

Orianthi: 'This Is It'

Guitarist Has Bright Future Ahead



Michael Jackson's documentary *This Is It* arguably has two stars: Michael Jackson and Orianthi Panagaris.

Orianthi is the 24 year-old guitar hero from Australia. She has had a steady rise to fame, playing on stage at the 51st Annual Grammy Awards, playing for Santana and Carrie Underwood. She was also featured in "Now or Never," a song on the *Bratz* movie soundtrack. But the hot blonde had yet to receive her time in the spotlight, until MJ changed that. In *This Is It*, Michael tells Orianthi "*This is your time to shine,*" encouraging the young musician to remain confident during her solo. It's one of the most touching scenes in the captivating film.

Orianthi said that she had to fight her butterflies to audition in front of MJ's musical director.

"I didn't think I was gonna get it. I was blown away that he liked my playing. It was a dream come true."

Orianthi was understandably upset by Michael Jackson's death. The guitarist commented on her Twitter feed that "a huge part of music died today, such an incredible artist and person that has inspired so many and brought joy to so many peoples lives".