

Millena Duarte

My Biography

The Origin of My Dreams

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out who I am***

On a Monday in 2010, more precisely the 24th of May, the first joy of the family was born: me, Millena Cruz Duarte. My mother gave birth to me with cesarean section at 7:10 am. I was born at the Hospital de Caridade Nossa Senhora da Conceição in the municipality of Canguçu. I grew up in Passo da Maria Antônia in the 4th district of the same municipality, together with my parents and grandparents. I have always loved the animals, the culture and the community where I live until today. Since I was 2 years old, I was already going to the field with my maternal grandfather, helping him to treat the cattle. In 2012 my little brother Miguel arrived. At first I was very jealous of him, I spent 2 months living with my maternal grandmother and grandfather. After a while I went home.

2015 already with my 5 years old, I fulfilled the dream of going to the Zoo. I was sad because my favorite animal, the giraffe, wasn't there. In 2016 I started school, my father was a school transport driver, and he took me to school. That year I participated in my first declamation contest, my first verse was "A GAUCHINHA" by the poet Dimas Costa. In 2017, it was my first year participating in the traditional dance we ranked third.

2018 was an amazing year for me, I took first place in declamation and second in dance. After I got first place, I went to the STATE contest, I was very nervous, even more so knowing that it would be me and 52 other girls competing for 1st place. And even harder, because I was going to compete in a category above my age. The classification only went up to seventh, 52 girls for 7 classifications, have you thought? I did not qualify among the 7, but I won the 9th place. I received an invitation to speak at FENADOCE, but I didn't go.

2019 was traumatizing, I recited a poem with 17 stanzas, unfortunately I cried, and I broke the only rule that disqualified me, which was that you cannot leave the stage. At the time I was disqualified. As I was doing very well, the evaluation committee asked me to make a special appearance. On the way out, one of the evaluators came to talk to me, told me several things that impressed me. After that year, I no longer wanted to return to the stage. 2020 I walked away completely, the pandemic began, schools, shops, closed and we started studying at home. In August 2021, we returned to some activities but still taking care of ourselves, using masks, gel alcohol and distancing.

2022 I traveled to many places during the year. I went to the beach as I always have since my first years of life. I climbed the Rio do Rastro mountain range, which was stressful for my family. On the way back we pass by Praia Grande, Cambará do Sul, Torres, Farroupilha among other places. And I also went to CIENA, and I participated in my first TEIC. We won 1st place in volleyball and futsal. I recited, I danced, unfortunately I didn't qualify in declamation, but I won 2nd in traditional dances and 3rd in choreography. In early 2023 I traveled to the beach, Rolante/Riozinho, Três Coroas, São Francisco de Paula, Canela, Gramado, Nova Petrópolis, Morro Réuter and Picada café. That year, on February 26, my maternal grandfather passed away, my routine changed, I started living with my grandmother. And now I started dancing at CTG Lanceiros do Sul, I'm getting ready to run 800 meters in Athletics and training for TEIC in futsal. My school grades are good.