## Faces Of New Bedford #166: Danielle Andrews

Meet Danielle Andrews, 47-year-old performing artist, and vocal coach.



Danielle got involved in music very early on in life, winning multiple talent shows and involving herself in all music school activities growing up. In her late teenage years, she auditioned for and was selected as a member of the girl group Shades by a Boston-based entertainment company.

Danielle already had a successful solo career prior to joining the group, so was able to quickly work on their first album, which was finished 2 months after they got signed to Motown Records. They released their first single in 1997, which hit 19 on the R&B charts. They soon went on a 25 state tour with Keith Sweat.

During her time with the group, she toured with several other artists, such as SWV, Drew Hill, 702, and Mark Morrison. After the president of Motown Records was released from the company, all of the groups he signed were released with him, leaving Danielle and the group without a label to call home. Through her connections, she soon after went on tour with Enrique Iglesias, Whitney Houston, Lenny Kravitz, Bon Jovi, Destiny's

Child, and NSYNC.

After these years on the road, she decided to move back home to New Bedford to settle down and start a family. She moved away from the music business for a while, raising a family with her husband and teaching singing lessons. Recently, she has begun touring again and performing across New England, even releasing a single, which will be featured on her upcoming solo album.

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