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**Born in Charleston, S. C. on March 30, 1979, Jessica began shagging at age 12 when her Aunt Joyce took her to a Junior Contest at Duck's in North Myrtle Beach, S. C. She soon took lessons from John and Joan English, began competing, and with partner Josh Smith, won her first junior Contest in Charleston, S.C. in 1993. Jessica then began dancing with Grayson Smith and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her first National Shag Dance Championships in 1994. A 2-time Grand National Champion in the Junior and Pro Division, Jessica was also a member of the National Shag Dance Championships Dance Team for five years and traveled and competed in S.C., N.C., New York, Tennessee and California winning numerous Team Championships. She appeared in the Alabama music video "Shaggin' on the Boulevard"; the Crook and Chase TV show and the Cammy Awards. A Dewey Kennedy Scholarship winner in 2000 and graduate of the University of South Carolina in 2001, Jessica continues to love the dance, the music and the people.**