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SPECIAL FEATURE

Dance Mogul: Welcome to Dance Mogul Magazine Aria how are you holding up during this pandemic?

Aria Brooks: I am hanging in there. Productivity has been one of my biggest goals for the quarantine. I want to leave the quarantine knowing that I've maximized my skill sets. If you don't consistently practice your skills, they will never improve.

Dance Mogul: Who are your acting inspirations?

Aria Brooks: Zendaya and Marsai Martin are two of my favorite actors. Zendaya is such a versatile actor and a great person. Marsai Martin has achieved so much at such a young age, both on and off camera. I look up to both of them as actors and also as people.

Dance Mogul: How did you start to pursue your career?

Aria Brooks: I grew up in a musical family, so the arts were always second nature. At age six, I started taking it more seriously and joined musical theatre. When I turned ten, I realized...

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that I wanted to do on-camera acting. I started going on auditions, and I treated it more like a job as opposed to a hobby.

Dance Mogul: How has your family supported you?

Aria Brooks: My family is super supportive of my goals. My career has affected them a lot, especially in the last two years. I had to move to California, which was hard on all of us being that we were separated. But they were all willing and excited for me. I don't know where I would be without them.

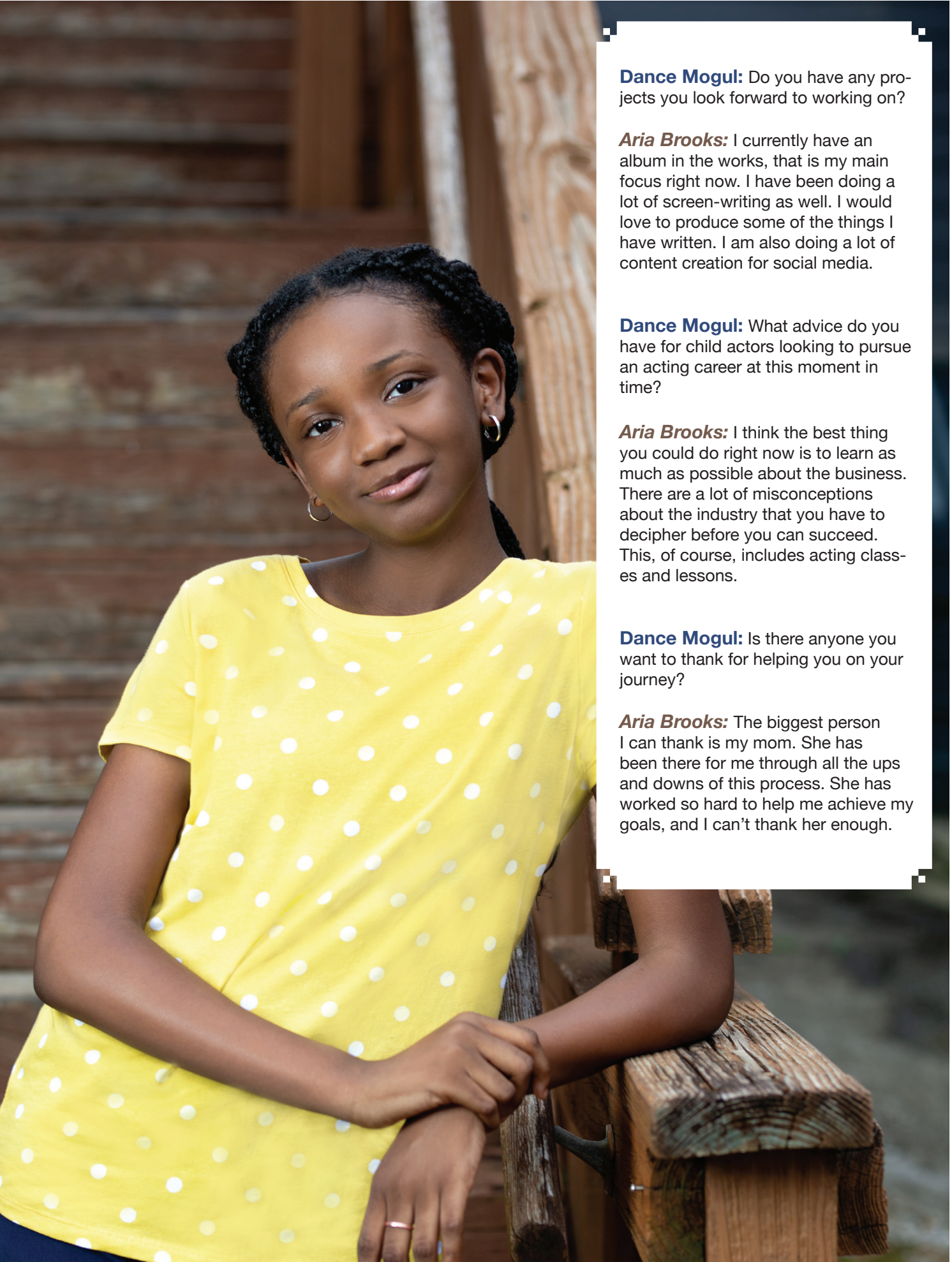
Dance Mogul: What was your big break to let you know you could do this for real?

Aria Brooks: Filming Harriet was when I realized I could do this. Being on set was so much fun and overall a great experience.

I realized everything that went into making a film. It made me fall in love with acting even more because I loved every part of it.

Dance Mogul: How does it feel to carry on the All That legacy?

Aria Brooks: Although I am too young to have watched All That in the 90's, I am so excited to be able to continue the legacy. We have new viewers and OG viewers, which I think is an honor. Not only is it such a fun show to be on, but I am happy to be an inspiration for the next generation.



Dance Mogul: Do you have any projects you look forward to working on?

Aria Brooks: I currently have an album in the works, that is my main focus right now. I have been doing a lot of screen-writing as well. I would love to produce some of the things I have written. I am also doing a lot of content creation for social media.

Dance Mogul: What advice do you have for child actors looking to pursue an acting career at this moment in time?

Aria Brooks: I think the best thing you could do right now is to learn as much as possible about the business. There are a lot of misconceptions about the industry that you have to decipher before you can succeed. This, of course, includes acting classes and lessons.

Dance Mogul: Is there anyone you want to thank for helping you on your journey?

Aria Brooks: The biggest person I can thank is my mom. She has been there for me through all the ups and downs of this process. She has worked so hard to help me achieve my goals, and I can't thank her enough.