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Frenchie Davis

American Idol, RENT, Grammy-nominated Broadway Star & Activist

A graduate of Howard University who was raised on Los Angeles, Ms. Davis first became known for her 2003 stint on American Idol. Following her Idol experience, she refashioned herself as a Grammy-nominated Broadway star and activist.

Broadway and Recording Credits

- **Rent** (2003-2007) singing the powerful solo during "Seasons of Love"
- **Ain't Misbehavin'** (2008) nominated 2009 Grammy Award - Best Musical Show Album
- Featured in **Tony Moran's single "You Are"** (2009)
- Fairy Godmother in Rodgers & Hammerstein's **Cinderella** (2010)
- **The Voice** and The Voice Tour (2011-12)
- Released her debut single, "**Love's Got a Hold on Me**" (2012)
- Starred in a production of **God Doesn't Mean You Get to Live Forever**.
- **Dumbbells**, film comedy (2014)
- Viral Cover of Fetty Wap's "**Trap Queen**" (2014)
- **Stand (By Me)** (2015)
- Henri in **The View UpStairs** (2017)

She was the 2013 featured performer at the National LGBTQ Task Force's 25th National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change where she revealed her commitment to the young people in the community "...**You all are the reason that I chose to be out. Because it is important that you see people in the public eye who are not ashamed of who they are. It is ok to be true to you.**" She also received the José Esteban Muñoz Award from CLAGS: the Center for LGBTQ Studies at The Graduate Center, CUNY.