

= Maia Estianty =

Maia Estianty ( born 27 January 1976 ) , known as Maia Ahmad during her marriage to Dewa 19 frontman Ahmad Dhani , is an Indonesian songwriter , music producer , singer , dancer and actress .

Estianty was born in Surabaya , East Java , and showed interest in music at an early age , winning a marching band competition while still in elementary school . She began training as a disc jockey while still in junior high school ; it was around this time that she first met Dhani . After studying at the University of Indonesia , Estianty joined Dewa 19 as a backing vocalist . In 1999 , she and Dhani came up with the idea for the musical duo Ratu . Estianty played the music , while other women ? first Pinkan Mambo , then Mulan Jameela ? sang . Ratu was highly successful . After the dissolution of the band in 2007 and a bitter divorce in September 2008 , Estianty formed Duo Maia with Mey Chan . She is currently focusing on producing music with her label , Le Moesik .

= = Early life = =

Estianty was born in Surabaya , East Java , on 27 January 1976 . She was the fifth of six children born to Harjono Sigit and his wife Kusthini . She is the great @-@ granddaughter of Tjokroaminoto , a nationalist Muslim leader and National Hero , through her father 's side .

As a child , Estianty often fought with her classmates ; in an interview with the weekly entertainment magazine Tabloid Nova , she recalled that , while at Yohanes Gabriel Catholic Elementary School in Surabaya , she once hit a classmate with an object so hard that the classmate began to bleed profusely . She also took up music during this time , leading her marching band to win a national championship ; she also took up the piano .

As a student at State Junior High School 1 in Surabaya , Estianty took up modelling ; in 1990 she won the Yess Modelling Competition for Teenagers , which provoked a number of modelling offers . She also began working part @-@ time at a radio station and learned how to be a disc jockey . At a birthday party while in junior high school , a friend introduced her to Ahmad Dhani ; Estianty and Dhani began writing songs for the piano together . Having received good marks in elementary school and junior high school , while in senior high school she began dating , first with a classmate then with Dhani , and her scores dropped drastically .

Towards the end of senior high school , Estianty and her father began arguing about her work and poor performance at school . Estianty threatened to move out ; in response , Sigit said he would support her , on the condition she continue her studies at a state university . Estianty enrolled at the University of Indonesia , first in the Dutch literature programme then in the communications programme . During this time she became a backing vocalist for Dhani 's band Dewa 19 ; the two married in the late 1990s .

= = Personal life = =

Estianty and Dhani divorced on September 23 , 2008 . The separation of the couple , who had been married for twelve years and had three sons together , was not amicable ; Estianty filed a police complaint accusing Dhani of abuse , and Dhani refused to give Estianty custody of their children , appealing to the Supreme Court of Indonesia after several lower courts ruled that the children were Estianty 's . In 2011 Dhani was reportedly in a relationship with Mulan and had a child with her , and Dhani gave Estianty visitation rights in 2012 . Maia submitted an appeal to the Supreme Court , because Maia could not easily meet her children . On May 14 , 2013 the Supreme Court decided that the children could choose themselves since the children were considered capable to make a decision . Dhani agreed with it .

= = Ratu = =

In 1999 Estianty and Dhani agreed to establish a musical duo consisting of a singer and musician ,

based on concepts pioneered by international bands like Roxette and Savage Garden . Pinkan Mambo , a café singer , was chosen to be the second member of the newly formed group , named Ratu , meaning Queen . After three years of training , Ratu released its first album , Bersama ( Together ) , in 2003 , which was influenced by R & B. Maia wrote seven songs on the album , while Dhani did the other three . The album was a commercial success , selling 250 @, @ 000 copies .

Although Mambo and Estianty began work on another album , Mambo withdrew from the group in 2004 after widespread coverage of her being pregnant and unmarried . Maia and Dhani began looking for a replacement . They agreed on Mulan Jameela , a café singer from Bandung who took the stage name Mulan Kwok ; her appointment was announced on 7 April 2005 . That August , Ratu released the album Ratu and Friends in collaboration with numerous other artists . The album , which featured two songs by Ratu , sold more than 400 @, @ 000 copies and was certified double platinum in Indonesia . The title of the single " Teman Tapi Mesra " , often abbreviated TTM and released to promote Ratu and Friends , became widely used to describe those in a physical relationship without an emotional one .

The following year Maia garnered a role in the Trans TV @-@ funded comedy programme Extravanganza , where she was the only non @-@ Sundanese cast member . Also in 2006 , Ratu released Nomor Satu ( Number One ) , with pop @-@ rock influences ; Maia wrote most of the songs . The album was a commercial success ; it sold 200 @, @ 000 copies nationally on the day of its release , a record for a work by a female Indonesian group . However , conflicts between Dhani and Estianty , as well as concerns over Jameela 's payment , led Ratu to disband in 2007 .

= = Duo Maia and acting = =

Estianty with Mey Chan made Duo Maia . Together they released the album Maia and Friends in 2008 ; the album was in direct competition with Jameela 's album Makluk Tuhan Paling Sexy ( God 's Sexiest Creature ) . The songs on Maia and Friends were all written by Estianty . It featured duets with artists such as Gita Gutawa , Gigi , and Glenn Fredly . That year she was one of ten women honoured at the Tribute To Women ceremony held by the Antara News Agency ; other honourees included author Ayu Utami and economist Sri Mulyani Indrawati .

Estianty played in Kata Maaf Terakhir ( The Last Apology ) in 2009 as Dania , the ex @-@ wife to whom Darma ( Tio Pakusadewo ) must apologise before he dies . Marcel Thee , writing in The Jakarta Globe , described her acting as well done . That same year she released Sang Juara ( The Champion ) as part of Duo Maia . In an interview with The Jakarta Post , she explained that she had written the titular song after hearing Queen 's power ballad " We Are the Champions " at a basketball match ; she realised that there were no Indonesian songs which could be used in the same situation . Along with Dewi and Agus Wisman , she was a judge of the Global TV @-@ sponsored musical talent show Dream Girls , which was open exclusively to mothers .

In early 2010 Estianty established the recording studio Le Moesiek ; several established artists , including Krisdayanti and Julia Perez , signed on quickly . At the time she owned five other business ventures , including a steakhouse , an outsourcing company , and a cafe . Estianty was reported in October 2010 to be working on a cover album which featured works originally sung by Nike Ardilla , Hetty Koes Endang , and Atiek CB . Later that year she was chosen as Ambassador on Domestic Violence by the Indonesian Ministry for Women 's Issues . Dhani objected to the appointment and threatened to sue the ministry , as he took offence to suggestions that he had abused Estianty .

In April 2012 Estianty announced that , although Duo Maia would continue to perform , she intended to focus on her work as a producer ; she had spent the previous several months focusing on her managerial duties at Le Moesik . Meanwhile , Chan would begin a solo career .

= = Other carriers = =

= = = Commercials = = =

Honda BeAT ( 2008 )  
Permen Tolak Angin with Duo Maia ( 2010 @-@ 2011 )  
Ale @-@ Ale bersama Duo Maia ( 2008 @-@ 2011 )  
Dove ( 2009 )  
Toyota Kijang Innova with Chelsea Rezky ( 2010 )  
Nutrafor White Beauty ( 2012 @-@ 2013 )  
TVC Telkom Speedy with Al , El , Dul , dan Ahmad Dhani ( 2012 @-@ 2013 )  
ColaMill with Al and Judika ( 2013 @-@ sekarang )  
Asiafone SF933 with Duo Maia I ( 2013 @-@ sekarang )  
So Klin Higinis Putih  
KOBÉ : Bumbu Nasi Goreng

= = = Filmography = = =

Lantai 13 ( 2007 ) - Starring  
Oh My God ( 2008 ) - Supporter actor  
Kata Maaf Terakhir ( 2009 ) - Main actor  
Guru Bangsa : Tjokroaminoto ( 2015 )