

LEANDRA RAMM - The Dream Angel from the Genius Factory

American singer Leandra Ramm is a girl on a mission. As she heads for the UK this summer, she has two important quests. One is to conquer Britain as the natural opera /pop crossover successor to Katharine Jenkins and Charlotte Church. The other is....er....complicated.....

Leandra is the product of a remarkable experiment in California in the 1980s when Nobel Prize winners and top achievers donated their sperm to see if it would result in exceptionally gifted children. The scheme scandalized America at the time, and abruptly went underground. The Nobel Prize Sperm Bank as it was dubbed, closed down when its founder died suddenly in 1997.

It was left to David Plotz, author of the Genius Factory, to find out what happened to the estimated 217 children born as a result of the experiment . Leandra is one of a handful who have come forward and now she wants to meet her biological father – just to thank him.

She hopes that by coming over to perform in Britain, and talking about what was dubbed the 'Nobel Prize Sperm Bank', her father might step out of the shadows. According to records, he was a distinguished North West European scientist.

Leandra who's now 25, is certainly exceptional herself. She was born and raised in New York City. Opera trained, she's already sung on some of the world's great stages, including Carnegie Hall and The Kennedy Center and her range encompasses everything from opera to musicals to modern music. Her debut single **Dream Angel**, typically, is based on Bach's Prelude in C major, yet has a totally contemporary feel.

But the mystery remains - where did this extraordinary talent come from?

When Leandra's parents David and Adrienne Ramm found they couldn't conceive, they decided to give their future children the best possible start in life. They consulted the Repository for Germinal Choice, who were conducting an experiment into producing a super talented race. Donors were colour coded and their skills and characteristics listed.

Leandra's father was Donor Clear. According to records, he was born in the 1940s, had fair hair, blue eyes and was North West European science professor at a major university with an outstanding record of research. He's described as very athletic, enjoyed gardening ski-ing and reading, and was in possession of some musical talent. Qualities listed include 'warm with good presence, good with children, seldom loses his temper, good diplomacy and fair.

'I would really love to meet him one day, even just to express my gratitude,' she says.

So Leandra's journey across the Atlantic has very personal, as well as career ambitions. Her search for her biological father has the full blessing of her parents.

Leandra and her parents have appeared on CNN and ABC networks in the US, talking about the sperm bank experiment. Curiously her brother Logan and sister Courtney were conceived from the same experiment, but with a different father (Donor Turquoise), and have no wish to contact their real father.

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PLEASE FIND ATTACHED PHOTOGRAPHS OF LEANDRA AND HER NEW SINGLE DREAM ANGEL. LINKS TO HER PREVIOUS TV APPEARANCES ARE LISTED BELOW.

Note to Editors:

- Leandra Ramm will be performing Dream Angel at a number of venues around the country during her UK tour and will be available for interviews. Dates tbc.
- The Repository for Germinal Choice was launched in 1980 by Robert Klark Graham and resulted in the birth of 218 children.
- Despite being dubbed the Nobel Prize Sperm Bank, it's believed only three Nobel Prize winners came forward, the rest being a mixture of high achieving scientists, inventors and businessmen.
- Donors were colour coded and brief character profiles advertised in a brochure for parents to choose.
- When Robert Graham died suddenly in 1997, his relatives quietly closed the doors to the bank and sealed its confidential records. So no-one knew the results of the experiment.
- In 2001 author David Plotz set out to solve the mystery and wrote an article inviting donors, mothers, children, to come forward with information. As a result, he tracked down half brothers and sisters, mothers who yearned to know the identity of donors. So far only 12 donors have come forward. None of them so far is 'Donor Clear'.
- Leandra Ramm's first single Dream Angel is available for download from June 29 2010.
- Leandra's website is www.leandraramm.com

- See and hear Leandra's story on ABC Network
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw97VgHqyp0>
- And on The View
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVHZrbVID5Y>
- And on CNN
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNW0KLpWQr8>

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