

Erika Proctor Biography Summary

Background & Early Career

- **Roots & Musical Style:** Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Erika started her music journey in childhood, developing skills across R&B, Pop, Jazz, Funk, and Neo-Soul.
- **MCK and the Surfettes:** Toured as a singer and dancer with MCK and the Surfettes, achieving chart success in Florida, California, and Hawaii with the hit single "Life's a Beach".

Phoenix Groups & Industry Work

- **X'CEL / Ylation:** Co-founded the all-female R&B group X'CEL (later renamed Ylation) in Phoenix, Arizona, spending eight years with the group and opening for artists like Coolio, 112, LL Cool J, and Westside Connection.
- **Single Success & Live Band:** Earned recognition in the Netherlands and Amsterdam with X'CEL's single "Baby Come Over," leading to live band performances in Phoenix and high-profile events such as the Christmas Benefit for the Phoenix Cardinals.
- **Radio & Marketing:** Worked as a Marketing Account Representative for local urban radio station MAJIK 107, writing commercial spots and helping organize appearances for artists like CeCe Peniston and comedian Bernie Mac.

Solo Career & Artistic Projects

- **Soul Poetry Tour:** Developed and hosted the inaugural Soul Poetry Tour to spotlight poets and musicians from Phoenix, AZ, and St. Louis, MO.
- **Album Release:** Partnered with Tate Music Group to release her original live-band recorded solo album, *Southwest Romance*, in 2014. She later continued live band performances in Ohio in 2017.

Sports Management & Current Endeavors

- **Professional Sports Roles:** Pursued a degree in Sports Management and gained employment in 2025 with the Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB) and Arizona Cardinals (NFL) in Guest Services.
 - **Level Up Sports Agency:** Founded Level Up Sports Agency to combine her music, sports, and event management experience.
 - **Future Goals:** Aims to work with professional athletes and organize corporate, non-profit, social, and artistic events to provide career support and guidance to athletes and artists.
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