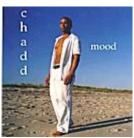
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that the funds from the modeling and other professional work would go into doing my music," he explains. And when the money eventually dried up, Chadd took to waiting tables at a Times Square restaurant in between gigs as a model and actor to move forward. "I started putting away money for studio time; I knew that if I just pursued the acting or the modeling it wouldn't be enough," he explains. "Music, that's where my heart is, so I didn't want to get so caught up with the other things and forget why I actually came to New York in the first place." The Birth of MPowered Records. In the months ahead, Chadd went back to writing songs: something he began doing as a teenager. He also rented studio space in the Lower East Side neighborhood that he called home. His ongoing relationship with Capital Records insiders flourished as well until EMI Music Distribution absorbed the company. "I had great working relationships. I was able to walk over the demos, but management changed and I got lost in the shuffle," he says. Undaunted, Chadd continued to send out demos to major record labels until 1995 when he linked up with two partners and began promoting his music through a newly created record label, Mpowered Records. "There are so few people who want to give newcomers a chance. What this whole process has taught me is the more you can contribute and the more you're able to do, the more attractive you are to people in the industry. When I first started the company my partners and I weren't getting anywhere just sending out tapes and hoping someone would sign us. It was a good way for me to learn about the business and make mistakes on my own turf." Chadd's musical break came with the Mpowered Records' release of The One and Live it Up a year later; two underground club hits that received airplay on major New York 'mainstream' stations and accolades in the entertainment press. "After Live it Up, we got the call from Larry Flick with Billboard Magazine saying he was impressed enough to give us an incredible review. The notice, which hailed Chadd as a "Latin heartthrob" prompted a deal with Sony Licensing. "Sony agreed to take the singles and put it out through a new department called Hot Hits, which put out special marketing CDs that get sold to club DJs and juke boxes in record stores and restaurants," Chadd adds. "I had an opening, so the next step was to get more singles ready since Sony was willing to take on the rest of my projects." Make Me Feel, a duet with another artist on the Mpowered label, was a huge MTV hit in 1997. And in 1998, Chadd put out Triple Platinum, a dance track that was hailed by industry critics as well. The success of Chadd's additional releases on his label-To Be or Not, The Tribe, Transformation, and Patience-only solidified his desire to move forward with his own career and development of other artists on the Mpowered label. What's next step for Chadd? The sky is the limit, he asserts, citing his induction

last year as a voting member of The Recording Academy's prestigious Grammy board, work as an actor on commercials on MTV's Spring Break, roles on "Sex in the City" He says confidently: "I've always believed if you're doing what you're supposed to be doing and creating that sort of energy, then you attract situations that support that. It's about controlling your own destiny and not sitting around waiting for someone to open doors for you. When times get tough, you've got to have that passion and drive." 917.334.4518 chadddmm@aol.com mpownyc@yahoo.com

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