

Rosi Reed

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What others may use as an excuse to fail, Rosi Reed uses as stepping stones for great success. After a near-fatal accident at the age of 14, which resulted in a severe spinal cord injury and paraplegia, Reed didn't stop dreaming—she gave birth to new dreams. Although she could no longer pursue dancing and choreography, she found solace and purpose in music. Through her study of musical greats, she taught herself to excel vocally and won her first vocal competition at the young age of 18. That was just the beginning.

With no creative and performing arts outlets in her surrounding communities, she produced and directed her own live variety shows, opening doors of opportunity for inner-city youth of Fresno, California. Her first collaboration, Entertainment Extravaganza, included performances from over 85 artists, who consistently packed venues beyond capacity. From sitting in the audience one year, to being crowned Ms. Black Fresno a year later, Reed's life is a direct testament to the fact that what you see, what you speak, what you dream is that which you can become.

Shortly after relocating back to her hometown of Los Angeles, her gift of acting blossomed. After winning Best Cameo Appearance for her role as Jewel in *Best Lil Whorehouse in Texas*, more doors didn't just open—they were taken off the hinges. She landed a guest starring role in ABC's hit sitcom *My Wife and Kids* and Fox's *Ally McBeal*. In addition, she co-hosted the *Carolyn & Marilyn Show* and her own music video show. Winning spots in other television platforms, such as the CBS Television Diversity Showcase, and tapping into films like *Still Air* and *Sweet Oranges*, Reed's gifts and talents speak volumes without her having to say a word.

To date, she had produced and directed over 200 live shows, including a successful \$5,000 fundraiser for the Los Angeles Youth Network Shelter for Homeless Teens. Reed diligently coached and mentored homeless teens before and long after the production. Her outstanding stand-up comedic performances leave audiences laughing out loud long after the curtains have closed. Serving as the featured performer in The Sacramento Theater Company's *Tribute to Danny Glover* and guest starring in Fox's hit TV show *Brothers* in 2009, she has proven that she can thrive in any industry When given the opportunity.

Whether she's acting on a stage or in front of a live studio audience, singing or mentoring youth, her message speaks loud and clear—overcoming unimaginable odds is possible to she who believes and works hard to rise above them. Rosi is not just a great talent she is a presence.

"It's not about the cards we're dealt in life. It's how we finesse our hand." ~ Rosi Reed

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