Her other roles have included Savannah Monroe in The CW 's television drama series Hellcats (2010 ? 11) , Jody Sanders in Scary Movie 5 (2013) and the title character of Hub Network 's animated series Sabrina : Secrets of a Teenage Witch (2013 ? 14) , for which she received a Daytime Emmy Award nomination in 2014 .

Besides acting and singing , Tisdale has ventured into producing . After forming a production company in 2008 , she began working as the executive producer on films and television series including the ABC Family television film Picture This (2008) , the unscripted series Miss Advised (2013) , and the comedy series Young & Hungry (2014) .

= = Life and career = =

= = = 1985 ? 2003 : Early life and career beginnings = = =

Tisdale was born in Monmouth County , New Jersey , on July 2 , 1985 , to Lisa Morris and contractor Michael Tisdale . Her father is Christian and her mother is Jewish ; she was raised with " a little bit of both " religions . Tisdale 's elder sister Jennifer is an actress and producer . She is also related to businessman Ron Popeil through her maternal grandfather Arnold Morris who was best known for being a pitchman for the Ginsu knife . At the age of three , Tisdale met her manager , Bill Perlman , at a New Jersey mall . He sent her to various auditions for commercials , and she was placed in more than 100 national network TV advertisements as a child . She began her theatrical career by appearing in Gypsy : A Musical Fable and The Sound of Music at Monmouth County 's Jewish Community Center .

Tisdale was eight years old when she was cast to play the part of Cosette in the musical Les Misérables , and only recalled taking a single singing lesson before landing the role . In 2007 , Tisdale told Newsday , " When I was little , I saw the play Les Misérables on Broadway . I thought it was the most amazing thing I have ever seen , so I went to my manager and told him I wanted to be in it " . Tisdale toured for two years with Les Misérables before landing a role in a touring production of Annie in Korea . At the age of 12 , Tisdale sang for President Bill Clinton during an event at the White House . In the late 1990s and early 2000s , after moving to Los Angeles , California with her family , Tisdale had minor roles in television shows including The Hughleys , Smart Guy , 7th Heaven , Boston Public , and Bette , appeared in the feature films A Bug 's Life and Donnie Darko , and worked as a model for Ford Models . For her role as Carol Prader in Boston Public , she received a 2000 Young Artist Award nomination for " Best Guest Performance In a TV drama " .

= = = 2004 ? 06 : High School Musical and rise to prominence = = =

The producers of the Disney Channel television series *The Suite Life of Zack & Cody* cast Tisdale as Maddie Fitzpatrick , a teenage candy @-@ counter girl who works in a fancy hotel , in 2004 . The series premiered in March 2005 and ended in September 2008 . For this role , she won her first award at the Nickelodeon UK Kids ' Choice Awards 2007 for " Best TV Actress " in 2008 .

In 2006 , Tisdale played Sharpay Evans in the Disney Channel Original Movie *High School Musical* . *High School Musical* became Disney Channel 's most @-@ watched movie that year , viewed by 7 @.@ 7 million in its US premiere broadcast . The soundtrack , on which Tisdale contributed vocals for several songs , sold more than 3 @.@ 7 million copies in the US and became the top @-@ selling album that year . All of the songs featured on the soundtrack appeared on the Billboard Hot 100 chart . Tisdale subsequently became the first female artist to debut with two songs simultaneously on the Hot 100 chart , with *What I 've Been Looking For* and " *Bop to the Top* " . *High School Musical* was nominated for six Primetime Emmy Awards , winning two . To promote the film , Tisdale and the cast embarked on a tour titled *High School Musical : The Concert* during 2006 and 2007 . After meeting dancer Jared Murillo while working on *High School Musical* , he and Tisdale dated from 2007 to 2009 .

= = = 2007 ? 09 : Studio albums and film career = = =

After the release of *High School Musical* , Tisdale opted not to sign with Disney 's affiliated record label Hollywood Records like her co @-@ stars . She eventually signed with Warner Bros. Records to a recording contract , and she began work on her debut album *Headstrong* . In December 2006 , producer J.R. Rotem confirmed he was producing and writing with Tisdale on the album . In contrast to her songs in *High School Musical* , Tisdale opted to pursue a more mature sound with R & B , dance @-@ pop , and hip hop influences while working on her debut . To promote *Headstrong* , the song " *Be Good to Me* " was released to mainstream radio stations in the month preceding the album 's release as its lead single . *Headstrong* was released in February 2007 and debuted at number five on the Billboard 200 , selling 64 @,@ 000 copies in the first week . The second single " *He Said She Said* " became Tisdale 's most successful single in the US . A documentary about the album 's creation , along with a three @-@ song music video trilogy , was featured on a music DVD titled *There 's Something About Ashley* , released in November 2007 . *Headstrong* was eventually certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for sales exceeding 500 @,@ 000 copies in the US .

Work on *High School Musical 2* began in 2007 , and Tisdale was confirmed to return for the sequel as Sharpay Evans . The film premiered on Disney Channel in August 2007 to 17 million viewers and became the most @-@ watched movie on cable television . She received positive reviews for her performance in the film , which earned two Primetime Emmy Awards nominations . The soundtrack , featuring Tisdale , debuted at number one on the Billboard chart with sales of 615 @,@ 000 copies , making it the fourth biggest week 's sales for a soundtrack album as of 2014 .

Disney Channel picked up the animated series *Phineas and Ferb* in 2006 ; Tisdale was cast as the voice of Candace Flynn , a main character whose primary motivation is getting her brothers in trouble . The series ' first episode was broadcast immediately after the premiere of *High School Musical 2* to 10 million viewers and became the most @-@ watched animated series among kids and tweens in 2010 . *Phineas and Ferb* has also received acclaim by critics and has won three Primetime Emmy Awards .

In 2008 , Tisdale formed her own production company , *Blondie Girl Productions* . The television film *Picture This* marked Tisdale 's debut as an executive producer and as an actress in a leading role ; she played Mandy Gilbert , an unpopular and bullied teenager . The film premiered on ABC Family in 2008 to 4 @.@ 3 million viewers .

Tisdale reprised her role as Sharpay Evans in *High School Musical 3 : Senior Year* , which premiered in October 2008 . It earned \$ 42 million in its domestic opening weekend , and grossed a total of \$ 255 million worldwide . Her performance in the film earned her critical acclaim , earning an MTV Movie Award for " *Breakthrough Performance Female* " in 2009 . Owen Gleiberman of *Entertainment Weekly* labeled her one of film 's breakout stars , and Mark Kermode said Tisdale

was 2008 's " best supporting actress " .

Tisdale began work on her second studio album Guilty Pleasure soon after she finished promoting High School Musical 3 : Senior Year . She said she had been involved in every aspect of the production of the album , from its " guitar @-@ driven " sound to much of the writing process . " It 's Alright , It 's OK " was the song chosen to precede the album as its lead single ; it was released to mainstream radio and digital retailers in April 2009 . Guilty Pleasure was eventually released in June 2009 . Described by Tisdale as a " rocker and edgier " album , it debuted at number 12 on the Billboard 200 , selling 25 @,@ 000 copies in the first week ; this was significantly lower than the first @-@ week sales for her previous album .

Tisdale starred in the 2009 20th Century Fox family film Aliens in the Attic as teenager Bethany Pearson . Although she is credited as one of the main characters , The New York Times said Tisdale " spends much of the film off screen " . The film was a minor success in box offices , grossing \$ 60 million worldwide . From 2009 to 2011 , she was in a relationship with director Scott Speer , who directed five of her music videos .

= = = 2010 ? 12 : Return to broadcast television and producing = = =

Tisdale 's return to broadcast television was announced in 2010 . She starred in The CW drama series Hellcats as Savannah Monroe , the captain of a cheerleading team . The series based its script on the book Cheer : Inside the Secret World of College Cheerleaders by journalist Kate Torgovnick ; it was described by critics as " Election meets Bring It On " . TV Guide reported Tisdale was the best @-@ paid cast member of the series , earning \$ 30 @,@ 000 per episode . Hellcats ran for one season before being cancelled by The CW in 2011 .

She performed voice roles in animated series during 2010 , including The Cleveland Show , Family Guy , and Glenn Martin , DDS . In 2012 , she made a guest appearance in an episode of Raising Hope and had a starring role in a CBS pilot produced by Louis C.K. , which was not picked up by the channel . Tisdale also portrayed a desirable and high @-@ priced escort in a two @-@ episode arc in the fifth season of FX 's Sons of Anarchy . In 2010 , Disney Channel announced its intention to produce a High School Musical spin @-@ off focusing on the life of Sharpay Evans in New York after she concluded high school . Tisdale was confirmed to return as Evans for the spin @-@ off and serve as the executive producer of the project . Sharpay 's Fabulous Adventure premiered on Disney Channel to 5 million viewers in August 2011 .

Tisdale and her production company Blondie Girl Productions signed a multiyear production deal with Relativity Media in 2010 to create , develop , and produce films and television series . Miss Advised was the first project on which Tisdale served as the executive producer without also performing in a starring role . A reality show that followed three single relationship experts , it debuted on Bravo in the United States and aired for one season in 2012 .

= = = 2013 ? present : Return to television and marriage = = =

In 2013 , E ! aired a television special produced by Tisdale named Inner Circle that focused on her friendship with actress Vanessa Hudgens . The next year , Tisdale teamed again with Disney Channel on the film Cloud 9 , on which she worked as an executive producer . ABC Family 's comedy series Young & Hungry is also produced by Tisdale ; it stars Emily Osment and premiered in June 2014 . Future projects Tisdale and her production company have been working on include three series intended for internet release .

In June 2012 , The Weinstein Company announced that Tisdale had been given the leading role in Dimension Films ' Scary Movie 5 . Starring alongside Lindsay Lohan and Charlie Sheen , she portrayed Jody , a dancer in her late @-@ 20s . The film was released in April 2013 , and grossed \$ 15 million on its first weekend , making it the lowest @-@ grossing weekend for a Scary Movie film ; it was also panned by critics . Tisdale had a recurring role in ABC 's sitcom Super Fun Night as Jazmine , the sister of Rebel Wilson 's character , and guest starred on CBS 's The Crazy Ones in 2013 . That same year , Tisdale was cast to voice the title character of Hub Network 's animated

series *Sabrina : Secrets of a Teenage Witch* . For her performance as Sabrina , Tisdale was nominated for " Outstanding Performer in an Animated Program " in the 41st Daytime Emmy Awards . In December 2014 , The Hollywood Reporter announced Tisdale was cast to star as a prostitute in the comedy *Amateur Night* alongside Jason Biggs . In 2014 , Tisdale auditioned for TBS 's workplace comedy series *Clipped* , on which she was eventually cast in a main role as Danni . The series ran from June to August 2015 , and was canceled in October after one season .

Four years after the release of her second studio album *Guilty Pleasure* (2009) , Tisdale told MTV that she had been recording her third studio album . She said she was inspired to make music again and that she hoped to " surprise people a little bit , something different from what I 've done before " . Tisdale announced to MTV that she opted to pursue a dance @-@ pop sound on the album , which was expected to be released in 2014 . In December 2013 , Tisdale teased on her Twitter account about a " special project " related to music . She confirmed that the project was a single titled " You 're Always Here " , which was written about her late grandfather . The song was eventually released independently to digital stores that same month .

Tisdale began dating Christopher French , the lead singer of the band *Annie Automatic* , in December 2012 . They became engaged in August 2013 and married on September 8 , 2014 in a small private ceremony held in Santa Barbara , California .

Tisdale confirmed in a 2016 interview that she will not be returning to the *High School Musical* franchise for its fourth installment .

= = Artistry = =

= = = Acting = = =

Tisdale said that she brings something different with every character she portrays in order to make them her own . After the completion of the *High School Musical* series in 2008 , Tisdale was at first reluctant on accepting older roles because she felt " you can never go backward " . She eventually began to accept more mature roles in 2012 . Her first adult roles were Emma Jean , a high @-@ priced escort in the drama series *Sons of Anarchy* (2012) , and Jody Sanders , a mother of three children in the feature film *Scary Movie 5* (2013) . Tisdale commented after *Scary Movie 5* that the role had taken her out of her comfort zone , and that she planned to continue to challenge herself in the future . While discussing her portrayal of Logan Rawlings , a lesbian , on *Young & Hungry* (2014) , she said she likes " to play different characters and push the envelope out of [her] own comfort level " , but confessed she had been nervous about the idea of playing a lesbian .

Her acting performances have been met with praise by critics and film producers . She was named a " scene stealer " in *High School Musical 2* (2007) by Laura Fries of *Variety* . Jennifer Frey of *The Washington Post* says that Tisdale dominated the film despite not being the lead character , while Andy Webster of *The New York Times* praised her acting style , mainly because of her " elastic face [that] lends itself to numerous reaction shots " . John Schultz , who directed the film *Aliens in the Attic* (2009) in which Tisdale starred , says she is a " big comedic actress " and has a " gift " for comedy . The creator of the television series *Hellcats* (2010) , Kevin Murphy , praised her acting skills and said Tisdale " can hold multiple colors in the same palette . " Her performance in *Scary Movie 5* (2013) , however , received negative reviews . Frank Scheck of *The Hollywood Reporter* panned the film as whole and said Tisdale was not funny enough. and Rafer Guzman of *Newsday* added she did not have " comic timing " in the film .

= = = Musical style = = =

Tisdale 's music , which is predominantly considered pop , has included ballads , dance @-@ pop , hip hop , and rock influences . Boys , heartbreak , and relationship breakups are common themes in Tisdale 's songs . She defined her music career as a way to connect herself with the fans and to inspire them . She claimed that , while *Headstrong* (2007) allowed her to " learn [herself] as an

artist " , with her second album , Guilty Pleasure (2009) , she knew exactly what she wanted to do as an artist .

She often co @-@ writes the songs she records ; for her debut album Headstrong , she had writing credits in four songs , while she co @-@ wrote five tracks for her album Guilty Pleasure . The songs in which she has songwriting credits are often personal . In 2009 , while discussing the songs she co @-@ wrote for her second studio album , Tisdale said that " a lot of the songs on the album [were] about survival and staying strong " and that she wanted those songs to be " a statement and a reflection of what [she went] through over the past year and how [she has] grown up . " She named the song " What If " as the most personal song she co @-@ wrote for Guilty Pleasure . In 2013 , she discussed the death of her grandfather in the song " You 're Always Here " , which she wrote with her husband French .

Her music has received mixed reactions by critics . Her debut album Headstrong was compared to the first works of Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera by Billboard . Heather Phares of AllMusic defined Tisdale 's voice as " pleasant enough " but not " distinctive " while reviewing her debut album Headstrong and added she had " more character singing " as her role in the High School Musical series . Phares later praised Tisdale 's voice by saying her " chirpy , slightly saccharine voice is perfect " . Her second studio album Guilty Pleasure , released in 2009 , achieved a 48 % rating on Metacritic , which indicates " mixed or average reviews " . Keri Masson of Billboard stated that Tisdale " can deliver the radio @-@ ready goods " with her 2009 album Guilty Pleasure , but criticized the album as a whole ; he believed the album " doesn 't give the singer room to comfortably let loose " . Stephen Thomas Erlewine , also of AllMusic , said she is not " convincing " on Guilty Pleasure , but praised the overall quality of the songs on the album . Margaret Wappler of the Los Angeles Times gave the album a negative review ; she said the album has " few glimmers of hope " and went on to criticize the producers as " not seem [ing] to have gifted Tisdale with their best work " . Despite the mixed reception by critics , the album was well received by fans ; it achieved a user score of 6 @.@ 5 on Metacritic , which means " generally favorable reviews " , and was also named the seventh best album of the decade by Billboard readers in 2009 .

= = = Influences = = =

Tisdale has named many influences on her musical career , including Christina Aguilera , Michael Jackson , Lady Gaga , Pat Benatar , Pink , Katy Perry , Kelly Clarkson , Led Zeppelin , and AC / DC . Tisdale said that " almost anything " inspires her , but she is mainly inspired by female pop singers .

Her main acting influences are Jake Gyllenhaal , Johnny Depp , Robin Williams and Rebel Wilson . Tisdale claims that she would like to emulate Shia LaBeouf 's career because " he did it so well " and that she is inspired by Wilson 's ability to work simultaneously as a writer , producer and actress in ABC 's Super Fun Night .

= = Public image = =

Tisdale is considered a sex symbol , ranking on Maxim 's Hot 100 list of sexiest women and hottest celebrities in the 2008 list (at number 10) , in 2013 (at number seven) , and in 2014 (at number 33) . She appeared on the cover of Maxim 's May 2013 issue and was in the 2011 annual " nude issue " for Allure in May of that year . She told Allure that " being in this shoot was me saying , ' I 'm not just the young girl everybody thinks I am . I 'm actually a woman . ' " .

Tisdale has become a popular and active figure in social media ; she is one of the most @-@ followed musicians on Twitter , with more than 12 million followers , and she has more than 22 million Likes on Facebook . Her popularity on social media led her to appear for three weeks on Billboard 's Social 50 chart , peaking at number 18 , and to win the award for " Social Media Superstar " at the Young Hollywood Awards in 2014 . She was also named the 45th most influential woman on Twitter by The Huffington Post in 2015 .

= = Other ventures = =

= = = Philanthropy = = =

Tisdale has supported various charitable organizations and causes during her career . She collaborated with the Make a Wish Foundation in 2008 by visiting sick children in hospitals and helping to raise funds for the organization . Tisdale is also a supporter of Habitat for Humanity , a charity devoted to building homes for people in need . She was scheduled to perform on Idol Gives Back 2008 , along with her High School Musical co @-@ star Vanessa Hudgens . However , they were unable to appear due to their High School Musical 3 : Senior Year filming schedule ; they recorded a video from the film 's set to support the cause instead . She contributed to the A Very Special Christmas 7 album with her rendition of Wham ! ' s " Last Christmas " ; proceeds from sales benefited the Special Olympics . Tisdale was a phone operator during Hope for Haiti Now : A Global Benefit for Earthquake Relief , a charity telethon held on January 2010 to raise funds for seven non @-@ profit organizations that carried out relief work in Haiti following the 2010 Haiti earthquake .

Tisdale volunteered for the " Get on the Bus " charity campaign in 2011 , which was hosted by the television series Extreme Makeover : Home Edition . She helped to build a house for a family and later performed some of her songs to raise funds . In 2012 , she became the face of Project Pink , a campaign launched by Puma SE to raise money for the research of breast cancer treatments . As part of the campaign , she visited Los Angeles ' BEST After School Enrichment Program at Pacoima Charter School in California and presented each child that attended with shoes , clothes , and gift cards . In 2013 , Tisdale recorded her song titled " You 're Always Here " and later released it to digital stores as a charity single . During an interview with On Air with Ryan Seacrest , she confirmed that 30 percent of the proceeds of the song would go to St. Jude Children 's Research Hospital .

= = = Business endorsements = = =

In 2007 , Tisdale appeared in promotional campaigns for Staples , T @-@ Mobile , Toys " R " Us , and the Eck? Red clothing brand ; the latter included a mall tour in the US , featuring performances in fashion shows . In 2008 , she was the face of Degree Girl in the US ; to promote the deodorant , she shot several commercials and covered five hit singles from the 1980s , including Cyndi Lauper 's " Time After Time " . That year , Tisdale was paid \$ 5 @.@ 5 million for her work in films , television , and endorsement deals , leading her to being named number 17 in the Forbes ' High Earners Under 30 list , number 94 on the Forbes 2008 Celebrity 100 list , and number six on the Forbes ' Hollywood 's 10 Top @-@ Paid Tweens list , a chart that listed actors whose work is directed to the 8 @-@ to @-@ 14 @-@ year @-@ old demographic . In 2011 , Tisdale joined the Got Milk ? campaign . She was the face of Ocean Pacific in 2012 , along with actress Sarah Hyland , in which they were required to pose for numerous shots wearing a variety of colorful bikinis . In 2014 , she promoted the U.S. launch of Lindt HELLO chocolates by producing an episode of the online series It Started with HELLO . In September 2015 , Tisdale was named creative director of Signorelli . She will be overseeing the creation of their spring 2017 sportswear line .

= = Filmography = =

= = Discography = =

Headstrong (2007)

Guilty Pleasure (2009)

= = Awards and nominations = =

