

Marie Pizano, a native Chicagoan, has called Memphis, Tennessee home since 1999. Marie has served on several charitable organizations since moving to the Bluff City. She served on the board of the International Children's Heart Foundation, Women's Foundation for Greater Memphis, Commission on Missing & Exploited Children. She was co-founder of the Tiara Tea Society, and the Chair for Go Red for Women. Pizano created and chaired an event called, "*ROCK FOR HOPE*" for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

During her late teenage years, Pizano worked at Bally's Chicago Health Clubs pursuing a career in aerobic instruction and fitness trainer. She entered into many fitness and beauty pageants that awarded her college scholarships. After graduating from T.F. North High School, she survived a life-changing motorcycle accident, to then attend, South Suburban Junior College for business accounting and finance. She freelanced as a model and actress, then attended the Columbia College Chicago for communications to learn hands-on, film direction, lighting and television presence. To further her experience in business, while attending college, she worked at law firms and the Commodities & Trading industry for over 10 years.

She has a financial background and mentored by Times Magazine's, "*Father of Futures*" and one of the most "*Influential People in Finance*," Richard L. Sandor. After moving to Memphis, TN, she furthered her studies in Fitness & Nutrition. From her experience in acting and modeling, she then advanced her skills behind the camera to co-produce several local television shows in Memphis, to then, create and produce "*Girls Night Out*" with award-winning film director, Steven Boyle.

In 2012, Pizano began became executive producer of the multi award-winning documentary, "*MOMO: The Sam Giancana Story*". After a night of meeting rock star Bret Michaels after his Poison concert, Pizano's life changed forever. That same night in Nashville, she was introduced to Billy Falcon, best known for many Bon Jovi songwriting collaboration hits. Under the guidance of Pam Lewis, former manager for Garth Brooks, she began learning the music industry while managing the Mulch

Brothers. She signed them with Savannah Music Group in Nashville. She then became an agent for award-winning songwriter, Billy Falcon, who opened on tour with Bon Jovi.

After meeting and briefly mentored by award-winning singer/songwriter, Kenny Loggins, Pizano created UROC music & publishing company, (which now is known as MVP3 Records and MVP3 Publishing) to build up the music publishing catalog. With her continuing vision to expand, and her knowledge of finance, she invested in the Nashville based, Savannah Music Group Publishing (which holds over 600 working songs catalog).

In 2010, she formed MVP3 Entertainment Group™. Under the umbrella, she took UROC Music & publishing company, then formed Zazu & Valentina talent agency and JND Films, LLC. Pizano launched the television show called, *“The MVP3 TV SHOW: The Making of an Empire”* that aired every Sunday on CW30 - Memphis. She produced, directed and choreographed several music videos. She is the author of the book, *“From Barefoot to Stilettos,™” it’s not for sissies,* that has inspired the television series (currently in development). Her book was produced into an audio book. It is the first audio book ever recorded at the legendary Royal Studios under the direction of Grammy-winning music producer, Lawrence "Boo" Mitchell. According to world-known, award-winning actor, Morgan Freeman, her book is, *“The first person story of a woman driven to prove that she can.”* The co-author of best-selling, *Chicken Soup for the Soul® series and the Success Principals®*, Jack Canfield endorsed her book, *“This is an intriguing, captivating, inspirational story of a woman who just don't take "no" for an answer. Marie Pizano is an example of how you can overcome challenges to live with passion and purpose, and realize your ambitions. Her story can help empower and motivate others to find their Yes.”* Pizano is currently in development of a slate of films and partnered with co-producing studio production teams.

Pizano has partnered with Marvel comic book illustrator, Ron Frenz and other illustrators, and writers known for their work with DC Comics to create *“Stiletto: The*

Powerhouse Baroness,” a comic book/movie. *Stiletto* is now a comic strip found in the La Prensa Latina Magazine. While being guided throughout many years by her legendary lifetime achievement Grammy winner friend, Al Bell (co-founder of STAX), under her music label, she released several songs, CDs and concerts for upcoming Memphis musicians, such as Jeremiah Tucker. The song “*Hurricane*” is the theme song to the *Stiletto* movie, which is now in development. Most importantly, while running the MVP3 Entertainment Group™ empire, Marie is a full-time, hands on mother of two.

Pizano served on the advisory board of the On Location: Memphis International Film & Music Fest and NABFEME. She completed two released now streaming documentaries, “*Shannon Street: Echoes Under A Blood Red Moon*” and “*Finding Your Yes with Mind, Body and Soul*”. She produced the full feature film “*Shattered*” now on Amazon Prime. She forwarded the rights to *Shattered* to the investors. The film was successfully sold at selected stores, released in foreign and domestic territories.

Her company received the national 2017 Media Award from NAMI Tennessee in Nashville. She was recognized as one of the Women of Distinction for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and plans to continue to give back to charities through her work in film and music. She was the host of the iHeart radio, MVP3 “*Finding My Yes*” *Radio Talk Show* that aired weekly on 600WREC / 92.1FM. She then joined the Grace Broadcasting platform and aired her radio show on 1250 AM-Crazy 80’s Station. She is currently partnered with World Wide Radio (WWR) that is a global streaming broadcast platform playing the top 40 hits from around the world. The *MVP3 Radio Show* now airs on WWR every Saturday at 3-4pm CST. Her radio show “*Finding My Yes*” will air on WWR every Monday at 9am CST starting on June 5th, 2023.

Inspired by her life story, Marvel Comic Illustrator, Ron Frenz (best known for Spiderman, Thor and Spider-Girl) and a former team of DC Comic book writer, pencilers and colorist, created the “*Stiletto: The Powerhouse Baroness*,” soon to be

released 52-page comic book. You can find the comicstrip in the La Prensa Latina Magazine (the largest bi-lingual weekly mid-south publication). Her life inspired superhero is now in development as a full feature action film. She released her new edition copy of the *“From Barefoot to Stilettos, its not for sissies”* book and audio book. Pizano’s audio book is now being recognized as the first in history to be recorded at the Legendary Royal Studios, where massive hits by Al Green and Tina Turner recorded.

Marie has been recognized with the award for *“Women in Business”* in 2018 by Memphis on the Move, and is delighted to be nominated as one of the *“The Invincible Women”* 2018. She has been recognized as one of many women empowering other women in our society, by being nominated as one of *SHEROS* with the S.H.E.R.O. Foundation event in 2019.

She writes for the Bluff City Magazine with her editorials featured as the *“Finding My Yes”* articles. Recently, she had partnered with Footprint TV, which is owned by ENDAVO media to launch the *‘Finding My Yes with Mind, Body and Soul’* series.

In 2021, she released the book sequel, *“Finding My Yes”* and currently completing the *“12 Steps to Finding My Yes”* workbook. She is co-writing on several movie screenplays, motivational speaking and has partnered with successful Hollywood production teams to produce several Memphis stories, mainstream, and faith-based storyline films.

She currently is in process of building her own movie studio that she plans to build three (3) sound stages, music recording studios, television studio, and launching the MVP3 Television Network with ENDAVO media.

Pizano secured the partnerships with other platforms of distribution to help showcase content to create and redefine the entertainment industry by leading by example in building an entertainment empire based on truth & integrity in Memphis. Her motto is *“You got sticks, I got a match and together we can make a fire!”*

MVP3 Entertainment Group plans to take that fire and create “win-win” opportunities for those that want to build and launch projects with an honest approach to media that is passionate about films, music and community.

For more information about Marie Pizano and the world of MVP3, please visit:

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