

In 1997, Dorothy accepted her first professional acting job and has been performing and pursuing her career ever since.

As the daughter of Pastor A. W. Anthony and Sis. Fannie P. Mays, Dorothy is no stranger to ministry work. As a child she played the piano for The Crusaders' Children's Choir for her, then, home church, True Vine Baptist Church (Tyler, TX). She was also active on the Bible Activities Team where she earned awards both locally and statewide with her Bible Story Telling. When her father relocated the family to Austin, Texas to pastor the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Dorothy became active in the Youth Choir and Junior Ushers and helped to form the Nationally recognized Drill Team where she served as Co-Captain. As she matured, she became active in Junior Mission and transitioned into singing with the Church Choir and the Women's Chorus. Dorothy was asked by then Youth Pastor Ralph McCormick to work with the Youth Ministry and restructure the Youth Drama Ministry and Actin' Up was born. Also, during this time, she had the honor of naming the youth dance team, Spiritual Expressions.

She remains active with her church by leading STAGED (Sharing Through Acting for God's Excellent Dominion), the Adult Drama Ministry. Through STAGED, in 2004 Dorothy helped to bring about an Annual Talent Showcase to help showcase the talents and gifts of the members, and the community, for persons who don't often have a chance to shine! Dorothy, also, sings with Sacrifice and YA Lyfe and serves as The Editor of The Mountaineer, the Church's Monthly Newsletter.

The small group Visions was organized in 1998 and consisted of poets, actors and singers who collaborated to present performances designed to make audiences both laugh and cry through their work of mime type presentations. At the time, Dorothy was working for the City of Austin as a Performer with "Dowser Dan's One Ring Circus" which traveled to the city's elementary schools to teach Water Conservation.

In 1999, AMaysn Grace Works was born with the mission to provide works (songs, poetry, dramatic works, musical theater, skits, etc.) to inspire Christian believers to go on in the name of the Lord by means of moral entertainment that will support personal examination and encourage social change. AMaysn Grace Work's vision is to impact the entertainment industry by providing an alternative of Christian based theater productions, videos, TV shows and movies for the uplifting of God's Kingdom.

To date, AMGW has had over 10 productions. In the State Theater production of "Do You Believe In Love?", Dorothy was honored to receive a kind compliment from her lead actress, Angela Rawna. Angela stated, "For you to be so young, you know so much. You are amazing!" This is a compliment that she cherishes considering that Angela has gone on to win several acting awards and recognitions and has a recurring role on NBC's Friday Night Lights.

Dorothy has been blessed to sing with The Modern Black Mass Choir of Fisk University and Extended Grace. She has also been honored to share the stage with such recognized artists as Hezekiah Walker and Norman Hutchins as well as to have an opportunity to sing with Chester D. T. Baldwin and Music That Ministers on Sing it on Sunday Morning I. She was also blessed to sing background vocals for Diana Ross in 2013 and Damon Albarn during the SXSW festival in 2014 which awarded her the opportunity to appear on the Jimmy Kimmel Live show and led to her having the chance to tour with Damon Albarn and

The Heavy Seas on their US Tour. Her voice can also be heard featured on the debut projects of G.O.S.P.E.L. and Sheran Keyton and God's Living Sacrifice. Since that time, Dorothy has been honored to serve as a Soloist on several programs and projects, such as:

- The Austin Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s Founders Day Celebration at the DoubleTree Hotel
- The 2011 Central Texas Juneteenth Community Program
- And many more.....

She considers it to be a great honor to have served as the Drama Teacher for the Ministry that Matters Performing Arts Camp in 2002 and for Mt. Sinai's Kidz for Christ Camp in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Dorothy's extensive credits go well beyond the stage, but she knows that she would not be who she is today without the support and encouragement of some very key people in her life. Dorothy has so many persons to thank But just to name a few:

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And, of course, to the little person that has given her the greatest role ever!

*"Zuri Mahogany Mays Clark, I absolutely love and adore you! God blessed me with an angel. I'm honored to be your supporting cast because you're my STAR!!!"*

And, most importantly, Dorothy gives all praise and thanks to God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for her sins and for giving her a chance to praise Him and giving her the gifts and talents that He has given her. She is honored to give them right back to Him for His Glory and Honor!