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Madonna (1958- )

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Our hectic world is full with much kind of things that were created by human. Some can invent the advanced technology for facilitating people or even building the theory that can change the world like Albert Einstein; some can dominate people thought as Adolph Hitler who was able to persuade people to follow his idea. However, once we recall the most famous artist that influenced entertainment all around the world, Madonna is one of the girl singers who was mentioned. People always refer Madonna as a great singer, but some said that it is not solely her voice which made her to be popular. There are many things which she did and influenced to mankind, Nevertheless; the thing which was interesting as much as her voice is her unique thought which can obviously see in her Music Video, concert or even her opinion that she was showing on the press.

According to her music video 'Like a Prayer' which was created the story by Madonna, The tale of this video related to religious which caused the controversy after it was released. Because some scenes disparaged people faith in their religious, Vatican and religious group protested to ban this music video. That is finally leading Madonna to be canceled from the ambassador of Pepsi<sup>1</sup>. However, this song

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<sup>1</sup> "Madonna Biography, Discography, Filmography | Fox News." *Fox News* - FoxNews.com, 03 Jan.2008<<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,193740,00.html?sPage=fnc.entertainment/madonna>>.

could reach the first of the Top Chart at that time<sup>2</sup>. It is showing that Madonna has a real talent both singing ability and unique thinking. In order to assure that she thought out of box, Madonna released the next Music Video “Justified My Love”. No matter what the feedback which she received in the previous work is, she still made it out of caring the criticize. Although it eventually was boycotted from MTV because of the nude scene<sup>3</sup>, it can say that Madonna was well-known as the creator who braves to show her thought following what her path is. This can be guaranteed by the awards that she got in 2003 from MTV "Video Vanguard Award"<sup>4</sup> and “The Greatest Music Video Star Ever<sup>5</sup>” due to the unique creativity and her confident thinking through the century.

In addition to the amazing Music Video, Madonna also performed the outstanding concert which there is many compliant from most of reputation artist and presses, for instance, Rolling Stone<sup>6</sup> and Taraborrelli<sup>7</sup>. According to “Like a Virgin” which urged the religious group resisted Madonna in every single way including the world tour, a Bishop of Rome tried to persuade people not attending to her concert; causing of the theme of this concert related to the Music Video “Like a Prayer” which was refer above, but he desperately got the bad response<sup>8</sup>. Owing to the show was different performance from other artists like there was the first time of

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<sup>2</sup> Meyers, Bill. "Like a Prayer." *Wikipedia, contributors*. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Like\\_a\\_Prayer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Like_a_Prayer)>.

<sup>3</sup> Rich, Joshua. "Madonna Banned | EW.com." *Entertainment Weekly's EW.com | Entertainment News | TV News | TV Shows | Movie, Music and DVD Reviews*. 20 Nov. 1998. Web. 05 Feb. 2012. <<http://www.ew.com/ew/article/0,,285759,00.html>>.

<sup>4</sup> "MTV Video Vanguard Award." *Wikipedia* contribution Web. 10 Feb. 2012. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MTV\\_Video\\_Vanguard\\_Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MTV_Video_Vanguard_Award)>.

<sup>5</sup> "Madonna (entertainer)." *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*. Web. 11 Feb. 2012. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna\\_\(entertainer\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna_(entertainer))>.

<sup>6</sup> Walters, Barry (2006-06-01). "Crucifixes, Leather and Hits". *Rolling Stone* (Jann Wenner)

<sup>7</sup> "Madonna (entertainer)." *Wikipedia contributors*. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna\\_\(entertainer\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna_(entertainer))>.

<sup>8</sup> "World4Madonna.com- Madonna, Biography, Height, Age, Birthdate, Life, Children, Career, Bio, Achievements." *Madonna, Sticky and Sweet Tour, Madonna Photos, Tickets, Interviews, Wallpapers, Biography, Nude* <<http://www.world4madonna.com/biography/>>.

artist to bring the story of music video showing like a real one on the stage<sup>9</sup>, it attracted all fans to join this concert. Therefore, it can be clearly explained that even if some group was against the way she expressed, there are many people that accepted and be gradually brave to do what they want to do.

Not only her works that showed her own unique thinking, but there also had another thing that Madonna did which was the acceptance of sexual orientation. She is the one that tried to urge the equal rights for the homosexual. As you know, there are some countries that still not accepted gays or tomboys. For example, the cases in 2010 in Malawi, there were two men that married but were finally judged in jail charging with "gross indecency<sup>10</sup>" and "unnatural acts<sup>11</sup>". At that time, Madonna bravely showed her opinion on the press that she disagree the decision of the court whether the sexual orientation of each people is all of them is also a human<sup>12</sup>. Thus, there is no doubt that why she was called as a gay icon<sup>13</sup>

Consequently, it is unsurprisingly why Madonna has a plenty of fans and still be the singer that has always been mentioned. Not only she has a great voice which can be proved by most of her songs which could rank the number one on the Billboard chart, but also the different thought that had a huge influence to society. The way she did shaped the world a lot. People know what the real world actually is, but not brave enough to express their thinking especially involving the sexuality

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<sup>9</sup> Diamond, Elin (1996). *Performance and Cultural Politics*. Routledge. p. 202

<sup>10</sup> "Gross Indecency." *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*. Web. 11 Feb. 2012. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gross\\_indecency](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gross_indecency)>.

<sup>11</sup> "Unnatural Acts." *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*. Web. 11 Feb. 2012. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unnatural\\_acts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unnatural_acts)>.

<sup>12</sup> Editors, Advocate.com. "Madonna Condemns Malawi Gay Sentence | News | The Advocate.". Web. 11 Feb. 2012. <[http://www.advocate.com/News/Daily\\_News/2010/05/20/Madonna\\_Condemns\\_Malawi\\_Gay\\_Sentence/](http://www.advocate.com/News/Daily_News/2010/05/20/Madonna_Condemns_Malawi_Gay_Sentence/)>.

<sup>13</sup> Editors., Advocate.com. "Madonna as Gay Icon." *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*. Web. 11 Feb. 2012. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna\\_as\\_gay\\_icon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna_as_gay_icon)>.

and religious. Because these two topics were quite sentiment for people, everyone mostly keeps the opinion in mind. In contrast with Madonna, she made human to be more confident to think and express as it was showing in her music video, concert or even her own opinion that she was showing on the press. Therefore, it does not wonder why this contribution affects the superstar like Lady Gaga who is also confident to do what the way she wants without caring the criticize.