Karmessa Padgett

Karmessa Padgett is a rising R&B/pop-soul performing artist, songwriter, and music educator. Born and raised in Mobile, Alabama, she began singing in her church and community choir at a young age. In high school, she began to show a deeper interest in a singing career, which led her to earn a choir scholarship from Alabama A&M University. During her matriculation at AAMU, she began singing with the Earth, Wind & Fire-inspired band, Element XI. She continues to perform locally with Element XI and is now a touring background vocalist for season 2, American Idol winner, Ruben Studdard.

Karmessa is the Professional Development Program Manager at the Alabama Arts Alliance, as well as a vocal coach and songwriter at the Maitland Conservatory in Huntsville, AL, and is pursuing her professional singing career.