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## Jenna Drey finds her niche on the nightclub scene

By **JOEY GUERRA**  
For The Chronicle

Singer Jenna Drey hasn't lived in Houston for 10 years, but she still has vivid, sometimes queasy, memories of growing up here.

"I remember hanging out at the Galleria every Friday night with my friends, jogging in Memorial Park, spending summers at AstroWorld and throwing up after too many roller coasters," says Drey, who now lives near Miami Beach, Fla. "And I remember cruising down the Westheimer (strip) and clubbing in Montrose."

Drey's return to Houston finds her on the club scene again, but as a performer rather than patron. She'll drop in on the South Beach nightclub tonight.

Her independently released single, *Killin' Me*, recently reached the Top 10 of Billboard's Club Play chart, sharing space with megawatt hits from Mariah Carey, Gwen Stefani and the Pussycat Dolls. The high-energy track features a hypnotic tale of lost love, anchored by Drey's confident, pleading delivery.

*Killin' Me* was produced by the legendary Nile Rodgers, whose list of credits includes Madonna, Diana Ross, David Bowie and Chic. Drey will debut a new single, *Why Should I Believe You*, during her Houston gig, and she's planning to release a full-



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- **Where:** South Beach nightclub, 810 Pacific
- **Tickets:** \$8; Call 713-529-7623

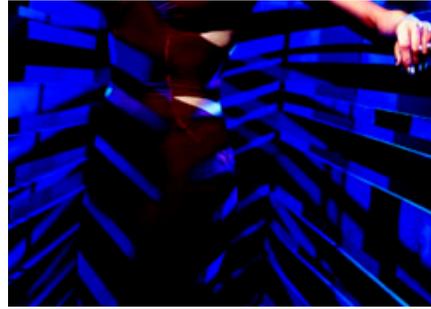
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length album later this year.

Drey was born in Los Angeles, but she moved to Houston when she was in the fourth grade, later attending St. Thomas Episcopal High School. After one year at Houston Baptist University, Drey left for Boston in 1995, where she attended Simmons College and the New England Conservatory of Music.



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Jenna Drey's independently released single, *Killin' Me*, recently reached the Top 10 of Billboard's Club Play chart.

She graduated with a major in nutrition and a minor in music composition. Guess which one proved the most useful for an aspiring pop singer?

Drey credits her mother with helping her blossom into a full-fledged dance diva.

"(She) was telling me, 'You need to write your own songs.' That became an outlet because I really wanted to sing. I enjoyed it enough to where I wanted to get better at it," Drey says.

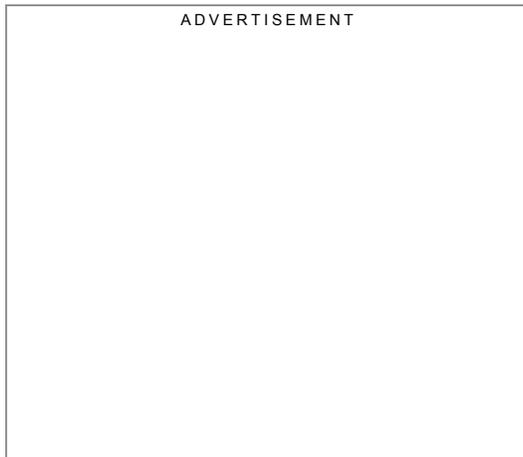
Inspiration also came from Madonna, the Bee Gees and ABBA — artists who made unabashedly commercial pop music but also wrote their own lyrics. Now Drey shares the dance-chart terrain once occupied by those artists.

"I'd always look at Billboard and say, 'How could I go through my whole life without seeing myself in here?' It's something that you dream about," Drey says.

Life, then, is good for our hometown dance diva. And she can't wait to come back home. Drey says her parents will likely be in attendance, and she seems genuinely thrilled that others are discovering her work.

"The fact that (my music) is getting played and people can hear it," she says, "It's kind of surreal. I'm grateful."

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